

St. Margaret School Alumni Update

Winter 2018



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

“When the world promotes materialism this time of year, St. Margaret students are practicing service. It makes a big difference.”

~ SMS parent

We have made it through a successful Halloween Carnival, and have focused on thankfulness during November. Now that it is Advent, we are turning our hearts and minds to preparing for the birth of Jesus through Mass, reconciliation, advent prayer services, and service projects. The younger students have been learning about the meaning of advent as well, and all students are preparing for the Christmas program coming up.

Please know that you are always welcome at St. Margaret, whether at an official event or not. Or you can visit the school's Facebook page to get a pulse on our day to day happenings. We appreciate you being a part of our family.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to e-mail me at kwall@stmargaretschool.net. I look forward to hearing from you!

In Christ,

Kim Wall

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Thanksgiving as a School Family



WE ARE THANKFUL

On Monday, November 19th, our principal and assistant principal put on a Thanksgiving dinner for the school and invited the volunteers, whether they help with rosary moms or recess or maintenance to come as well. We sat down family-style and enjoyed a meal of good food and good fellowship. Each guest was invited to write what they were thankful for, which was displayed on a thankful board. This was a thoughtful gesture and was a great way to come together as a school family.



SCHOOL SPIRIT

This year's school spirit motto is "Play Hard, Pray Hard". Students received wristbands at the beginning of the school year and we have adult ones available as well. Please stop in the office anytime to pick up one for free.

We also have started "Spirit Fridays" where students can wear their spirit wear instead of uniform once a month. As you can see from their faces, the kids are pretty excited.





ADVENT: A SEASON OF PREPARATION AND SERVICE



Students have been quite busy this advent season. In addition to their school work, they have participated in a variety of service projects to spread cheer around Plainwell and Otsego.

The students made ornaments for St. Vincent de Paul to sell at their annual holiday fundraiser. They also helped to sort donated food for the Christmas baskets.

Twice, students went to Pipp Hospital to carol for the patients there.

The students also decorated boxes with bright pictures and cheerful messages for the Meals on Wheels program to deliver food in.

Why so much service? We're trying to help students know what Christmas JOY is: Jesus, Others, Yourself.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The students are eagerly practicing their Christmas program to perform, called "Christmas: We're On the Air". The 8th grade has replaced the pre-set songs with more traditional ones, and the 2nd and 3rd grades have designed the program covers. Everyone from the preschool to the middle school has been practicing their songs. It really is beginning to sound a lot like Christmas!

We performed the play on December 19th, to recount the story of Jesus's birth before heading out on Christmas break.

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