

Lion's Roar Newsletter

3:35 P.M. Dismissal Tomorrow
\$1 Ice Cream for Steps for Students

Upcoming dates for your calendar:

- 11/8 (Fri) ~ 3:35 P.M. Dismissal, Ice Cream for \$1
- 11/10 (Sun) ~ School Mass @ 9 A.M.
- 11/11 (Mon) ~ Veteran's Day
- 11/11—11-15 ~ Bullying Awareness Week
- 11/11 (Mon) ~ JV & V Basketball @ Sacred Heart, Crosby
- 11/12 (Tue) ~ Free Dress Day for attending 9 A.M. Mass on 11/10
- 11/13 (Wed) ~ V Basketball home game vs Resurrection
- 11/14 (Thu) ~ Flag Retirement Ceremony at 9:30 A.M.
- 11/14 (Thu) ~ JV & V Basketball @ St. Rose of Lima
- 11/14 (Thu) ~ PTO Meeting @ 6:30 P.M. in FLC/babysitting in SMH
- 11/19 (Tue) ~ Trash for Cash free dress day for October
- 11/19 (Tue) ~ Spirit Night @ Chili's in Atascocita
- 11/22 (Fri) ~ Thanksgiving Feast, Noon Release, start of Thanksgiving Break



We would like to invite everyone to join us on **Sunday, November 10th**, at **9 A.M.** for our next **school Mass**. Our students will be Altar Servers, Lectors, Choir Members and Ministers of Hospitality.

We encourage **all** students to come in their Mass Day uniform. Students who attend will receive a Free Dress Day on Tuesday, 11/12. Please sign in with Mr. Greene before 9 A.M.

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly invites all of our students and families to attend a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Nov. 14th at 9:30



A.M. They have a special guest, Retired Senior Director of Training for NASA, Mr. Frank Hughes, coming to be a part of the ceremony. Mr. Hughes was at our last flag retirement ceremony and he held the students spellbound with the stories from his years at NASA.

If you have any frayed or tired flags, please bring them to the front office before Nov. 14th and we will include them in the ceremony.

Food Drive for the Magdalene House Food Bank



Fall & winter are when Magdalene House seems to have the most requests for their services. Our generous school family steps up each November to help them with boxed and canned foods. One of the attachments to this week's newsletter is a list of some of the items they need to help their clients have a Happy Thanksgiving meal.

Baskets have been placed outside of each home room to collect any items you care to donate. Let's see if we can fill them all to overflowing!

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"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."
- Jane D. Hull

Our next PTO meeting will be a week from today on Thursday, **November 14th at 6:30 P.M.** in the FLC. We hope to see everyone there. The PTO meeting is a great forum for finding out about the upcoming events at school. Free babysitting is provided in St. Mary's Hall for the meeting.

Discover all the great things going on in November and December ~ plus you receive 1 hour of FIC credit for each parent and grandparent in attendance. Your student will receive a Free Dress Day if they talk you into coming!!!

Choose Kindness Week

Next week we will emphasize the significance of choosing kindness as an imprint on teaching our students that, "In a world where you can be anything, be kind." Our focus at St. Mary Magdalene is to build a community of kind people.

MON Blue Up Together Students are invited to wear blue shirts with their uniform bottoms.

TUE Let your hair down, be yourself: Celebrate your uniqueness! Look for some interesting *non-permanent* hair colors and styles.

WED World Kindness Day Students will write words of kindness to each other and post them on the #ChooseKindnessBanner.

THU Team Up to be Kind Wear your favorite team jersey with uniform bottoms.

FRI SMMCS Will Choose Kindness Wear your spirit shirt and jeans (for free).

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We are blessed to have a very active Cub Scout troop at St. Mary Magdalene School. In addition to selling all of the great popcorn the Boy Scouts are famous for, our Cub Scouts are also working hard to earn patches. One that really interested me was the "Pray the Rosary" patches that are sponsored by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.



There are four patches in the rosary series, one for each of the sets of the mysteries of the rosary. In addition to saying the Apostles' Creed, the scouts must memorize and say the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. Then they have to say the Hail Holy Queen, Fatima and St. Michael the Archangel prayers. To receive the patch, they also have to pray an entire rosary and answer questions about that particular set of mysteries.

The scouts are encouraged to pray a Family Rosary at home with their families. Family members can take turns leading the prayers in a decade with the other family members praying the ending of each prayer.

For more information about the Pray the Rosary patches, go to <https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/religious-activities/rosary-series/pray-the-rosary>. Our troop is open to K5 through 5th graders and always happy to welcome new scouts. For more information, please go to <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/>.

Our annual **Thanksgiving Feast** will be held on **Friday, November 22nd**. The order form for the dinner is attached to this newsletter.

Students will eat with their youngest sibling so that each family can enjoy the Feast together. If you or your student will be attending but you are bringing your own food, please return the order form with a note saying who will be attending but not eating. We can then have all of your students join you at the correct time. After you have finished eating, your students will be dismissed to you for our Thanksgiving break.

We ask our parents to provide dessert for the Feast. The cakes, pies and/or cookies can be homemade or store bought. We love **all** of it!





We honor all of our veterans for the freedoms we enjoy thanks to their service.



WHAT IS A VETERAN?

- A veteran is a person who fell in love with their country – for better, for worse – for richer, for poorer – in sickness and in health.
- A veteran is a person who is willing to lay down their life for the Statue of Liberty so that her poor, her huddled masses, her homeless, her tempest tossed may breathe free and may enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- A veteran is a person who does what he/she must – in spite of personal consequences – in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures – for that is the basis of all human morality.
- A veteran is one who gets a lump in the throat when he/she sees our beloved flag. One who will fight to protect our beautiful flag from those who dare to dishonor it.
- A veteran is one who pays their taxes, willingly; serves their country, honorably; and cherishes their freedom, passionately.
- A veteran is one well deserving of our appreciation, our love, and our prayers 365 days a year.

Anonymous

Lifetouch Picture Packages

Do you still need to order an individual picture package? You can go online at mylifetouch.com and use Picture Day ID PB019375Y1 to place an order.

The group photos, if you purchased one, should have come home with your student yesterday. We received one or two extra group photos for some, but not all, classes. If you are interested in buying one for \$12 (if it is available), please contact Ms. Sam at smckinney@smmcs.org.

We have a few bags of Coke caps left at the front office, if you are looking for an easy way to earn some FIC hours. They are going fast, so stop by the front office soon to pick up a bag or two.



How you begin your education will influence your learning for the rest of your life.
~Msgr. Paul Procella

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