



## SMS School News

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**What is National Catholic Schools Week (CSW)?** – It is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." SMS will celebrate the week (January 28th-February 3rd) with Masses and other activities. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. SMS NEEDS YOUR HELP – please see the enclosed CSW packet (K-8th grade). Thank You!

Here are a few events scheduled for the week:

- Monday - 80's Day, wear your 80's clothes
- Tuesday - Career Day, dress in what you want to be when you grow up
- Wednesday - Team Building Day, wear your favorite sports team shirt and/or hat
- Thursday - Student Appreciation/Buddy Day, wear the same color as your buddy:
  - Kindergarten & 4th RED
  - 1st & 7th BLUE
  - 2nd & 5th WHITE
  - 3rd & 6th BLACK & YELLOW
  - 8th ORANGE
- Friday - Spirit Day, wear your SMS spirit gear
- Also, on Friday, February 2nd, Animals Friends will be coming to present a dog safety assembly to our students. The program is free; however, we are asked to provide donations for their organization. Please see enclosed flyer for requested items. In lieu of items, monetary donations are also accepted. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**SMAA Erie Trip Reminder** - As stated at the mandatory on Sunday, January 7th, **ALL** families attending must turn in a completed trip form, signed waiver and food payment. This includes any aunts/uncles, grandparents, friends or alumni that you know are going. Please send forms/payment into the school Attn: Dana Schirnhofner by **Thursday, January 11th**. Checks should be made out to SMAA. Question/concerns/need forms? Contact Dana at dm\_schirnhofner@yahoo.com or (412) 498-3688.

**Doughnuts** – Donuts will be sold on Saturday, January 20th and Sunday, January 21st following Masses. If you need volunteer hours, this is a great opportunity (no clearances needed)! If you are interested, please text Roy Scott at (412) 712-6220.

**Super Bowl Pool LII** - Squares will be sold to SMS families first and will then be opened to the parish members starting in January. This fundraiser sold out quickly last year, get your squares now! The cost per square is \$50 and the earned fundraising credit is \$20 per square. Please see the enclosed flyer for payout information and block choice. All forms with payments are **due by Monday, January 29, 2018...no exceptions**. Please return your Super Bowl form with payment via the school office, attention of Tim Tokarczyk. Checks made payable to St. Malachy School.

*The winner of the NFL Monday Night Football Pool on 12/25/17 was Linda McCrackan.*

**Calendar Party** - Attention all ladies!! Do you need fundraising? It's Calendar Party time! This is a fun way to take care of your fundraising fee! For those of you who don't know what the Calendar Party is, it's an all ladies luncheon with hundreds of prizes to win. This year's Calendar Party will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott (same location as last year) on Sunday, April 22nd. You can host a table (9 people + yourself) with a theme and invite your friends and family to join you. You are in charge of making a basket for your table's theme and giving a favor to each of your guests. Your basket can be all donated items that you solicit from businesses or items that you purchase. If you are interested in more information or definitely want to host a table, please e-mail Mrs. Chinchilla at [cchinchilla@stmalachyschool.net](mailto:cchinchilla@stmalachyschool.net).

**Cross-Country Off Season Fundraising Activities** – Volunteers are needed on Sunday, January 14th for the Frigid 5 Mile from 7:00-10:00 AM at North Park. Please email [stmalachyxc@gmail.com](mailto:stmalachyxc@gmail.com) if you are able to volunteer.

**St Malachy Fish Fry** - There will be a Fish Fry meeting on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. This is a very important fundraiser for our school! Anyone interested in volunteering for this fundraiser, whether experienced or a new worker, should attend. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Davis for more information at (412) 445-0113.

**Save the Date** - Attention students in grades 6th-8th. Save the date for our annual SMS Snowball Swirl scheduled for Saturday, February 24th. A formal invitation will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Enclosed with this week's newsletter:

- CSW Packet (K-8 ONLY)
- Super Bowl LII Pool Flyer/Form
- Calendar Party Flyer