



869 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

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## PRAYER CORNER

Please remember these families in your prayers:

† Mr. John Cook Sr. passed away on October 4, 2007. He is the grandfather of Kyle Distler (6L).

† Mr. Charles Trier, passed away on October 5, 2007. He is the uncle of John (7GF) and Jackie (4C) Hagan.

Please pray for all the members of our school and parish community who are ill. May our Gracious God bring them healing, peace and continued good health.

The faculty and staff of St. Mary Magdalen School would like to remind our families to please keep the young men and women of the US Armed Forces in your prayers. We especially ask that you pray for Justin De León, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus De León (Mrs. De León is our technology teacher), brother of Lisa De León (8K) and a graduate of the St. Mary Magdalen class of 2002. Justin, a member of the US Army stationed in Ft. Hood, Texas will be deployed to Iraq on November 7<sup>th</sup>. We pray for Justin's swift and safe return.

## CONGRATULATIONS

St. Mary Magdalen School is celebrating "Red Ribbon Week." The following students' posters were chosen as "winners"

representing how students choose to stay healthy and safe:

Philip Tua (KB), Fiorella de la Espriella (KP), Charlie Guiley (1A), Andrea Migliorato (1D) Joshua Leinheiser (2F), Jade Ammones (2R), Jenna Guiley (3L), Morgan DeMeola (3P), Esen Basurto (4C), Elizabeth Cobb (4R), Abigail Logan (5DC), Casey Truax (5MC), Ethan Brennan (6D), Anna Burbank (6L), Erica Kalicak (7B), Benjamin Manipadam (7GF), Sadie Monte (8K), and Katherine Anderson (8S)

The following homerooms won the Red Ribbon Door Decorating Contest for the clear, clever and creative way they displayed the drug-free message: **1A** (Primary) – **4R** (Intermediate) – **7B & 7GF** (Middle School).

The following 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had their art work displayed at the Maitland Arts Festival: Sadie Monte, Camille Crooks, Michaela Durigan, Sam Scribner, Erin Kelly, Alex Beech, Katie Grabach and Karoline Tamoney.

Congratulations are in order for our boys' varsity soccer team who won the CMAC championship; the girls' varsity basketball team placed third, the girls' JV basketball team placed second and our girls' JJV basketball team came in fourth. Way to go Mustangs!





A very special thank you to Mr. Bill Froehlich, Sr. for refurbishing our picnic tables. They are so smooth and shiny and all Mr. Froehlich's hard work will give them a longer life!

Thank you to our superb students (artists) who were in charge of decorating the bulletin boards for October: Caitlin Carey, Alex Beech, Erica Kalicak and Stefano Veglio.

## TECHNOLOGY



We have exciting news for you!

- St. Mary Magdalen Home and School purchased computers for the primary grade classrooms. Thank you to all parents who participated in the school fundraiser which contributed to the purchase of these computers. These computers will be primarily used for students to take Accelerated Reader tests, motivating the students to read more and enhance their reading skills and comprehension.
- New laser jet printers have been installed in classrooms for grades 1 - 8. These uniform, network printers are capable of producing more work in less time, efficiently and economically. All classrooms also have access to color printers when needed for special projects.
- Over Christmas break we will be upgrading our main servers and switches (hardware) which will increase the capability for technology-related curriculum for our students
- Anticipating a new look for our school website! We are researching and gathering information in anticipation of updating our school website. We are very excited about the possibilities. We encourage parents to continue to visit the school website weekly for current

communication at St. Mary Magdalen School.

## SUNSHADE PROJECT 2007

Thank you to the Mustang Stampede 2007, Sally Foster Fundraiser 2007, Sees Candy sale, parents, students, parishioners, grandparents, special individual contributors, SMM Men's Club and SMM alumnae for making the Sunshade Project a success. We have reached our goal of \$46,000 to complete the project. We are anticipating the Sunshade will be in place by the end of this school year. This will provide another wonderful shaded area for the parish community.

## FUNDRAISING



Mrs. Lori Link, and her assistant, Mrs. Dione Larkin did a fantastic job with their committee of volunteers coordinating this year's Sally Foster Fundraiser. This year's net profit was \$21,500.00.

## SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary Magdalen School celebrates reading with our annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair. Come visit our Magical Journey in the gymnasium beginning Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and ending Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Family events will be held Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The fair is open on school days from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. All proceeds fund our annual library budget. Please join us at the Book Fair!

St. Mary Magdalen track teams are up and running! The first track meet is scheduled on November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am at the St. Mary Magdalen track. Bring your chairs and come out and cheer our Mustangs on to a victory!

The SMM Middle School Drama Players are currently rehearsing for the up-coming performance of the Broadway Jr. version of "Into the Woods." Look for more information about the January 19th and 20th scheduled shows.