



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

869 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

Principal's Newsletter

November 2007



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember these families in your prayers:

† Mr. Joseph Thomas DeMeola, grandfather of Nicholas (KP) and Morgan (3P) passed away on October 31.

† Mr. Jim Karleskint, grandfather of Sarah (4R) passed away on November 13.

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.

TECHNOLOGY

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School website is getting an update. We will let you know when we are ready.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the **Festival of Orchestras 5th Grade essay contest winners**. Each student wrote an essay on why they would like to hear the orchestra. The winners receive 2 tickets to the Festival of Orchestras, attend a pre-concert reception, receive a ribbon and have their group photo placed in the concert's program. We are proud of our winners, **Abel Miranda-Diaz, Richard Gammon, Thomas Humphries, Justin Parks and Samantha Holt**.



WELCOME

We welcome Amanda Victor to Mrs. Park's kindergarten class. Her parents are Pat and Amy Victor.

Welcome back to Christine Berg in Mrs. Rynning's class. Her parents are Steve and Karen Berg.

PROGRAMS AT SMMCS

Love Circle: An Intergenerational Program involves students in grades one through eight and seniors from Saint Mary Magdalen Adult Center. Students visit the Adult Center in groups of ten twice a week. In the course of a year, all students in the participating grades have the opportunity to visit. While at the center, the students interact in a variety of ways with the seniors, including sharing their academic accomplishments and musical talents, working on projects together (science, art, crafts, puzzles, etc.), and playing games. This program affords students the opportunity to practice effective communication skills, to become aware of others' feelings and to respond to them, to recognize individual differences and learn to accept and respect them, and to practice courteous behavior in a social setting of mixed ages. Fran Relvini says, "I've been coordinating the program for many years now and it is especially heartening to see bonding relationships being formed between the two groups." Elizabeth, one of the seniors who attends the adult center, "...likes it when the children come to see the grandmas. It's a blessing..."



PROGRAMS AT SMMCS (Continued)

Grade 7 and their 4-year old Buddies look forward to bonding through different physical education activities at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School and attending Liturgy together monthly. This is the second year that St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School has participated in conjunction with the Early Learning Center in cross-grade and cross-curricular activities. The 7th graders are a great example to their buddies sharing both their knowledge and acting as a big brother or sister.

FUNDRAISING



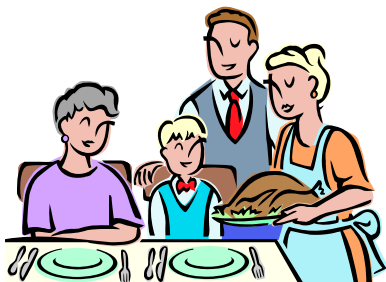
Please remember to register for St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School when you shop at Target and Albertson's. Each *Boxtop for Education* collected is valued at 10 cents. Parent fundraising participation allows the Home and School Association to provide some nice extras for your children. On Tuesday of this week, the Home and School Association will serve your children (K - 4) a delicious Thanksgiving dinner made possible through your fundraising efforts. Thank you for supporting St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School fundraising activities.



Many thanks to all who supported our Scholastic Book Fair, both through purchases and volunteer time. A very special thank you goes to our coordinators for the incredible amount of hard work and time they spent making our Book Fair such a success!! Thank you Mrs. Christine Gardner and Mrs. Carol Sparer!

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the boys' track team. They finished first in their first mini-meet held on November 10th and second in the mini-meet held on November 17th. The girls' team placed second in the first meet and fourth in the second meet. The main meet with all 12 Catholic schools competing will take place on December 8, 2007. The meet will be held at Showalter Field in Winter Park. Come and support our team!



**We wish you a
very Happy
Thanksgiving!**