



# St. Margaret Catholic School

## Viking Vine



**"Be Who God Meant You to Be And You Will Set The World On Fire."**

**August 31, 2018**

### Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Being a parent is a wonderful privilege but it is also very challenging, sometimes scary and, on occasion, puzzling. When Mary and Joseph found their twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple after three days of anxious searching, Mary was unable to restrain herself and said to Jesus, "Son, why have you treated us so? Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously," Luke 2:48. Mary's statement showed that she was not always able to understand the conduct of her child. Here is some comfort for us, as we witness the growing-up conduct of our own children.

Parenting can be an emotional journey and all we naturally know about the trip, we learned from the people who raised us. We either mime our parents' ways or reject it outright. Neither approach has much to do with what is best for our child, but has more to do with our reaction to our childhood.

Recent studies tell us that parents spend as little as 2 - 5 minutes a day in meaningful conversation with their teenagers. Telling our children to clean their room, go to bed, get up, brush their teeth and got to school do not count as meaningful conversation. 2 - 5 minutes a day, no matter how meaningful, is simply not enough to compete with the multitude and variety of influences being presented to our children. We need to spend a meaningful amount of time

with our children so we can get to know what's going on in their lives, what they are thinking and what are the outside influences that are forming their moral and ethical values?

Spending time raising responsible children who are happy, self-disciplined and able to think for themselves is a worthwhile goal. Finding out how we can help our children towards that end is our job and responsibility as parents. Our children rely on us to bring a mature adult perspective to our parenting and to be their main influence. For example, discipline is not a process of trying to win a battle, to eventually force our child to give in; It is about teaching our child to self-manage.

"Reward doesn't work because, put simply, it teaches children that they are entitled to payment for their cooperation. Therefore, they behave to get something. Punishment doesn't work because it's an attack on self-esteem. Your relationship with your child is based on fear and so invites rebellion. Reward and punishment teaches our children to expect an adult to be responsible for the children's behavior. Our goal as parents is to guide our children toward self-discipline. We need to remove ourselves from the "good guy - bad guy" role and be free to be our children's confidants, supporters and role models." Robyn Kelves-Necowitz.

Children, like adults, don't like to be controlled, so we need to establish mutual respect and to expect cooperation. Teaching children that they, not us, are in charge of their lives can't happen early enough. A parent-child relationship that involves choices and consequences and avoids power

struggles, will teach our children to believe in themselves and give them a sense of personal responsibility that will last them a lifetime. This is not a recent ambition for in the Book of Proverbs, written in 900 B. C., we find this piece of advice: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 "Lord, may we always be open to Your love, Your enlightenment, Your enabling power. May we always be able to draw upon the gifts of Your spirit within us and be true parents to our children. Amen."

Peace and Blessings,

Wendy L. Wicke

### Student Spotlight!

Watch for Jacob Ardoin in the newly released commercial for United Way of Southwest Louisiana. We are so excited to see one of our own sharing his talents with others!

**Congratulations, Jacob Ardoin!!**

### Events

Monday, September 3rd

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

GRANDPARENTS WEEK

Wednesday, September 5th

Jean Day for Donations for a SMCS Family who had a house fire!

Football Jamboree at St. Louis

Thursday, September 6th

10:00 am - Jr. High Confessions

Friday, September 7th

8:15 am - Mass

Sunday, September 9th

Officially Grandparents Day!!

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, September 11th

6:00 am - PTC Meeting in Gym

Sunday, September 30th

SMCS Calca Chew Food and Fun Festival

### Lunches

Monday, September 3rd

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 4th

Cheese Burger, Fries, Orange Smiles & Dessert

Wednesday, September 5th

Soft Ground Beef Tacos, Pinto Beans, Corn, & peach Slices

Thursday, September 6th

Turkey Roast/Rice/Gravy, Yam Patty, Apple Wedges & Southern Cornbread

Friday, September 7th

Toasted Grilled Cheese, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Fruit & Dessert

Choice of Milk Daily

### **Things to Remember**

#### Birthdays!

Malaja Captain, Mrs. Amber Fontenot, Mattison Whaley, Reeves David, Jaxson Bellard, William Edmonston, Ollie Henry, Reece Savoie and Ryder McCormick.

#### September Events —Thru

#### Sept. 14th

Sept. 3rd - Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 4th - 7th - Grandparents Week

Sept. 5th - Jean Day with a donation to SMCS family in need

Sept. 11th - 6:30 pm - PTC Meeting in Gym

Sept. 14th - 2:30 pm - Pep Rally in Gym for Grades K-8

# Viking Lagniappe

## Unveiling the Virtues

Habit #1 Be proactive. I have a "can do" attitude and always try my best at everything I do.

Temperance is about self control. Temperance brings order to our lives, particularly out emotions and desires.

## Faculty & Staff Biographies

My name is Layni Allemand, soon-to-be Mrs. Daigle, as I am getting married in December. I am a 2nd year teacher, but this is my first year teaching at St. Margaret Catholic School and I couldn't be more excited! I taught one year of Kindergarten in a public school and loved every minute of it, but my heart has always desired to teach children about Jesus. I am a graduate of McNeese State University in Early Childhood Education. I am looking forward to a fun and fruitful year here teaching Pre-K3!

Hello! My name is Tori Craddock. I am excited to be a Pre-K3 aide here at St. Margaret. This year is my first year and I can't wait to see what this year has in store! I have been married for five years to Joshua Craddock and have a 1 year old, Justin Blaine. I graduated from McNeese State University in 2016 with a bachelor's in General Studies with a concentration in Behavioral Science. I am excited to once again be a part of St. Margaret! I look forward to having a great year!

Hello St. Margaret Families, I am Pam Soileau, the Pre-K4 teacher. I am beginning my twenty-second year of teaching here and love being a part of the SMCS family. I have been married for 27 years to Troy, and we have two sons Andrew and Evan. Our boys are graduates of St. Margaret and St. Louis High School. We feel blessed that we had the opportunity to provide a Catholic education for our boys.

My name is April Nash. This is my 2nd year working with this wonderful school family

here at St. Margaret's. I am the PreK 4 teachers Aide. I am married to Aaron Nash and

we have two 2nd graders here at St. Margaret's and a Junior at St. Louis. I look forward to what this year has

instored for us and I want to thank everyone for being so amazing and welcoming!

I am Audrey Pousson and this is my 6<sup>th</sup> year of teaching Kindergarten at St. Margaret. My husband, Luke, and I are both alumni of St. Margaret and St. Louis. We have 5 beautiful children; Owen (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Ezra (1<sup>st</sup>), Agnes (Pre-K), Abram (2 years) and Avner (9 months). I am so happy to be teaching at the same school that my children attend. St. Margaret's has always been like a second family. I enjoy reading books, painting, doing arts and crafts, and spending time with family and friends. I look forward to another year of growing in love, laughter, and learning.

Hil I am Alexandra Jordan, and I am thrilled to be teaching kindergarten at St. Margaret for my 2nd school year! My husband, Alex, and I have been married going on 4 years and have 2 beautiful boys, Alexander Jr. (2 ) and Nathan (5 months). We are both alumni of St. Louis Catholic. I graduated from McNeese State University in 2013 in Mass Communication. God has led me to teaching, and after returning to school myself, I earned my teaching certification in Early Elementary Education. I am humbled to be a part of the Viking family and look forward to getting to meet each and every one of you.

My name is Alyson Mathis. I am very excited and blessed to be here at St. Margaret Catholic School. This is my eighth year teaching. I graduated from McNeese State University with an Elementary Education degree. My certification is in teaching grades first through fifth, with an additional certification in Special Education. I am the chess club

sponsor and teach first grade.

I've been married for 15 years and have three wonderful boys. Evan is in seventh grade, Alex is in fifth, and William in kindergarten. My hobbies are reading, running, and spending time with my family.

I hope to make this academic year educational as well as a fun-filled for my students.

Hill My name is Hannah Harless and this is my first year teaching first grade at St. Margaret Catholic School. I am an alumni of SMCS and attended St. Louis Catholic High School, and from there went on to McNeese State University. I have worked with the Extended Day Care and Summer Care Program at SMCS since 2011. I am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful family that St. Margaret's has to offer. I can't wait to see what exciting things this new school year will bring!

## Calling All Chess Club Members

Sign ups for chess club is underway. You do not need to know how to play before joining. We have a coach that will teach you the game. We meet on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 - 4:00. Our first meeting will be on September 6. Turn in registration and \$15 fee in by Thursday, September 6. Please see Mrs. Mathis for a registration form or any questions.