



# St. Margaret Catholic School

## Viking Vine



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

**September 7, 2018**

### Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

One of our former presidents once remarked that running a country was a lot like running a cemetery; you have a lot of people under you and nobody is listening. His remark seems to suggest that being a leader is a little more difficult than it might appear to be. The leadership role of parents in their family situation is likewise more difficult than it appears to be. The degree of difficulty depends somewhat on the style of leadership we choose to use and our reason for choosing that particular style.

If we choose to use an autocratic style, where we totally dominate and use the benefit of our adulthood to impose our will on our children, then, we will be in for a power struggle and will have to use threats, fear and punishment to achieve what we want. Unfortunately, our children will probably feel unsafe, unloved and untrusting of us. Our very strict rules and suffocating structures will cause our children to yearn for freedom, to be rid of us and our heavy-handed style of parenting.

If we choose the opposite extreme and choose to use a permissive style and choose to be physically or emotionally absent, don't set limits, be afraid to say "no" and never hold our children accountable, then, we will reign over chaos. Our children will think they have the right to do anything they like and, because they don't respect us, they

won't respect other forms of authority. Unfortunately, our children will probably be perplexed by life, lack motivation to achieve because they have never known structure in their lives, and will find themselves easy prey for people who do not have their best interests at heart; they too, will live in fear and feel unloved.

If we choose to be in the middle of these two styles, we will be choosing an authoritative-democratic style. This style is based on respect, love and trust, where positive communication and cooperation are enjoyed on a daily basis. Our children will probably feel safe, loved and accepted yet free to be who they are. If we are pro-active and foresee problems before they can fully emerge, if we can welcome opinions and offer choices while not guaranteeing that our children will always get what they want, then, our children will be confident, able to think for themselves and able to make decisions that have a positive outcome. If our leadership has a confidence about it, it will inspire our children to take up the leadership role in their own lives.

Our leadership style is of vital importance to our children because, for better or worse, parenting styles tend to repeat from one generation to the next. The good news is that everyone has the capacity to develop good parenting skills and to be aware not to repeat patterns that expose children to negative and destructive experiences. Our children will feel loved and secure, if the way we go about living our lives and engaging with our children is in a positive, friendly yet firm manner.

Our children will sense a comfortable

and uplifting atmosphere and environment that allows them to be relaxed and optimistic about life. Our children might even agree with the comment, "Your actions speak so loudly, I can't even hear what you are saying." Author unknown.

Jesus, our leader, with the guidance of the Spirit within us, may we bring a spirit of joy, generosity, and enthusiasm to the leadership role we have as parents. May our children learn about you by the way we lead our lives. Amen.

Peace and Blessings,

Wendy L. Wicke

**Habit 1  
Be Proactive**



**You're in Charge!**

### Events

Tuesday, September 11th

6:00 pm - PTC Meeting in the Gym

Wednesday, September 12th

10:00 am - Bishop Provost to visit SMCS

Thursday, September 13th

Free Dress for PTC Attendance

Friday, September 14th

8:15 am - Mass

2:30 pm - Pep Rally for grades K-8

7:00 - 9:00 pm - Dance  
Sponsored by the SMCS  
Cheerleaders for grades 6-8

### Lunches

Monday, Sept. 10th

Lasagna, Green Beans, Salad  
Pineapple Tidbits & Wheat  
Garlic Roll

Tuesday, Sept. 11th

Chicken Nuggets, Yam Patty,  
Celery Sticks, Applesauce &  
Wheat Roll

Wednesday, Sept. 12th

Salisbury Steak, Cream  
Potatoes, Black Eye Peas, Pear  
Slices & Wheat Roll

Thursday, September 13th

Baked Chicken, Seasoned Rice,  
Broccoli/Baby Carrots, Apple  
Wedges & Wheat Roll

Friday, Sept. 14th

Gr. Meat Baked Potato, Diced  
Tomato, Diced Cucumber &  
Wheat Cinnamon Roll  
Choice of Milk Daily

### **Things to Remember**

#### HALO!

Our HALO this week was Mrs. Clare Blackwell. We thank Mrs. Blackwell for her love of teaching and getting all students ready for the Tech world we live in.

#### Birthdays for the week!

Clay Williams, Harper Labbe, Annalina David, Mary Wicke, Abigail Viney, Mrs. Summer Flanders, Riley Fontenot, Noah Murphy, Ellie Jessen, Luke Alley, Isabella Greipsma and Sawyer Hill.

#### CALCA CHEW FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 30th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Come join us for awesome food, great music and uplifting fellowship!!

# Viking Lagniappe

## Unveiling the Virtues

Today, St. Margaret Catholic School became enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is our most perfect way of starting a school life of virtuous living. An act of consecration to Jesus is a turning over or setting aside of ourselves and our school to Jesus, our rightful Head. It means we are giving Jesus top priority in our lives. We as a school have a covenant with Jesus to do all he says - His will, not ours. Today we renewed our promise to renounce Satan (hate) for Christ (love). The enthronement is NOT just putting up a picture of the Sacred Heart in a prominent place, but of making Jesus present in our school in a special way so that everyone consecrated to Him will become more and more aware of His presence in our lives. This act is a beautiful beginning for all of us as we cultivate virtue in our lives so that we can become saints.

## 2018-2019 Student Council Officers

President: Julia Walker, Vice-President: Kassie Piatt, Secretary: Avalynn David, Treasurer: J.T. Kihlken, Class Representatives: 6th grade: Annalise Funk, Ava Nunez & Jude Walker, 7th grade: Draven Day, Evan Mathis & Sarah Owen, 8th grade: Lexie Chauvin, NormaGail Dedear & Dylan Freeman.

## Faculty & Staff Biographies

Hello my name is Alice Adams. I teach second grade. I Love that I get to teach the children about the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion and get them ready to receive these sacraments. It is so much fun to see them absorb the information. I also get to experience this wonderful journey along with my students. I began teaching in 1991. I started out teaching Kindergarten. When I applied at

SMCS second grade was available and I decided to make the change. Since 2006 I have taught second grade here at SMCS and I have loved every minute. I am married to John Adams and we have three children: Our oldest daughter, Claire is a freshman at McNeese. Sarah is a junior at St. Louis Catholic High School. Our son Paul is in Fifth Grade here at SMCS. The family like-atmosphere makes SMCS the best kept secret in Lake Charles. I am looking forward to many more years here at this wonderful faith filled school

My name is Catherine Ange, and I teach third grade. This is the beginning of my fourth year to teach at St. Margaret. I attended and graduated from St. Louis Catholic High School and McNeese State University. I am married to Kamon Ange, and we have one dog, Nora, and we are expecting a baby girl in January! I love traveling, crafting, and playing with my pup; and I often spend my free time with my family or friends. I believe teaching is not just my job, but my calling. Every day, I look forward to seeing what my students will learn, but they often teach me a great deal every day, as well. I know this year in third grade will be a great one!

My name is Sarah Hill. This is my third year teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at St. Margaret. My husband, Dan, and I have been married 11 years. We have 3 beautiful children, 2 boys Swift (kindergarten), and Hudson (8 months), and a little girl named Sawyer (pre-k 4). I graduated from McNeese in business and then continued on to get my MBA at Southeastern Louisiana. A few years ago God led me to go back to school to get my teaching certification in elementary education. It is the best thing I have done, and am so glad to be here at St. Margaret. I look forward to the new school year.

My name is Mrs. Gwen Brignac, fourth grade teacher at SMCS. This is my 25<sup>th</sup> year at St. Margaret and I am very blessed to be part of this wonderful school and church community.

I am the mother of two daughters, Emily and Sarah, both graduates of St.

Margaret and St. Louis. I also have four grandchildren and love watching them participate in their gym activities and sports. My hobbies are cooking, reading and spending time with my family. I look forward to a great year in fourth grade as we learn many new and exciting skills and grow in our faith.

Hi! My name is Catherine Schram and I have been married to my husband, Eric Schram for 30 years. We have three wonderful children, Taylor who is 26, Kayla who is 23 and Colin who is 17 and a senior at St. Louis! Our children attended St. Margaret Catholic from Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and receive a fantastic education. I received my degree from McNeese State University and started teaching at St. Margaret in 1989. I taught 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade during my years at St. Margaret and also was the technology director. I have been teaching 31 years. I love teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade and know we will have a great year this year!

Hi! My name is Nacoby Pitre. I was born in Welsh, LA but grew up in Lake Charles. This is my 5th year teaching in Catholic schools. I have taught mostly 5th - 8th grade Math and Religion. I graduated from LaGrange High School. I attended Louisiana State University, changed my major three times, and then graduated from McNeese State University with a B.S. in Secondary Education for Mathematics. I am a member of St. Henry Catholic Church.