

# MMSA Newsletter

*Maternity of Mary – Saint Andrew School*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### *Friday, September 10*

- **First day of Preschool:** MWF class

### *Tuesday, September 13*

- Band instrument demonstration:  
4th grade students; 10:00 a.m.

### *Wednesday, September 14*

- All School Mass

### *Thursday, September 15*

- **MMSA School order form due (PreK-8)**

### *Saturday, September 17*

- All School Playground Playdate; 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

### *Monday, September 19*

- NWEA testing begins

### *Tuesday, September 20*

- Beginning Band Parent Information Meeting:  
3:15 in O'Donnell Hall- (see article on p.3)
- First day of band lessons: Returning band students

### *Wednesday, September 21*

- All School Mass



## *From the Principal's Desk*

It was wonderful to welcome our students back on Tuesday--the year is off to a great start! A special welcome to all of our new families! We are so glad you have chosen to become part of the MMSA community!

At MMSA, we firmly believe in educating the whole child. This means that our students grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, and physically. We also firmly believe that when education is at it's best, there is a strong partnership between home and school. Therefore, we greatly value our parents as the first and primary educator of our students.

### AN IMPORTANT REMINDER:

For morning drop-off, students should not leave your car until 7:40. It is unsafe for many reasons to have children on the plaza unsupervised.

In Christ,  
Mr. Langer

**School  
Car Line**

**In an effort to speed up the car line in the afternoon, if you haven't done so, please make a sign in solid dark colored lettering with your family name. Please hold up this sign as you approach the last turn of the car line. This will help us to efficiently get your child(ren) to the correct spot for you to pick up.**

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.”  
— Mother Teresa

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**We are kicking off another year of band at MMSA!**

**ATTENTION 4th GRADE FAMILIES and families of students in grades 5-8 interested in joining band.**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 3:15 P.M. in O'Donnell Hall Parent Information Meeting**

- The band program will be explained and parents will sign their child up for an instrument try-out held the following week during school with parent.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 INSTRUMENT TRY-OUT FOR BEGINNERS**

- Beginners have instrument try-outs during the school day with a parent present. These will be scheduled at the Parent Information Meeting.

**Tuesday, October 4**

- First day of lessons for beginners

**Returning Band Students**

- Tuesday, September 20; Band lessons begin.
- Tuesday, September 27; Rehearsals begin
- Tuesday, October 4; begin "normal" band day- lesson and rehearsal



NWEA MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing will begin on Monday, September 19. Students in grades K-8 take these assessments in Reading, Language Usage, and Math. It is very important that students are well rested and have a good breakfast the day of their testing. To check out the NWEA family tool kit click [HERE](#).



**PICTURE DAY**

**Thursday, September 29**

**K – 8, Pre-K 5day & T/ThPreschool**

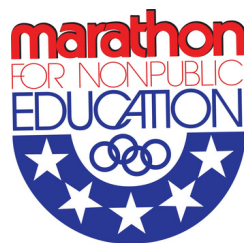
**Friday, Septmeber 30**

**MWF Preschool**

Students may wear free dress on picture day.

Reminder: no tank tops, leggings, short shorts, or yoga pants.

No order form to return! You will order pictures on-line and pictures will be sent directly to you.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**One of our biggest fundraisers of the year, the Marathon for Non-Public Education, is coming soon! We will hold our annual marathon during the school day on Friday, October 7.**

**On Friday, October 7, we will celebrate in the evening with a bonfire on the playground field.**

**All of the important details will be coming soon!**





**MMSA FAMILY COUNCIL**

# **PLAYDATE**

Let's get  
together!

## **WHAT**

A PLAYDATE FOR ALL MMSA FAMILIES AT THE MMSA PLAYGROUND. GAGA BALL AND SOCCER TOO. GET TO KNOW THE OTHER FAMILIES AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH THE COUNCIL.

## **WHEN**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER  
17TH, 9:30 - 11:00 AM