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MMSA Newsletter

Maternity of Mary – Saint Andrew Catholic School

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 16

- 8th Grade - High School Visits at MMSA 12:45-2:55p.m.

Friday, September 18

- All School Mass, 10:00 a.m. (MS House Acutis planning)
- **Marathon 2026 Kick-Off!**

Monday, September 21

- NWEA testing begins

Wednesday, September 23

- Picture Day Preschool - Grade 8

Friday, September 25

- All School Mass, 10:00a.m. (MS House Frassati planning)

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Measuring What Matters

NWEA MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing will begin during the week of September 21. 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.

The 2026 Holiday Bazaar!

This year's event will take place at MMSA on Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.. If you attended the Bazaar over the past few years, you know what a hit it is and we look forward to another fabulous day this year!

If you are interested in selling crafts, there is still room! Please email us at holidaybazaar@mmsaschool.org and we would be happy to send a vendor contract.

From the Principal's Desk

As a new school year begins, I am reminded how truly special the first days of school are—the excitement of seeing familiar faces, welcoming new ones, and the many opportunities ahead to learn, grow, and deepen our faith together.

I extend a particularly warm welcome to the new families who have joined the MMSA community this year. We are grateful and honored that you have chosen to entrust us with the education of your children, and we are excited to have you become part of our school family. We believe that you will quickly experience the joy, sense of belonging, and strong community that make MMSA such a special place!

At MMSA, we believe that Catholic education is about much more than academic success. We strive to form young people who grow in virtue and spirituality, discover the unique gifts God has blessed them with, and understand that they are beloved sons and daughters of our Masterful Creator. This can only be accomplished through a strong partnership between home and school, and we are truly grateful for your trust and support.

We look forward to a wonderful 2026-27and may God continue to bless the MMSA school community in the year ahead!

In Christ,
Mr. Langer

MMSA is a joy-filled, faithfully Catholic school committed to teaching the love of God, love of neighbor, and love of learning.

SAVE THE DATE

One of our most important fundraisers of the year, the Marathon for Non-Public Education, is just around the corner!

On Saturday, October 3, at Central Park in Roseville, MMSA will be joined by several other Catholic and private schools for a great morning of fun, friends, food, and fundraising!

If you have been there the past couple years, you know what a fabulous day this is!

More details--including volunteer opportunities for the event--will be coming soon!

PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, September 23

Preschool – 8th Grade

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.

Jostens uses a green screen backdrop, so please do not wear **GREEN** on picture day.

INTRODUCING ACHIEVE!

We are proud to introduce a new learning experience at MMSA this year called ACHIEVE–which stands for Art, Creativity, Hands-on, Imagination, Exploration, Virtue, and Engineering. Through ACHIEVE, all MMSA students will have regular opportunities to step beyond traditional classroom learning, escape screen use, and learn by doing. Whether they are building, designing, creating, experimenting, performing, or problem solving, students will be encouraged to explore new interests, discover talents, and experience the satisfaction that comes from creating something with their own hands.

While the activities will certainly be fun and memorable, the skills students develop are the real purpose of ACHIEVE. These include creativity, curiosity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, perseverance, and responsibility. ACHIEVE will encourage students to take risks, learn from mistakes, practice resilience, and develop the confidence to take on new challenges.

Most importantly, ACHIEVE reflects our commitment to educating the whole child. God has given every student unique gifts and abilities. By exposing our students to meaningful, hands-on experiences, we aim to help them discover and enhance these gifts which can be used throughout their lives. Our first projects and activities of the year will be based on the theme of creativity and connect to the truth that God has masterfully created each and everyone of us!

Watch for regular information regarding ACHIEVE!

Important Safety Reminders

As our new school year begins, please remember that the school doors are opened for students and school supervision begins at 7:40 a.m. daily. This means that students who arrive prior to 7:40 are unsupervised. To keep our students as safe as possible, parents are encouraged to stand outside with your child(ren) or have them wait in vehicles until school supervision begins.

New this year: Both the indoor and outdoor school vestibule doors will be locked during school hours.

Also, note when MMSA celebrates all-school Mass, all outside doors (including those to Sirba Hall) will be locked when Mass begins. We would love to have you join us for Mass so please be sure to arrive prior to start time!

Thank you for your help with these important safety matters!

Maternity of Mary Parish Weekly Programs!

- **Wednesdays starting September 16th - 6pm- Alpha Course | Sirba Hall, MoM**
- **Wednesdays - ARISE! Youth Choir rehearsals 3:15-4:15 and musical theatre group 4:15pm-5:45pm |ARISE!/Choir Room, MoM**
- **Every Thursday - Middle School youth group - 3:15-4:30pm | Youth Room, MoM**
- **Every Thursday - High School youth group - 5:30-8pm | Youth Room, MoM**

MMSA Early Education Outdoor Learning Environment

A wonderful new feature at MMSA this year is our fabulous Early Education Outdoor Learning Environment, designed to give our youngest learners even more opportunities to explore, discover, create, and learn through hands-on experiences. This space will encourage curiosity, creativity, movement, problem-solving, and an appreciation for God's beautiful creation. The area is still a work in progress, with additional features and learning opportunities planned throughout the year. Stay tuned for more information–including how you can help–as this exciting new learning environment continues to grow!

MARY'S CLOSET

CLOTHING SWAP

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Sustainable. Supportive. Strengthening Our Community.

Ft. Karol Coffee & Home made Pastries

SATURDAY
26 SEPT
2026

9:00AM – 12:00PM

BRING YOUR GENTLY USED CLOTHES TO SWAP!

ITEMS ACCEPTED:
women's and children's clothes, shoes, accessories and children's gear

$10
PER PERSON

RSVP and get more details using the QR code

Please RSVP by 09/23

SIRBA HALL AT MATERNITY OF MARY
Enter through Door 4
1414 DALE ST N,
ST PAUL, MN 55117

JOIN MATERNITY OF MARY FOR:

FAMILY FEAST
GRILL OUT

SAT. SEPT 19TH / 5:30-7:30PM

MATERNITY OF MARY PARKING LOT OR SIRBA HALL DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER

Come for delicious food, community and games!

Everyone is invited!

Brats, hotdogs, and hamburgers provided by the church! Help us with the sides, deserts and drinks!