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# MMSA Newsletter

*Maternity of Mary – Saint Andrew Catholic School*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Friday, September 25**
- All School Mass: Middle School House Frassati planning; 10 a.m.

**Monday, September 28**
- NWEA testing continues (K-8)

**Thursday, October 1**
- Middle School Youth Group: 3:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

**Friday, October 2**
- All School Mass: 5th grade planning; 10 a.m.

**Saturday, October 3**
- SCHOOL MARATHON! 9A.M.-NOON, CENTRAL PARK, ROSEVILLE,

**Sunday, October 4**
- Pet Blessing, 3:30 p.m. Church Parking Lot

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**Donate Online**

**Did you now that MMSA has an online donation platform. If relatives and friends would like to sponsor your child for the marathon, direct them to mmsaschool.org and click on "DONATE" or they can click HERE to go directly to our online giving page. Simply forward this newsletter to them!**

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**To celebrate the marathon the concession stand will be open on Friday, October 2nd 11am-1pm to purchase treats!**

***From the Principal's Desk***

What a wonderful blessing the first few weeks of the new school year have been! MMSA is truly a community of joy—and where we find joy, we find Jesus!

As we settle into the rhythm of a new school year, the days are already beginning to pass quickly and key annual events will soon be upon us. The first of these is our fabulous Marathon for Non-Public Education! The Marathon is an important fundraiser for MMSA, and we need everyone's participation to make it as successful as possible.

This year's Marathon will once again take place at Central Park in Roseville. If you have attended over the past few years, you know what a special day it is as we join the Knights of Columbus and several other Catholic schools for a morning filled with food, fellowship, and fun! Come rain or shine (but hopefully not snow!), we are looking forward to another great Marathon day and very much hope you will be able to join us. Please see page 3 for more details.

I close with a special request. As parents and grandparents of our students, you are our greatest ambassadors! Please continue to share the story of our amazing school with others and consider inviting families you know, who may be looking for a first school or a new school, to come experience the faith, community, and joy that make MMSA such a special place.

Wishing you and your family a blessed fall!

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.*

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**You and your furry (or scaly, feathery, fluffy, etc) friends are invited to our first-ever Pet Blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!**

**When:**
**Sunday, October 4th**
**3:30 p.m.**

**Where:**
**Holy Child Parking Lot**

**We hope to see you and your pets there!**

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**ATTENTION ALL MMSA FAMILIES AND ESPECIALLY FAMILIES NEW TO MMSA 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR**

VIRTUS is a required training for anyone who would like to volunteer at MMSA when you will have contact with children. This includes field trips, classroom parties, Marathon etc.
Go to www.virtusonline.org. Click on"First Time Registrant" in the left column and create your USER ID and PASSWORD. This training is 1 of the ESSENTIAL 3 (E3) Requirements for Volunteers. The other 2 are signing the Volunteer Code of Conduct and doing your background check. All E3 steps are done on the Virtus website. If you have already done this training, please see Tara in the office or log into your Virtus account to ensure that your ongoing training, volunteer code of conduct and background checks are up to date. The E3 is ongoing every 3 years as required.

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**When your child will be absent or late, please report this to the school office before 7:50 a.m. You can call the school office at 651-489-1459 and may leave a message 24 hours a day. You can also email Nikki at martensn@mmsaschool.org. It is very important that you let us know why your child is absent. If he or she is ill, please let us know the nature of the illness so that we can watch other students and notify other parents about contagious illnesses such as strep.**

**Calling all crafters! Our Holiday Bazaar is back this year! Save the date for Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in selling your wares please email Nikki at martensn@mmsaschool.org and we will send you a vendor contract.**

# TRY ALPHA!

The Alpha Course - each week will begin with a shared meal, followed by a short video and a time for discussion about life's big questions! At Alpha you can ask anything - it's a safe space to question life, faith and meaning.

Weekly on Wednesdays beginning
September 16, 2026 (6-8pm)
Sirba Hall, Maternity of Mary Church

Please invite anyone who might enjoy good conversation and space to be curious!

First Communion
Confirmation

**Last call to register for Faith Formation at Maternity of Mary, this includes 1st Sacraments and Confirmation. To register click HERE. If you have any questions please reach out to Tim O'Brien in the Parish Office at tobrien@maternityofmary.org**

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marathon FOR NONPUBLIC EDUCATION

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***We will be joining several other Catholic schools as we celebrate our amazing school while enjoying great food, friendship and fundraising. For all MMSA students and families preschool-grade 8--we hope to see you there!***

## Saturday, October 3

- **Walk, Bike, Run! Join MMSA and other schools at Central Park from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
- **Check in at MMSA's tent and meet your friends! All students who check in, complete a lap around the course and wear their marathon t-shirt will be eligible to receive an extra prize raffle ticket and be part of a special prize drawing!**
- **Food will be available at the main shelter. Shelter is located off the Victoria Street entrance. We will need a few volunteers on Oct. 3.**

***Important Marathon information went home with your child(ren) last week. Please check backpacks and folders! Thank you!***

# MARY'S CLOSET

# CLOTHING SWAP

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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

SIRBA HALL AT MATERNITY OF MARY
*Enter through Door 4*
1414 DALE ST N,

**If interested, call the school office**