



St. Margaret's School

August 23, 2010

Dear Families and Students,

Greetings from the School Life Office! We trust that you have had a great time this summer and that you are looking forward to joining or rejoining our community. On campus we have begun the orientation week for new faculty and staff in anticipation of your arrival.

Soon after commencement, St. Margaret's administrators spent time examining our *Student Handbook*, daily schedules and school policies while keeping in mind suggestions from our various constituencies.

- To see the revised daily schedule go to <http://www.sms.org/library/schedule.pdf>
- To access a schedule for arrival and orientation days go to <http://www.sms.org/library/arrival.pdf>
- To see more information about the new or revised school policies, go to the "Nuts and Bolts" sheet located at <http://www.sms.org/library/nuts-bolts.pdf>

Note: You can also access the *Student Handbook 2010-11* by going to <http://www.sms.org/ad72hdbk.htm>. Each student will receive her own hard copy of the *Handbook* when she is on campus.

On Saturday, September 4th, all boarding students arrive. That afternoon, all students will take part in a service at St. John's Church wearing their dressy school outfit, as described on pg. 45 of the *Handbook*. Note that the Flynn & O'Hara plaid skirt must be no more than 4 inches above your knee, and you must be wearing your white blouse (tucked in). Shoes should be navy or black with a closed toe and closed heel.

While planning what to bring to school, boarders should remember that space in dorm rooms is limited. Although many students attempt to replicate all the comforts of home, keep in mind that only seniors, prefects, and desk aides are permitted to have a refrigerator in their rooms. At St. Margaret's, televisions, DVD players, sunlamps, hot pots, steamers, microwaves, coffeepots, toaster ovens and the like are not allowed.

The first opportunity for all new and returning boarding and day students to be together is during seated advisor lunch on orientation day, Sunday, September 5th at 11:30 a.m. Both boarding and day students will sign up for after school activities or indicate that they will try out for a team sport.

All students will need the textbooks required for each course **on the first day of class**. I hope you are familiar with the MBS Direct web site. Go to <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/SMS.HTM> to access the site. This bookseller lists the required textbook with ISBN number and edition and also indicates whether the book must be new or can be used.

On behalf of my School Life Office colleagues, Ms. Elizabeth Tilbury and Mrs. Cupper Dickinson, the Weekend Activities Coordinator, we look forward to welcoming you and working with each student and her family. Please do not hesitate to call the Office to discuss questions or concerns with Ms. Tilbury, or me, or reach us by email at etilbury@sms.org (Ms. Tilbury) or kkrusz@sms.org (Mr. Krusz) or schoollife@sms.org.

Sincerely,
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Dean for School Life