



SAINT MARGARET

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Mass Schedule

Daily: Saint Margaret Chapel Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Chapel is open for private prayer daily 6:30 am - 5:00 pm

Weekend: Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm
Saint Mary Magdalen Mission Sunday: 9:30 am and 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm and immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass

Mass Intentions September 29 - October 7, 2012

Saturday	4:00 pm	Clarence Boyle, Sr.
	5:30 pm	Camille Halle
Sunday	7:30 am	Michael Guercio
	9:00 am	Robert Mankin
	9:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Margaret
	10:30 am	Harry Lambert
	11:00 am	Frank Meadowcroft
	12:00 pm	Msgr. Richard E. Parks
Monday	6:30 am	Kristen and Ryan Fisher (Sp. Int.)
	8:30 am	Stewart and Heidi Walker (Sp. Int.)
Tuesday	6:30 am	Bertha Kosiorek
	8:30 am	Paul Coyle
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Tommy Perrella
	8:30 am	Jack Levee
Thursday	6:30 am	Annemarie Fitzpatrick
	8:30 am	James McDonald
Friday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Stella and Joseph Wroblewski
Saturday	8:30 am	Mary Kelly Reinmann
	4:00 pm	Rinaldo Bucci
	5:30 pm	Charles Herring
Sunday	7:30 am	Donna R. Esposito
	9:00 am	Lt. Owen Sweeney
	9:30 am	Agnes Riesett
	10:30 am	Frank Meadowcroft
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Margaret
	12:00 pm	Msgr. Richard E. Parks

The Parish Office hours: Monday through Thursday - 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Nursery Service Available



For children up to 3 years of age, nursery service is available in the Preschool building (next to the church) during the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses and at Saint Mary Magdalen during the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses. Trained staff will care for your children while you attend Mass. This is a free service.

Readings for October 7, 2012

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Childlike faith
Reading I Genesis 2:18-24 Second story of creation, the creation of woman
Reading II Hebrew 2:9-11 Jesus' exaltation through abasement
Gospel Mark 10:2-16 Question of divorce and Jesus blessing the children
Key Passage Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." Mark 10:15

Adult What could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?
Child How do you feel when you hear the wonderful stories of God's love for you?

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SAINT MARGARET PARISH

Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of September 30, 2012 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Welcome

Pope Benedict XVI has declared October 2012 to November 2013 as a Year of Faith. The theme of the Year of Faith is "The Door Is Always Open." Here at Saint Margaret we have already published a number of offerings for the Year of Faith and we will continue to call your attention to them. To prepare to begin the Year of Faith, we are asked to pray a simple novena prayer for the nine days beginning October 2 and concluding October 10. The prayer is as follows:

Prayer for The Year of Faith

*O God, our Loving Father,
Open our hearts to receive every grace
that you offer to us in this Year of Faith.
Grant us the grace
to follow your Son,
to trust in your mercy,
and to bear witness
to your loving kindness.
Make our hearts faithful to you,
our mouths ever ready to praise you,
our very being proclaiming
our love for you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Welcome

Maxwell Everett Winters Schoonveld
Travis William Ward
Reagan Alison Davis
Parker Vincent Jacobson
and
Andrew Bill Kitz



who were baptized last weekend into the Saint Margaret parish community. May they continue to receive God's blessings and grace.

Families Anonymous



What is Families Anonymous?

It is a support group for relatives and friends concerned about a loved one's use of drugs, alcohol or related behavioral problems. Did you know that Saint Margaret hosts the ONLY Families Anonymous group in Harford County?? The only other FA group in the state of Maryland is in Laurel.

Each Monday evening at 7:00 pm this group gathers to give people a chance to share honestly with others the dilemmas that addiction present to a family. The FA members learn from others how to deal with these challenges and know that they are not alone. All information shared is strictly confidential.

It may seem intimidating to allow yourself to be made so vulnerable with strangers, however, many have found this shared time together to be an invaluable source of support and guidance. Members listen to the wisdom of others who have lived through and survived the insanity that addiction produces. Tears that are sometimes shed at the first few meetings soon become smiles and often laughter. As the members use the readings available and work the 12 step program, they realize that they are healing.

The biggest purpose of the membership is to help each other heal and grow. Individuals must learn to care for themselves before they can bring health to the whole family. The group rejoices together when a family member decides to enter treatment and work on recovery.

Besides the 12 steps of Families Anonymous, there are also 12 promises. They include:

Promise One – We are going to know a freedom from worry and a new happiness.

Promise Twelve – We will come to realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

As promise one leads to promise Twelve, together the members learn to live fuller, richer lives. The despair which brought them to the program no longer dominates their lives. They begin to find light in the midst of darkness. They become part of the solution instead of remaining part of the problem.

If your family is struggling with an addiction of any sort, we encourage you to come let us share wisdom and support on your journey. For more information, please contact Larry Signorelli at lsig1@comcast.net.

"To give LIGHT to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:79

Blessing of Pets Sunday, October 7



Join us at 1:00 pm in front of the Callahan Center at Saint Mary Magdalen Mission, 1716 Churchville Road in Bel Air as we honor Saint Francis with a blessing of animals. All are welcome. Bring your pets.

Miraculous Medal Novena



Tuesday evenings, **through October 30** from 7:30 - 8:30 pm in Saint Margaret chapel. The service will include Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and Novena prayers, Scripture reading, homily and Benediction.

Year of Faith

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a Year of Faith for the Catholic Church. The Year of Faith begins October 11, 2012 and continues through November of 2013. Here in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Archbishop Lori will celebrate an opening Mass for the Year of Faith on Sunday, **October 7 at 5:00 pm** at Saint Mark Church in Catonsville. All Catholics of the Archdiocese, including all parishioners of Saint Margaret, are invited to participate in this Mass. If you are interested in going, please call the parish office to let us know. Perhaps carpooling could be arranged.

Also, there will be a Mass on **Sunday, October 14** at noon at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This Mass is being sponsored by the ad hoc Committee on Religious Liberty of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Archbishop Lori will be participating and invites all of us also to consider attending. Please again contact the office if you plan to attend or if you would be interested in carpooling. Thank you very much.

Facilities Projects Update

Hall/gym renovation:

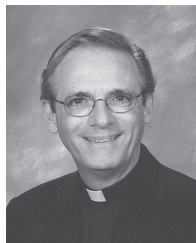
Painting and acoustical work are complete. The contractor has turned over the gym and stage for use by the Fall Festival. Immediately afterward, remaining work begins, including installation of windows, kitchen equipment, and audio/visual equipment. Our project continues on schedule, with substantial completion expected toward the end of October.

For security, all construction workers are required to wear badges when school is in session. Entrance to the gym and kitchen is limited to authorized personnel.

Other projects: An Eagle Scout project to improve landscaping and drainage has begun at the Churchville Road rectory.

Please contact Mary Ellen Bates at 410-838-6969 x 115 with any questions.

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
On Friday September 21 we mailed a copy of our Annual Report to every parish household. This covers the ministry (and fiscal) year that began July 1, 2011 and ended June 30, 2012. In last week's column I focused on some of the ministry highlights and accomplishments of the past year. Looking at all of this makes me feel very proud of who we are and what we do as a parish community. The Annual Report also gave a financial summary of the past year and a snapshot of the current year's budget. I now want to highlight some of the financial data.

Most importantly, we ended fiscal year 2012 in balance at \$3,159,306.

This means that income covered all expenses including an allocation for capital reserve in lieu of strict depreciation of assets. We – and by that I mean the Parish Corporators, the Finance Committee, the Pastoral Council and I – we are all committed to operating in balance. That is the only way to assure not just short-term, but long-term financial and ministry health for the parish.

Here are a few figures to note that are part of the total number above:

- Total offertory collection income of \$2,632,070
- Charity and outreach to those in need of \$125,135
- School subsidy and tuition assistance of \$439,742
- Program expenses (faith formation, youth ministry, etc.) of \$552,677
- Liturgy expenses of \$336,476
- Extraordinary repairs and capital expenses of \$255,714
- Facilities expenses (lawn, insurance, utilities, etc.) of \$371,741
- Debt service on rectory at Saint Mary Magdalen of \$35,201
- Reserve for major projects in lieu of depreciation of \$237,410
- Archdiocesan assessment of \$410,767

In the Annual Report, there was also a pie chart look at the budget for the year we began on July 1. The Business Manager and Finance Committee built this budget carefully and cautiously. We assumed for this new fiscal year the same income level that we actually received in the year that ended on June 30. We did this for an obvious reason – the uncertain economic environment that we are still experiencing. The new budget is thus balanced at \$3,100,000.

Some highlights:

- The largest percentage of our budget (34%) is for education. This covers tuition assistance and subsidy for the parish school, our faith formation programs for children and youth, our youth and young adult ministry, and our adult faith programs.
- Another large chunk of the budget (17%) is for the property. This includes maintenance, repairs, some capital improvements, and property and casualty insurance for our 11 buildings.
- We continue to allocate a substantial part of our budget (11%) to liturgy. This includes everything from musicians to music to altar wine and candles to worship aids and more. Our celebration of Mass and the sacraments is at the heart of who we are as Catholics and we want it to be as beautiful and as nourishing as possible.

Thank you. I thank you for your faith and your trusting financial support of Saint Margaret. I promise you that we will be good stewards of your money and will use it wisely to promote the work of the Lord here in this community. **Finally, I want to be transparent on our finances.** If what has been presented leaves you with any question, please contact the Business Manager, Mary Ellen Bates at 410-838-6969 or MEBates@stmargaret.org. I assure you that your question or concern will be respected and we will do everything possible to give you a satisfactory response. Again, thank you.

Father Mike

Find out how much God has given you, and take from it what you need. The remainder is needed by others. — Augustine of Hippo

Food Pantry



Needs

*Lord, open my eyes
to those who are hurting
and in need of food.*

Remember the power of **1**
1 person, **1** food item, **1** Mass

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Father Marty's Corner
"Think about it."



Marriage Moments

“Who do people say that I am?” Mark 8:27

Just as our public persona does not always reflect our truest self, spouses are privy to the hidden truth/weaknesses of each other. What do you know about your beloved that perhaps no one else does? Honor this privileged information. © Susan Vogt

First Friday Seniors - October 5

NOTE: Luncheon will be held at the Callahan Center at Saint Mary Magdalen Mission, 1716 Churchville Road (Rt. 22). All registered members should have received a letter and map locating this facility.

You are invited to pray the rosary at 10:45 am, followed by an 11:00 am Mass held in the same facility. Lunch will follow.

Saint Margaret School Service Club will host their traditional “Sloppy Joe” burger lunch. There’ll be prizes and great entertainment by Havre de Grace H.S. Jazz Band. Bring your member card! See you there!

Register Now to Vote

The deadline to register to vote in Maryland’s general election is Tuesday, October 16. Visit www.elections.state.md.us or www.mdathcon.org/register tovot, or call the Maryland State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-8683 to learn more.

Harford County Health Department

If you are an adult living with friends or family, you are eligible for FREE case management and medical services because you fit our “homeless” definition. Please contact the office at 410-638-3060.

Dinner and Dance

Sunday, October 28, sponsored by the Catholic Ladies Service. Organization, 23 Newport Drive in Forest Hill. Sour beef, sauerkraut and sausage, baked chicken and more Danceg to the tunes of KnightsNoise DJ all for \$25. For reservations, call Sharon 410-879-7633. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Outreach Notes

For more information, contact Jane O’Hara at 410-838-6969/410-879-2670, ext. 143, e-mail johara@stmargaret.org.

Coffee and Conversation

This **Thursday, October 4** from 9:00 - 10:00 am in the Adult Education Center. All are welcome to enjoy homemade treats and good fellowship.

Special Olympic Scarf Project 2013

Twelve individual states are asking for handmade scarves for each of their Olympic athletes to wear at the Winter Games. Maryland is one of those states and has set its quota at 400 scarves. Its colors are Red Heart SS Light Periwinkle (0347) and Soft White (0316). We appreciate the 70 scarves last year which were donated from this parish. If you would like to participate again, please turn in all scarves to the Outreach Office by November 15. Many thanks for your support of our Special Olympians!

Speaker Series for Caregivers

Meet Peter Rabins, M.D., the author of “The 36-Hour Day” at the Fallston Activity Center on **October 18** from 7:00-8:30 pm. Dr. Rabins will present a guide to caring for people with Alzheimer’s, dementia and memory loss in later life.

JAM Ministry

Each month our parish delivers 55 lunches to individuals living in the woods and abandoned sites. If your family would like to support this effort by providing the lunches for these individuals, please contact the Outreach Office. Lunch bags typically include bottled water, a salty snack, a sweet snack and applesauce. We have a team which make the sandwiches, and these additional items would be a great help.

Home Communion to the Sick

Please help us update our records. If you take Communion to a friend or loved one, please contact Jane O’Hara in the Outreach Office and leave your name and the name of the individual you are serving. If you know of someone who would like to begin receiving Communion at home, please also leave that information.

Doing Good Locally

Habitat for Humanity is planning **Faithworks VI** - the construction of a new home at 775 Battle Avenue in Aberdeen in partnership with area churches, including Saint Margaret parish. In addition to our support through time, talents and donations, please keep this organization, its staff and volunteers in your prayers. To be a part of **Faithworks VI** and the upcoming build days, please contact Kathy Pettus at kathy-pettus618@gmail.com or 732-616-4109.

Calling All Pyxes!

If you have served as a Eucharistic Minister and no longer do so, please return any pyx which you might have to the Outreach office.

Ministry of Consolation

Tuesday, October 9 at 1:00 pm in the Adult Education Center. *Call a close friend who may have distanced themselves from you since the death of a loved one and tell them how much you need them right now. Suggest specific ways they can help.*

Substance Abuse Ministry

If you or someone you love is struggling with substance issues, please consider coming to one of our weekly meetings on the Saint Margaret campus:

- Mondays, 7:00 pm - Families Anonymous
- Fridays, 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- Saturdays, 7:30 pm - Women for Sobriety
- Sundays, 6:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- Sundays, 8:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

Health Ministry

You won’t find yourself eating unhealthy foods should your electricity go out if you check out these winning recipes on the American Health Association’s

Get Ready Campaign website: www.getready-forflu.org/recipes.htm. Campers, scouts and picnic-goers will be interested in checking out these recipes too! Contact us at saintm-healthministry@stmargaret.org or call 410-838-6969, ext. 141.

TOPS Meeting

Meets Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the Adult Education Center.



Corner

"Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

Throughout scripture, Christ is shown to be our paschal lamb.

When Abraham's son Isaac asked about the lamb needed for their sacrifice, Abraham replied, "God himself will provide the lamb".

For the Passover feast, every family was to sacrifice an unblemished lamb, then eat its roasted flesh in a ritual meal of remembrance of God's liberation of the Hebrews from Egypt. As John the Baptist was walking with two of his disciples, he saw Jesus and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

At Mass, by accepting the call to the *supper of the Lamb* we look to the coming of Christ when, at the table of the Lamb in the heavenly kingdom, all sin and death will be no more.

But, just like the centurion in Matthew's gospel, we proclaim our unworthiness to have Jesus enter under our roof. In faith we ask God to say merely a word and our souls will be healed so that we may partake of this blessed feast. Though we are unworthy of Jesus' healing power, he freely gives himself to us who have faith.

New Altar Server Training

This training for students who are in the 5th grade or above consists of three sessions and the Installation Mass. There will be two dates available from which to choose.

Session 1 Tuesday, Oct. 9: 6:30 – 8:00 or Sunday, Oct. 14: 4:00 – 5:30

Session 2 Tuesday, Oct. 16: 6:30 – 8:00 or Sunday, Oct. 21: 4:00 – 5:30

Session 3 Tuesday, Oct. 23: 6:30 – 8:00 or Sunday, October 28: 4:00 – 5:30

The Installation dates are November 3 at the 5:30 pm Mass or November 11 at the noon Mass. Please contact Maureen Yantz, 410-638-1828 or mmyantz@gmail.com.

Training of Eucharistic Ministers

Two training dates are planned for persons who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Saint Margaret Church/Saint Mary Magdalen Mission.

~ Wednesday, Oct. 24, or

~ Tuesday, Oct. 30 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Both sessions will be in the church. If interested, please contact Mary Ann Silvestri, 410-838-6261 or axsilvestri@verizon.net.

Adult Faith Formation

410-879-2670 ext. 126
mdekowski@stmargaret.org



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

As part of the Catholic Church's universal celebration of The Year of Faith, we are happy to offer a series of lectures and discussions that promise to meet both your intellectual needs to learn more about your Catholic faith and your spiritual desires to be in closer relationship with God. Our topics for October are:

Faith in a Secular Culture

Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Adult Education Center. Rev. Robert F. Leavitt, S.S., Saint Mary's Seminary and University.

Faith Forum - "Why Stay Catholic?"

Sunday, October 21, 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Adult Education Center. Msgr. Michael Schlepner, pastor.

Love Thinks

Parents, are you wondering how you can give your teens the skills they need to balance both their heads and hearts in building healthy relationships? Certified trainers in the Love Thinks world-renowned skills training workshop will help you do just that! This workshop will take place on **Saturday, October 20**, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm in the Adult Education Center. The cost of \$49 includes the workbook and lunch. To register or for more information, please contact Marie Dekowski.

Low Gluten Hosts Available

If you suffer from Celiac Disease and can tolerate low gluten, we have **low-gluten** hosts available for those who are unable to receive the regular wheat host. Please call the parish office to make the necessary arrangements.

Catholic Women's Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood. Cost is \$18. Call Maria at 410-592-2160.

Due Dates for Bulletin Items

Items are due by 10:00 am on Monday. Please fax to 410-879-2518 or e-mail ksaccenti@stmargaret.org.

Youth Ministry

Kristin Rupprecht
Youth and Young Adult Minister
410-879-2670, ext 166
krupprecht@stmargaret.org

High School Youth Ministry (HSYM)FiRE House



Study Drop-Ins

Mondays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Thursdays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

New this year:
"Faith on Fire"

Every Monday: 5:00 - 6:30 pm - Dinner and faith sharing

High School Hangout Nights!

Every Tuesday, 7:00 - 9:30 pm.
Come join us - movies, games, fun!

Confirmation

Reminder: Candidate/Sponsor Day of Reflection is this **Sunday September 30**, 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Callahan Center. See you there!

Maize Quest Trip

Saturday, October 6, 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Cost is \$20. Open to all middle and high school students. To register, please complete a permission form and return it with \$20 to the parish office. Flyer and permission form can be found on our parish website. Questions? Call Kristin Rupprecht, 410-879-2670.

High School News

Archdiocese of Baltimore High School Fair Thursday, October 4 6:30 - 8:40 pm

Saint Mary Magdalen Education Center
1716 Churchville Road, Bel Air

Schools that will be present: Archbishop Curley, Calvert Hall College, The Catholic High School of Baltimore, Institute of Notre Dame, John Carroll, Loyola Blakefield, Maryvale Preparatory, Mercy High School, Mount de Sales, Mount St. Joseph, Notre Dame Preparatory, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.



Education Notes . . .

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410-879-2670/410-838-6969

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Middle and High School

CeeCee Meholic

cmeholic@stmargaret.org

Sunday Classes Start October 7

Sunday Pre-K - First Grade classes begin next Sunday at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Don't miss out on all the fun! Register today.



Kindergarten Catechist Needed!

The Sunday Faith Formation program is still in need of a Kindergarten catechist during the 10:30 am Mass. Please contact Amanda!

Saint Margaret School

Madeleine Hobik – Principal

Elementary Campus 410-879-1113

Middle School Campus 410-877-9660

Principal: mhobik@smsch.org

Assistant Principals: ashanahan@smsch.org

and pfederowicz@smsch.org

Admissions: cpleiss@smsch.org

Sept.30: Fall Festival 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Oct. 1: Band, ACRE Testing, Grade 8; Limo lunch at Enotria's

Oct. 2: Hot lunch; H.S.A. Exec Board Mtg

Oct. 3: 8:30 am Mass

Oct. 4: Hot lunch

Oct. 5: First Friday Senior Luncheon; Gr. 3 Field Trip to Science Center 8:45 am - 2:45 pm

News From The Admissions Office

Spaces are still available in some grades. Please let friends and family know. Interested parents should call or e-mail Admissions Director Cecilia Pleiss 410-879-1113 or cpleiss@smsch.org to find out grade-specific information. Parents and students are our best referrals!

Classes This Week!

Elementary Wednesday Classes

October 3 at 4:45 and 6:45 pm

Note: Parent meetings will be held on **October 3** during classes in the church.

Middle/High School Programs Grades 6 - 9:

Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm

Home Study Has Started . . .

Programs at all grade levels have started. If you missed the parent meetings last week, please contact CeeCee to pick up books.

Escape2Catholicism

Starts This Week! : Parents of middle/high school Faith Formation students are invited to the first showing in our "Escape2Catholicism" series.

Come to Room 102 in the Education Center at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 2** or **Wednesday, October 3** and begin this inspirational faith journey while your student is in class. Episode 1 is entitled "Amazed & Afraid." Our moderators this week will be Dennis Whittington on Tuesday and Father John will be joining us on Wednesday for a brief discussion after the video. Coffee and cookies will be served. Open to all, so bring a friend.

First Reconciliation Reminder!

If you have a child in second grade or older who is eligible and would like to receive this Sacrament, you need to attend one of the parent meetings that will be held as follows:

Monday, October 15 at 6:30 pm in the chapel or

Wednesday, October 17 at 1:30 pm, 4:45 pm or 6:45 pm in the church.

STAND Volunteer Training

Any parent who wishes to volunteer in our school or chaperone a class field trip must complete the Archdiocesan STAND program which involves viewing a video and completing required forms. Online training is available on the Archdiocese website at archbalt.org/about-us/child-youth-protection/training. STAND requirements are mandated by the Archbishop and no exceptions will be allowed. Contact STAND Coordinator Mrs. Brenda Bell at 410-877-9660 during school hours, if you have questions. Forms may be obtained in the school offices or by calling Mrs. Bell. New parents received these forms in their folders. See the back page of the Parent / Student Handbook & Calendar for how to view the STAND video online.

A big "thank you" to those new parents who have completed the required paperwork promptly. This will enable us to send out the reference letters and proceed with the background checks. We need our parent volunteers and have worked diligently to follow all procedures so that parents can continue to be active in our school every day.

Important Renewal Information for All STAND Volunteers

All parent volunteers must renew their STAND approval after 5 years. If you received a background check renewal form in your 2012-13 School Year Packet (issued last spring), please complete the form and return it to school.

Employment Opportunity: Saint Margaret School After School Program

We have two part-time positions available at the Elementary School (ages 3 - 11).

Monday through Friday, 2:30 - 5:30 pm.

Please submit resume to Patty Smithson at Saint Margaret School, 205 Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014 or e-mail psmithson@smsch.org.

