



# ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our mission at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School is to educate, model and inspire faith, academic excellence, integrity, respect and service within ourselves and the global community.

## Weekly Calendar

**Oct. 31st** - All Saints Day Observed - Full Uniform or Dress as a Saint  
- **No Halloween Costumes Allowed**

**Nov. 3rd** - 4th Grade Food Drive Begins; [Pizza Lunch Order Deadline](#)

**Nov. 5th** - Family Fellowship After Mass; Pre-Ordered Pizza Lunch

**Nov. 6th** - Family Envelope

**Nov. 7th** - No School

## Important Announcements



**All Saints Day Celebration, October 31st** - Tomorrow, we'll celebrate All Saints Day. Students should come in full uniform or may dress as their favorite saint for this special day.



**Art Docent Volunteers Needed** - We're still looking for a few parent volunteers to help bring art to life in our classrooms this November! Only a handful of dates remain open — if you've been thinking about helping, now's the perfect time to sign up. [Sign Up Here!](#)



**Hot Lunch Order Reminder** - For both pizza and quesadilla lunches, we're unable to accept late orders. Our supplier requires that all food be pre-ordered and pre-paid in person by Monday afternoon. No changes can be made after that time. We appreciate your help keeping the process smooth!

## Message from Dr. Mahar



For more than twenty years, the Fulcrum Foundation has been dedicated to strengthening and transforming Catholic education across Western Washington by empowering students, forming educators, and sustaining schools. This is possible thanks to the generosity of many donors, whose partnership ensures that thousands of children each year have the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in an environment rooted in academic excellence and Catholic values.

### St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Total Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant Program funding awarded to students at your school for the 2024/25 school year  
**\$56,700 | 42 Students**  
Total Fulcrum support awarded to your school from 2002 to 2025  
**\$805,955**

### At Schools Across Western Washington

Total Fulcrum programs funding for STUDENTS, SCHOOLS, AND EDUCATORS from 2002 to 2025  
**\$89,444,803**

Fulcrum believes that highly qualified and effective teachers and principals are key to the success of Catholic schools. Each year, Fulcrum makes a significant investment in professional development opportunities provided by the Office for Catholic Schools, including

- the annual INSPIRE conference
- funding towards principal certification at our partner Catholic universities
- the GRACE Teacher Leadership Program
- affordable housing for educators



## Fulcrum Impact Day 2025

I'm thrilled to share that St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School received \$56,700 in tuition assistance for 42 students this year through the Fulcrum Foundation. Since 2002, Fulcrum has provided more than \$805,000 in support to our school - an incredible blessing!

Across Western Washington, Fulcrum has invested over \$89 million in Catholic schools, educators, and students. We're so grateful for their ongoing partnership and dedication to strengthening Catholic education.

[Learn More](#)

## School News

### Congratulations to our Be I.R.I.S.H. winners!

Elementary - Joelle F

Middle - Jevon T-G



### A Spooktacular Night at Trunk or Treat!

What a night! Last Friday's Trunk or Treat was wild, fun, and full of some pretty crazy weather! Things were moving so fast that no photos were even snapped, but we'd love to give a huge shoutout to our **Parents Club, our amazing volunteers, and our generous sponsors** who helped make the event such a success. From creative booths to delicious cake walk treats to donations and supplies, your support brought so much joy to our community.



### Subscribe to School Calendar:

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November 2025						
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### Subscribe to the SMM Calendar

Did you know you can subscribe to our school calendar and have all events automatically sync to your phone? This is a great way to stay on top of important dates from used uniform sales and SCRIP orders to school events and more!

Click [here](#) for directions on how to subscribe.



### Plan Ahead with SCRIP!

The holidays are right around the corner - don't forget to stock up on SCRIP gift cards for your



### Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Starts Nov. 3rd

Our fourth grade class is leading this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive to support families in need. Donations of non-perishable food items are being accepted starting Nov. 3rd through Nov. 19th, and we encourage every family to contribute if able.

Click [here](#) for a list of items by grade.



### Save the Date: Turkey Bingo is Back!

Mark your calendars for Turkey Bingo on **Wednesday, November 19th**, from **5:30-7:30**

holiday shopping and Black Friday deals! Every purchase earns money for our school while helping you check off your gift list.

**SCRIP Sales Schedule: Thursdays & Fridays:  
8:15–9:00 AM and every other Tuesday: 2:30–  
3:15 PM**

You can find all sale dates and SCRIP order days on the [school calendar](#).

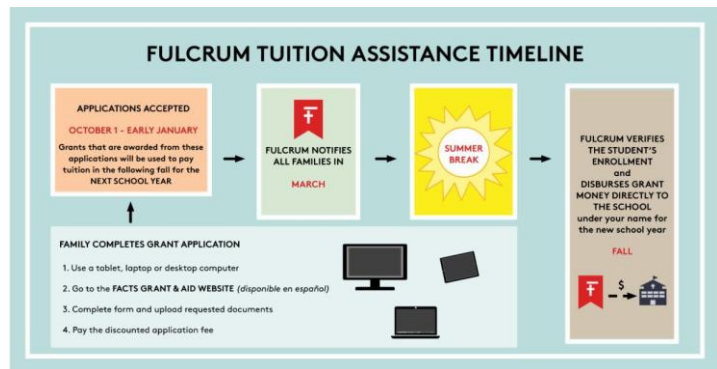


**Box Tops for SMM**

Did you know SMM is a Box Tops school? It's an easy way to earn money for our **Art Docent Program**, no clipping required! Simply download the [Box Tops App](#), sign up using referral code **DMUR98AM**, and scan your receipts. Just for signing up and scanning your first receipt, SMM earns 50 Box Tops (\$5)! You can even invite family and friends, anywhere in the country, to join using the same code.

**PM**, with bingo starting around 6:00 PM! If you've never attended before, it's a fun-filled evening to spend time with fellow SMM families. We'll play 10 rounds of bingo — each round offering a chance to win a frozen turkey for your Thanksgiving meal! Delicious food will also be available for purchase, so you can skip cooking that night. More details are coming soon!

If you're interested in volunteering, our bingo planning team is looking for help with planning and cooking. Please contact [Suzanne Waligora](#) to get involved.



### **Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Applications Now Open**

The Fulcrum Foundation's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for the 2026–2027 school year is now open! Grants are awarded based on financial need for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Applications and all required documents must be submitted online through the FACTS Grant & Aid website by December 31, 2025. For more details, visit [Tuition Assistance](#). If you need help with your application, please contact [Melissa Morrier-Turk](#) before December 17, 2025.

[Let's get scanning!](#)



### Mass Moments

#### Daily Readings for Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Reading 1, Romans 8:26-30

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 13:4-5, 6

Gospel, Luke 13:22-30

#### Conversation Starter Questions:

- What new things did you notice in the church at mass today?
  - What are the narrow gates in your life?

### Athletics





### **CYO Volunteer Spotlight**

A big shoutout to **Coach Latta and Coach Hathaway** for going above and beyond this season! Not only did they coach the 2nd Grade Boys Soccer Team with dedication and enthusiasm, but they also spent extra time at school volunteering. We're so grateful for their commitment to our CYO program and the positive impact they make on our students!

### **From the Coaches:**

A huge thank-you to the **2nd Grade Boys Team** and their parents for an amazing season! The players showed great effort, teamwork, and growth all year long. We're so proud of each of you and can't wait to see you back on the field next season!





## New Cheer Team Opportunity!

We're excited to announce that SMM will be launching a Cheer Team this November! Open to all 5th–8th graders, this new program is all about school spirit, teamwork, and fun.

Students will build confidence, learn cheer and dance routines, and bring extra energy to our school events.

**Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15–6:15pm.**

Email [Mr. Schmutz](#) for more information or to sign up.

For any athletic questions or inquiries, please reach out to [Mr. Schmutz](#).

## Community



**AMHS Open House – This Sunday, Nov. 2nd!**



Drop by campus between 2-4pm and explore Archbishop Murphy High School! Enjoy student-led tours, meet teachers and coaches, and learn about clubs and programs.

[Pre-register](#) to receive two entries in the tuition drawing!

### New University Partnerships

AMHS is excited to announce new partnerships with Seattle University and the University of Portland! Students with a 3.3 GPA or higher will now receive guaranteed admission and substantial scholarships to both universities creating even more opportunities for future Wildcats to thrive.



### SMM Catholic Daughters Blood Drive

Saturday, November 8 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Location: SMM Parking Lot

Support Bloodworks Northwest and help save lives! Click [here](#) to book your one-hour appointment. Photo ID required. No visitors under 16. Eat well and stay hydrated before donating.

Learn more at [Bloodworks Northwest](#) or call 800-398-7888.

Looking for more parish events? Check [here](#).

Looking Ahead



For all dates, visit the [Calender](#) section on our school website.

For all volunteer opportunities, visit the [Volunteering](#) on our school website.

**Nov. 10th** - Pizza Lunch Order Deadline

**Nov. 11th** - No School - Veteran's Day

**Nov. 12th** - Family Fellowship After Mass; Pre-Ordered Pizza Lunch

**Nov. 14th** - [Quesadilla Lunch Order Deadline](#)

**Nov. 18th** - Peace Day

**Nov. 19th** - Pre-Ordered Quesadilla Lunch; PC Turkey Bingo & Quarterly Meeting

**Nov. 21st** - Noon Dismissal

**Nov. 24th to 28th** - Thanksgiving Break