



*The Administration, Faculty and Students of
St. Margaret's School*

cordially invite you

to attend

Spring Family Weekend

May 13 - 15, 2011

The Details

Friday

The weekend will begin with sports events on the afternoon of Friday, May 13. Students in the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades take ERB standardized tests that day. Juniors will participate in a college program Friday morning and seniors will have free time also in the morning. A senior who has fulfilled all commitments may take an approved day leave between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm (2:00 pm for athletes) or sign out to town for shorter periods of time. **You are encouraged to attend the athletic events Friday afternoon beginning at 3:00pm.** Be sure to stop by the Parent Council Silent Auction between 4:00 and 7:00 pm in the Music Room in St. Margaret's Hall to place your bids. Previews of some items will be available earlier online.

Because all students will attend these games either as a player or as a participant to support a team, opportunities are limited for students to leave campus. **Boarding students** are expected to be on campus from 2:30 pm (2:00 pm for athletes) Friday to attend sports events, dinner, the musical revue and the lantern ceremony and will remain on campus overnight. **Day students** are required to attend or participate in the sports events Friday afternoon. They and their families are also invited for dinner Friday night. If not staying for dinner, a day student is expected to be on campus by 7:15 pm to attend the musical revue and the lantern ceremony.

Saturday

Saturday begins with brunch. The dining room balcony is a perfect viewing spot for the crew race which begins at 9:30 am. Then we will all move to the river lawn for the Second Annual Parent Council Rubber Duck Derby. The Parent Council Silent Auction in the Music Room of St. Margaret's Hall closes at 10:30 am. All students and families will attend the morning meeting at 10:45 am and lunch followed by the program honoring the senior class and announcing the May Queen. At the conclusion of the program, seniors and their escorts will rehearse for the presentation ball. In the afternoon, following lunch and this rehearsal, approved day leaves and/or trips to town may begin. Students must be back on campus by 6:30 pm for May Ball, and boarders remain on campus overnight. May Ball is a highlight of our school year and a very festive occasion for students and parents.

Frequently parents ask about attire for the weekend. Juniors and seniors should wear white dresses and white shoes for the lantern ceremony Friday night. (These dresses may also be worn for Baccalaureate and Commencement in June.) For May Ball, seniors should wear white evening dresses and white shoes. Fathers or sponsors of seniors usually wear tuxedos or military dress uniforms. Dates of seniors may wear tuxedos or suits. Seniors will have flowers to carry and should not have other flowers. Underclass students may wear formal dresses in any color other than white. Fathers and dates of underclass students should wear coat and tie. Mothers usually wear street-length dresses.

Sunday

Sunday is a leisurely day for parents and students. Students may take approved day leaves between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Boarding students must be back on campus by 7:00 pm to prepare for Sunday night study hall.

As noted above, students may take approved day leaves at various times throughout the weekend. A day leave allows a student to go outside the town limits of Tappahannock or to leave campus for longer than two hours. In order for a day leave to be approved, parents should complete and return the Spring Family Weekend Day Leave Form. A student who has a date for the ball must furnish the date's name and address to Mrs. Dickinson by April 29th to allow time for an invitation to be mailed to the young man. SMS parents should complete and return the Overnight Date Form if the young man intends to stay overnight on campus with other male guests.

As you can see, this is a very full weekend with many opportunities for you to enjoy your daughter, her friends and their families, and to interact with your daughter's teachers. Interim grades and comments for the third trimester will be available at Latane Hall Office beginning at noon on Friday. If, in addition to informal conversations, you would like to schedule an appointment to meet a teacher individually, please contact the teacher by email to arrange a time that is convenient for both of you. Mrs. Gross encourages junior parents to schedule an appointment with her for a college conversation. (email: sgross@sms.org)

We look forward to having you spend Spring Family Weekend at St. Margaret's. It is a magical time here on the river. Please complete the pertinent forms and return them at your earliest convenience. For questions, call or email Cookie Evans, 804-443-3357, cevans@sms.org.

Friday, May 13, 2011

- After they have completed all commitments 8th 9th & 10th grade students may sign out to town and must return to campus by 2:30 pm (2:00 pm for athletes).
- Juniors will work with Mrs. Gross on college planning in the morning. They may sign out to town at the end of their sessions and must return to campus by 2:30 pm (2:00 pm for athletes).
- Seniors may take approved day leaves or sign out to town between 9:00am -2:30 pm (2:00 pm for athletes).
- Boarding students are required to attend the sports events, dinner, and evening events.
- Day students are required to attend sports and evening events and are encouraged to remain on campus for dinner.

Saturday, May 14, 2011

- Students may sign out from 7:00 – 9:30 am. within the town limits only.
- Students are required to attend the all-school meeting and the luncheon. Day students should be on campus by 10:30 am.
- Students may sign out after the luncheon (seniors after May Ball rehearsal) for 2 – two hour periods until 6:30 pm, or they may take a day leave if approved.
- All students must be on campus by 6:30 pm.

Sunday, May 15, 2011

- Boarding students may sign out within the town limits from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm for two-hour periods.
- With approval, boarding students may take day leaves between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Boarding Students will remain on campus overnight on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.