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## This Week at SMES 9/16-9/22

### **Important Head Search Update - Head of School Candidates Visiting St. Margaret's**

Three Head of School candidates will be visiting St. Margaret's over the next two weeks. The dates of the two-day meetings are September 17/18, 20/21 and 24/25. Your participation during these visits would be greatly appreciated. [Read more.](#)>

### **Emergency Communications System – Review Your Family Profile**

Our ability to successfully communicate with each of our families in an emergency is completely dependent on accurate family profile data. Please take a few minutes to review your family profile data by visiting the Parents page of our website and selecting the Family Profile link. [Read more.](#)>

### **2012-2013 Parent-Student Handbook & Directory Now Online!**

We are pleased to announce that the Handbook and Directory are now available online. [Click here](#) for more information and to access the Handbook and Directory links.

### **"Parents" Page on SMES.org is Your Best Resource!**

If you are looking for important St. Margaret's Episcopal School information online, please visit the "[Parents](#)" page of the St. Margaret's website which has the forms, registration links, documents and resources you need. This is the Web access point for updating your family profile, the Hot Lunch and after school programs, the Handbook and student and faculty directories, Netcommunity, audio and video resources, and much more. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Commencement 2012 Commemorated**

The commemorative publication focusing on the Class of 2012 Commencement Ceremony will be arriving in your mailboxes next week. For additional articles and photograph galleries highlighting the Class of 2012, including the Bishop's Spirituality Award and events such as the Upper School Awards, Senior Breakfast, Senior BBQ, and more, [click here](#).

### **Order Your Child's 2012-2013 School Pictures**

**Reminder:** Student school pictures are underway for the 2012-2013 school year by Tom Baker Photography. Order your child's photos by accessing the order form posted on our "Parents" page [here](#). Ordering instructions are included.

## Tickets on Sale Now for Performing Arts Center Inaugural Performance - *The Sound of Music*

Get your tickets today for St. Margaret's inaugural performance in the new Performing Arts Center! *The Sound of Music* will feature a cast of 74 students from three divisions. Performances will take place on September 28 and 29 and October 5 and 6. [Click here](#) to buy your tickets and view the full cast list.

### Start your Morning with Yoga and Pilates

Jump-start the new school year by toning up and feeling great after morning drop-off! Support the PTF and join us for Pilates and yoga. A free class demo for Pilates will be held on Monday, September 17, and a free yoga class demo will be held on Tuesday, September 25. Paid classes will start on October 1 and 2. [Read more.](#)>

### Tickets on Sale Now for the Middle School Play

As we begin rehearsals for the Middle School play *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, we wanted you to know that tickets are now on sale. [Click here](#) to learn more and to purchase your tickets today.

### Knitting Together – Join us for Fellowship and a Purpose

*Tuesdays, beginning September 18, 8:30 a.m. Location: Preschool – Room 6*

Do you like to knit, or would like to know how to knit? Consider joining us on Tuesday mornings in the Preschool for knitting time. This year we are knitting Duduza "Comfort Dolls" for orphans in Haiti as an outreach of the Episcopal Church. [Read more.](#)>

### PTF Monthly Membership Mixer – September 20

*Thursday, September 20, 8:15 a.m. Location: Performing Arts Center Foyer*

Join us for the first PTF Monthly Membership Mixer! Guest speakers will include Director of the Arts Darcy Rice, who will update us on "How the Arts Impact our Children;" and our new Academic Dean Jeneen Graham who will present a "Plan and Purpose for the 2012-2013 School Year." Bring a friend and be part of the community! [Click here](#) for more information.

### Register Today for St. Margaret's 2012 Tartan Tee-Off

*Monday, October 1, 12 p.m. Location: Newport Beach Country Club*

St. Margaret's 2012 Tartan Tee-Off Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 1 at the beautiful Newport Beach Country Club. We are excited to bring together St. Margaret's parents, Tartan alumni, parents

of alumni and friends for a day of fun and fellowship as we support St. Margaret's Financial Aid Programs.

[Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

### **Preschool and Lower School Bring a Friend for Coffee & Conversation**

*Wednesday, October 10, 9:15 a.m. Location: Admission Office*

The Admission Office will host an informal coffee at 9:15 a.m. in the pergola outside the Admission Office to discuss the St. Margaret's Preschool and Lower School with prospective families. Meet with the Admission Team, talk with Lower School Principal Jeannine Clarke, Lower School Assistant Principal Jennifer Blount, Preschool Director Ingrid Andrews and tour campuses. Please stop by and bring a friend to learn about our school. These gatherings will be informal and fun. Spaces are limited. [Read more.](#)>

### **Tartan Tennis Wins 100th Consecutive Victory**

On a wet Monday afternoon, the Tartan girls' tennis team refused to let a little moisture and wind stop them from achieving their goal – to win 100 consecutive matches. The Tartans reached their goal by defeating Calvary Chapel of Santa Ana with a score of 15-3. [Click here](#) to read *The Capistrano Dispatch* article.

### **Maddie Barkate Shares Her Vision on Going Green**



Over the past two years sixth grade student Maddie Barkate has made her mark on St. Margaret's in a substantial way: by reducing her carbon footprint and the footprint of her classmates. [Click here](#) to read the San Juan Capistrano Patch article on Maddie's vision of making St. Margaret's green.

### **Tartan Football Victorious in Home Opener**

The Tartan football team's home opener last Friday night was a victorious one with the team taking down Linfield Christian 45-7. [Click here](#) to read *The Capistrano Dispatch's* full coverage of the game.

### **Performing Arts Center Impresses Local Business Community**



Local San Juan Capistrano business leaders filled the Performing Arts Center Wednesday night for a look inside the building they've watched constructed and read about in the news for the last two years. In partnership with the San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce, St. Margaret's Episcopal School hosted a reception for the local business community in appreciation for years of partnership and support for the new Performing Arts Center. [Read more.](#)>

### **Grade 10 Students Serve Our Community at Large**



*By Megan Moilanen, Upper School History Teacher and Freshmen and Sophomore Dean of Women* One of the very special parts of our St. Margaret's community is the deep-rooted commitment to serving our community at large. Our tenth graders embarked on a meaningful retreat on Thursday, August 30 with their advisories that allowed students to serve our community through participating in a variety of tasks at local non-profits such as Women Helping Women, the San Clemente Animal Shelter, the Community Service Programs Youth Shelter and Children of Nations. [Read more.](#)>