



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

*cordially invite you*

*to attend*

*Spring Family Weekend*

*May 2 - 4, 2008*

We hope the following information will be helpful as you make plans to attend.

The weekend will begin on Friday, May 2. You will see from the enclosed list of events that we have a full weekend planned for you and for your daughter. Students in the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades take ERB standardized tests on Friday. 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 and 2:30 or sign out to town for shorter periods of time. You are encouraged to attend the athletic events Friday afternoon beginning at 3:30pm. Varsity Soccer and Varsity Softball will be played at the athletic complex on Sycamore Street, Varsity Tennis at the courts on Virginia Drive. 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 must be on campus from 2:30 pm Friday to attend sports events, dinner, the musical revue and the lantern ceremony and will remain on campus overnight.

Boarding and day students in the junior class are required to attend the college program Friday afternoon at 1:00 and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend also.

Day students are required to be on campus for the athletic events Friday afternoon. They and their families are also invited for dinner Friday night. If not staying for dinner, a day student must be on campus by 7:15 pm to attend the musical revue and the lantern ceremony.

Saturday begins with a faculty/student crew race on the St. Margaret's river front at 9:30 am., followed by the Rubber Duckie Derby at 10:00. All students will attend the morning meeting at 10:45 am and lunch followed by the program to honor the senior class and announcement of May Queen. At the conclusion of the program (the conclusion of May Ball rehearsal for seniors)

approved day leaves and/or trips to town may begin. Students must be back on campus by 7:00 pm for May Ball, and boarders must 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 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 must complete and return the enclosed 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](mailto:sgross@sms.org) )

We look forward to having you spend Spring Family Weekend at St. Margaret's. Please complete the pertinent enclosed forms and return them at your earliest convenience. For questions, call or email Cookie Evans, 804-443-3357, [cevans@sms.org](mailto:cevans@sms.org).

### **Student Guidelines for Spring Family Weekend**

#### **Friday, May 2, 2008**

- After they have completed all commitments (i.e. ERB testing, college program, AP Modern European History exam, etc.) 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade students may sign out to town and must return to campus by 2:30 pm.
- Juniors have a full schedule of college planning activities. In pre-assigned small groups, they will work with Mrs. Gross for approximately one hour between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 noon. Then from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm their parents are invited to join them for

the college workshop. Juniors may sign out to town when they are not actively working with Mrs. Gross, from 9:00 am until noon.

- Seniors may take approved day leaves or sign out to town between 9:00am -2:30 pm.
- 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 3, 2008**

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

### **Sunday, May 4, 2008**

- 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 6:00 pm.

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