

“We are called to pray without ceasing”.

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1<sup>st</sup> Edition



# MAGDA VOICE

*SR. MAGDA PRIMARY SCHOOL*

OUR SCHOOL VALUES ARE:

RESPONSIBILITY

COORPORATION

INVOLVEMENT

TRUST

## Theme for the school year 2024- 2025

Our theme for this school year is:

“We are called to pray without ceasing”.

## Best wishes

The school year 2024 – 2025 has already started. We want to wish all our students a great and successful year. As staff of Sr. Magda school, we will continue to support each student in their academic development and social emotional growth.

## Parents meeting

We want to invite all parents and guardians for the Parent meeting.

Date: 21 August 2024

Location: Sr. Magda School (in the class of your child)

Time: 17.00 – 18.00 (Cycle 1)

18.30 – 19.30 (Cycle 2)

## Golden weeks in school

At the beginning of this beautiful school year, we are working on GOLDEN weeks during the month of August. This involves working on relationship building in the classroom but also at school. We are getting to know each other. Behavioral expectations in the classroom and at school are also discussed. With these Golden weeks we invest in strong relationship building between **student - teacher - school**.

## SKOS Early Stimulation

As of the 2024 2025 school year, the SKOS Early stimulation (ECS) has moved to the Sr. Magda location for good. We extend a warm welcome to our colleague's and their pearls.

## Importance of Class Dojo



Class Dojo is an online reward program.

Class Dojo consists of three parts: the teacher, the parent and the student. The teacher encourages students, engage parents through Class Dojo Messaging, encourage skills in the classroom, and reflect on progress.

Students get a good overview of the effect of their behavior and know exactly when they do or don't do something right. For their individual development, this option is most obvious. Parents can get involved, connect with teachers, and celebrate the child's progress and educational growth. Kids can celebrate with their parents, create their own avatar and see their strengths.

Parents are asked to communicate by Class Dojo with the class teacher/ subject teacher.

## Action plan Sr. Magda school 2024 2025

This school year the focus is on following actions:

- ensuring quality in education (differentiating and didactics so that there is maximum learning going on with the students).
- ensuring adequate support in the social emotional development of our PEARLS.
- increasing the involvement of parents in the various activities at school such as Reading Parents (reading with children in Dutch and English).
- collaboration with the PIT (Parent Involvement Team) Sr. Magda school.
- This school year we want to fundraise enough to invest it back into our schoollibrary.

**We will do various activities such as:**

- Wacky days, Math Day, Taal Dag, Taal Dorp, Proefjes dag, Science Fair, Sports Day, Educational Tours, Mass Days, Kinder Boeken week, Christmas Raffle, Christmas celebration, Fundraisings activities with the PIT.
- You will be kept informed about these activities.

**Request:**

- If you would like to sign up as a reading parent (reading in English or Dutch) please contact the class teacher or teacher Kavita. We will work with your available day and time.

## Teaching curriculum

At the Sr. Magda School, we work with the concept of Experience Oriented Education. Here the students are challenged to work from their experience. We also apply inquiry-based design learning where students search for information themselves. teachers work in the classroom with cooperative forms of work. For this we use the school yard, our learning squares and our digital platforms (Gynzy). We also have BYOD (Bring your own Device) from grades 5- 8).

**Music:** this school year, grades 5 through 8 will be taught with the recorder. Also, grade 7 will have Steelpan lessons.

**Sr. Magda singing choir:** for this school year our group 7 has been chosen as the singing choir for the Church. Mr. Gregory comes once a week to practice with the students. The Keyboard is also used here.

**Catholic faith:** every week on the Monday, the students have weekly opening together with their teachers. during this meeting the Catholic faith is discussed, also the theme is discussed. Singing and prayer is part of this. The students prepare this together with their teachers. Performances will be done by the Stage.

Schedule: 7.30 – 7.45 (group 5 - 8)  
7.45 – 8.00 (groups 1 -4)

Do let the class teacher know if you want to join this activity.

## Recess

This school year we have no breaks per group. We want the students to play with each other. The students have breakfast first in class and then come outside to play together.

The arrangement looks like this:

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

**Break 1:**

9.15-9.30

Groups 3-5 A

9.30 – 9.45

Groups 5B -8

**Break 2:**

11.00 - 11.15 Groups 3 – 5A

11.15 – 11.30 Groups 5B – 8

Snack time: This happens in the class around 13.00

**Wednesday & Friday**

Break:

9.15 – 9.45 Groups 3 -5

9.45 – 10.15 Groups 6 – 8

Snack time: around 12.00 in the class.

Because both days' school close at 12.45 PM we have one recess.

\*Groups 1/2 have their own recess schedule.

## Quick schools

Starting from this academic year the Sr. Magda school will be using QuickSchools, an online school management software that keeps track of your child's progress.

As parents from group 3 – 8 you will receive an email with inlogcodes from our IT manager, Mr. McNamara Kent. Please make sure to make use of this. It will allow you as a parent to get connected into the academic development of your child.

## Afternoon school

Parents who want their child to enroll for the Afternoon School Program for 2024 -2025 must re – register their child via the email: [egosmas2021@gmail.com](mailto:egosmas2021@gmail.com).

Please mention the school's name. You will receive a registration form.

Payment information:

Kindly inform the Bank Clerk of your child's full name and the school's name. Name of account: Stichting Expertise Centrum (Stichting EGO). Payments need to be made at the Windward Island Bank or via online banking on the following account number

US\$ 217 961 10. The monthly fee is US\$ 95 (basic fee).

## Parental contribution 2024 - 2025

The parental contribution for the schoolyear 2024 – 2025 can be paid at the Winward Island Bank starting form June 1st, 2024.

Payment Information:

Beneficiary Information: Stichting Katholiek Onderwijs St. Maarten

Bank Accounts: WIB US\$ Account # 814-675-06

WIB NAF Account # 814-676-04

Note: - Please inform the bank the full name of your child, group number and school year.

- After making the payment please share a copy of the receipt via school email ([info@smp-school.org](mailto:info@smp-school.org)) or bring a copy at the office of the school for documentation.

The Parental Contribution is:

- One child: NAF 300,-
- Two Children: NAF 275,-

## Vacation Schedule

Midterm break: 7 – 11 October 2024

Christmas break: 23 -3 January 2025

Midterm break: 3 – 4 March 2025

Easter break: 17 April – 21 April 2025

Carnival break: 28 April 2025 – 6 May 2025

Summer break: 2 July 2025 – 19 August 2025



**reminder**

- Parents make sure not to park your car by the entrance of the school.
- Haircut of the boys: shorter than 1 inch for all hair types and with no added style.
- Kindly adhere to the dress code for students and for parents when visiting the school.
- Check the messages on Class Dojo.
- Do check homework for students in groups 7 & 8.
- Read with your child at home. If you need books, please contact the class teacher.

