



Dear Parents and Guardians,

November 3, 2017

I applaud Mrs. Andercheck and Ms. Cecile for hosting such a beautiful “Parade of Saints.” In honor of All Saints Day our kindergarten students and their teachers dressed up as saints and marched from classroom to classroom spreading joy! Our morning schoolwide Mass and later the parade were both excellent reminders that we are all called to holiness. Saints were often ordinary people who committed themselves to loving Jesus and living the gospel through both their words and actions. Each saint has their story (and many have some baggage) that can teach us and help us on our journey to sainthood.

*Well-done...* Our two Spanish teachers, Señora Garcia and Señora Bunker, introduced our school community to the Mexican tradition of “El Dia de los Muertos,” translated as “Day of the Dead.” Our students learned many of the cultural traditions and created a beautifully authentic altar in our front lobby. Gratitude is extended to Ms. Tracy and Mr. Washington for sharing their talents.

*Thank you...* We had several parent chaperones for our primary trip to the Cox Farm. Know your presence is appreciated by the staff and your children. I hope you enjoyed the day at the farm.

*Parent/ Teacher Conferences...* Parents of students in PreK3-Grade 5 have mandatory report card conferences on **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you have not scheduled your appointment yet please email your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Middle school families received a letter explaining their report card/ conference process. Middle school families are invited to meet with one or more middle school teacher during their allotted time frame. Again, contact your child’s homeroom teacher with any questions.

*Book Fair...* Excitement is high for the Scholastic Book Fair set to begin Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>! We still need parent volunteers. Contact Mrs. Patterson or Mrs. Welter if you’re able to serve.



I am hosting a special parent coffee hour on **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 AM. We will have a preview of available books, shopping time, and door prizes. RSVP on our home page for the fair or by contacting Mrs. Welter.

Meanwhile, the online Fair began yesterday, November 2 and continues to November 22. The live Fair is Tuesday through Friday of next week and after the 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Masses on Sunday. For more information check your Friday Folder and communications with your child's teacher.

*Grandparents Morning...* Several weeks ago we announced that Grandparents Morning was re-scheduled for **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please be sure to share the new date with your families. We will begin with 8:15 AM Mass in the church, and then proceed to the classrooms for an activity, and conclude with a reception in Margot Hall. The event will conclude at 11:00 AM. Parent volunteers are currently needed to organize the reception. **We especially need parents who are able and willing to cook breakfast.** Contact the office if you would like to help.

*Honor Roll Reception...* Those students in grades 3-8 that earned honor roll status will be recognized at a reception on **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** during their recess and lunch periods. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served and certificates will be presented. Volunteers are needed to support the event. Contact the office if interested.

*Canned Food Drive...* Our Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive begins on **Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** and ends on **Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. All proceeds benefit our parish's St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. Your generosity is appreciated.



*Save the Date...* **Our next Home & School Association Meeting has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** This is our "State of the School" meeting; your presence is very important at this particular meeting. Complimentary childcare will be provided and a free tag day will be awarded to the children of those in attendance.

*Thanksgiving Break...* Mark your calendars. **There is no school on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, November 22-24.** Classes resume on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

November is here and soon it will be winter. It is advised that students bring academic sweaters to school and their P.E. sweatshirt on designated days. Our heat works fine, but students do a lot of walking throughout our three buildings and it is in their best interest to wear something over their shirt.

Have a great weekend.

Peace,

Michael Thomasian  
Principal



"The Lord has loved me so much; we must love everyone and be compassionate!"  
-St. Josephine Bakhita

*Proudly celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> year!*