

Parent Memo  
From Ms. Lorie  
St. Mary's Grade School



Friday, October 20, 2023

*Dear St. Mary's Families:*

*Reminders about arrival:*

*School starts at 7:40. Please plan your drop off accordingly.*

*ALL students must come down the alley and exit the vehicle with the assistance of school staff unless....your child rides with a ND student or your child is having emotional difficulties entering school.*

*Unnecessary drop offs in the parking lot are causing delays to the vehicle drop off line which causes students to be entering the school tardy and the staff to be late starting their jobs. Please, do not drop off your child/children in the parking lot.*

*We are graciously asking your assistance with this.*

## **Reminders:**

**CELL PHONES:** Students are not permitted to have cell phones at school. In the event it is absolutely necessary for our child to have a cell phone for after school use, please remind your child that the cell phone must be kept in their backpack during the school day and they are not permitted to use it during the school day.

**Water Bottles:** Students are to bring water bottles with them daily, especially on Wednesdays (Gym Day).

**Student Council:** Application of Interest is due Monday, October 23.

**Report Cards** come home on Oct 27.

**Winter Uniform begins on November 1.** This means...no more shorts and tennis shoes. Tennis shoes may be worn with the gym shirt on WEDNESDAYS only.

**School purchased sweat shirts must have a collared polo shirt under them at all times...**even on Gym Days. NO hoodies at any time.

**Mass Days** – Students must wear their school fleece to mass. We will attend mass on Friday, October 27. Students wear Formal Uniforms. \* K-2 students will be on their field trip next week so they are to wear regular uniforms with tennis shoes.

**Halloween Party Day, Oct 31:** All students will be dismissed at 10:40 to go home for lunch and dress in their costume. Students return to school at 1:00 pm. The parade begins at 1:00 outside – weather permitting. Students may Dress Down for Halloween for the morning.

## **HandS Notes:**

### Thank you

Thank you to Pam and Kevin Leonard for chairing the Halloween costume drive service project for the Mustard Seed!

Thank you to Kayla Lantz for providing and decorating the St. Mary's float for the homecoming parade!

Thank you to Sarah Blevins Minsker for organizing the St. Mary's apparel fundraiser!

### Apparel Forms

Please be sure to turn those forms in by **Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>**.

### Book Fair follow up

We sold 395 books, puzzles, and activities at the book fair, with that, the school was able to get 200 new books for free!

### Trunk or Treat

The trunk or treat event will be taking place on **Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>**. Car decorating begins at **5pm** and then the event will start at **5:30**. There will be a food truck and concession stand available for a purchased dinner if interested. We will have tables and chairs set up to eat, but please consider bringing camping chairs with you as well!

### HandS meeting

Next meeting will be **Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the auditorium. Hope to see you there!

### Family Prayer Service

Please save the date for **Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** for a family prayer service. This is an opportunity for your families to come to school and experience what Morning Prayer looks like. Mr. Sammy will lead the children in prayer, scripture, and song as we all gather around Mary in the hallway to participate and join our children in expressing gratitude for all we have before beginning the busy holiday season.

### Santa Shop

Please save the dates for the Santa Shop, **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday December 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>**. We need volunteers to help with this event as well as donations of Christmas gift bags and tissue paper. Please sign up on the HandS Facebook page to volunteer and bring your donations to the office. Thank you!

**\*\*\*\*\*CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\***

**Watch for changes each week!**

### **Upcoming Dates and Events:**

October 23: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks grading Period

October 26: HandS Trunk or Treat in back parking lot, Set Up 5:00. Trick or treating at 5:30

October 27: Report Cards home

October 27: K, 1, 2 Field Trip to the 4-H Center for Trailblazers: Outdoor Adventure

October 30: Pumpkin Drop 12:30 pm in back parking lot. Families invited to watch!

October 31: Halloween Party Day – Students dismissed at 10:40 am and return to School at 1:00 in costume. Parade begins at 1:15. Party moms enter at 1:00.

November 1: All Saints' Day Mass, 12:00, families may attend, Grades K-6 only

November 2: 3, 4, and 5 Field Trip to 4-H Center for Trailblazers: Outdoor Adventure

November 6: HandS meeting 6:00pm

November 9: Veteran's Day Program, 1:00 in ND gym, info will be coming soon!

November 10: Veteran's Day – No School

November 16: Family Prayer Service 6:00pm

November 17: Thanksgiving Mass, 1:00, families invited to attend, students must sit with their class

November 20, 21, 22: Tech Days – no school but assignments will be made

November 23-26: Thanksgiving Break

November 27: Return to school, Science Fair, set up at 7:30 am

November 28: Mid-term of 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Week Grading period, Progress Reports home