

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



Friday, September 29, 2023

Dear St. Mary's Families:

Morning Arrival: If your child is having a difficult time getting out of your vehicle in the morning, please do not use the alley but park in the parking lot and walk your child to the crosswalk. Due to more traffic this year, the delays are causing many of the high school and grade school students to be late for school.

Notes of Interest:

Notre Dame Homecoming:

We will be participating in the following Homecoming events with ND.

Monday: Pajama Day – wear pajamas

Wednesday: Dress for the Play Day: Theme – Annie, dress in 1930's children's fashions or Annie character costumes.

Thursday: Homecoming Mass, wear Formal Uniform, 1:00 mass with ND

Friday: Wear Green and Gold Day. No mass for us.

3:00 Float decorating, all invited to help

5:00 Parade through town and to Hite Field, all invited to ride, wear 1930's children's fashions or Annie character costumes.

6:00 Hite Field Homecoming Events – food trucks

6:30 Senior Recognition

7:00 NDHS soccer game against Philip Barbour

HandS Notes:

Party assignments will be coming home soon. You will receive an envelope for the party you are assigned. Inside the envelope will be the list of parents attending and planning the party. One parent has been designated as the Coordinator. That parent will work to communicate with the party planners about themes, food, games, drinks, and other considerations.

Fundraiser

Boscov's Shopping Passes: If you missed the return date, please text/call Beth Gregg (304)322-0233 to make arrangements for getting your passes. Passes will be available until the Grand Opening Charity Day on Thursday, October 5 for \$5 each pass. ***Money earned from this program will be used to pay for new Gym shirts for the students this year.

Service

Halloween costume drive for Shepherd's Corner. We will be collecting used and new Halloween costumes from now until Halloween for Shepherd's corner.

Please consider donating to the people of Zimbabwe. This community service project is organized by Notre Dame student, Christian Arnold. They are collecting new or like new clothing for all seasons, small toys, electronics, make-up, purses, accessories, school supplies including backpacks, markers, pens, pencils, art supplies, etc (no books or notebooks, please). There are collection bins at St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Immaculate Conception, and Bridgeport Benedum Center.

Trunk or Treat

The trunk or treat event will be taking place on **Thursday October 26th**. Car decorating begins at **5pm** and then the event will start at **5:30**. There will be a food truck available for a purchased dinner if interested. Please sign up on the HandS facebook page if you are interested in decorating your car and handing out candy for this event. Thank you!

HandS meeting

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

Family Prayer Service

Please save the date for **Thursday November 16th 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.

*******CALENDAR*******
Watch for changes each week!

Upcoming Dates and Events:

October 1-7: Homecoming Week

October 2: Movie Day for Homecoming: Wear PJ's

October 4: Dress for the Play Day (Annie): Dress in 1930's children's fashion or play characters

October 5: Homecoming Mass at 1:00 pm. Wear Formal Uniforms

October 6: Green and Gold Dress Down Day, Parade, Soccer Game...see attachment (no mass)

October 9: Tech Day – no students in school but assignments will be made to complete at home

October 12: Make-up Picture Day – Formal Uniforms

October 23: End of 1st 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 1:15– Students dismissed at 10:40 am and return to School at 1:00. Parade begins at 1:15. Party moms enter at 1:10.

November 1: All Saints' Day Mass

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

November 6: HandS meeting 6:00pm

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 2nd Nine Week Grading period, Progress Reports home