

October 9, 2024

Dear Crusaders,



Happy fall! We have enjoyed fall, art projects, lots of outdoor time on our bikes and scooters, and learning more about the Saints. On October 31, we will be celebrating the Saints. Students will research a Saint that they would like to dress up as and at our Saint assembly will share one or two facts about that Saint. No other costumes should come to school. Refreshments are welcome, please contact your homeroom teacher. The following day, November 1, is a holy day of obligation to celebrate All Saints Day. Mass is at 8:30. All are welcome.



It's time to dig out the winter clothes! Hats and gloves have already come in handy this week. If you need a jacket or snow pants for the season, please consider looking at our lending closet.



The Local Motion Bike trailer has been a great joy this week. We have one more week with it. Thank you for sending in your helmets. If your child had to borrow one from the trailer and could use one at home, please let us know, because we have new or gently used ones to gift to you.

Dates:

Fri Oct 11 – Closed for Teacher Meetings

Mon Oct 14 – No busses (since the public schools are closed)

Fri Oct 18 – Mass 8:30 AM

Fri Oct 25 – Mass 8:30 AM

Thurs Oct 31 – Saint Assembly

Fri Nov 1- All Saints Holy Day Mass 8:30 AM

Fri Nov 8 – Closed for teacher meetings

Mon Nov 11- No buses. We are in session. Veteran's Day Ceremony TBA

Thurs Nov 21 – Evening teacher conferences 3-6PM

Nov 27-Dec 1- Thanksgiving vacation

Wed Dec 11 – Christmas Concert at the church 6:00 PM

Dec 21-Jan 5- Christmas vacation

Fundraising

We've been asked to review the fundraising obligations that are part of the tuition. There are five. The **Barton Fair** (September) has already passed. All families covered 4 shifts or paid \$150 as an OPT OUT fee. Goal: \$4000.

Wreath and candle sales are going strong in October. Send it to work, upload it to your digital platforms, or contact Father and ask if you can have a sign up after mass. Prepaid orders are due Oct 24. \$300 in sales from this or the Mother's Day Raffle are required. OPT OUT for \$150 Goal \$4000.

OR (and of course you can do both!)

Some families have asked if there will be a **Mother's Day raffle** in April/May, which is the other sale we do. That fundraiser usually nets us over \$4500. We are looking for someone to run that fundraiser by soliciting prizes, making the flyer, and having everything ready by mid-April. If you are willing to work on this fundraiser, please contact Mrs. Beloin.

The **lotto calendar** prize solicitation is going well. If you solicited a prize, please let the office know so we may organize our prize list. We will be printing those in early November for sale before Christmas vacation. Each family will sell 20 + calendars. OPT out for \$100. Goal \$4500.

100 Club – a monthly cash raffle that runs the calendar year. \$120 gets you a number and a chance to win multiple times throughout the year. Monthly prizes are \$150, 100 and 75. It makes a great gift. Due to Mimi by Dec 20, 2024. Only 100 balls will be sold. The OPT out is \$120, so you might as well play! Goal \$6000.

Annual Dinner will be June 20 at the Eastside Restaurant in Newport. All families will need to sell two tickets to this "adults only" Calcutta Fundraiser. Extra volunteer hours for an automatic scholarship can be accumulated by working that night or soliciting prizes valued at more than \$50. OPT OUT for \$150 (which pays for a teacher ticket- thank you!). Goal \$6000.

Additionally, you can accumulate up to 50 volunteer hours by helping the school with your talents such as painting, sorting uniforms, subbing, helping with projects etc. etc. What can you offer?

Lenten Fish Frys is a school fundraiser, but not required. All are invited to order meals or eat in. Volunteers will be needed for an automatic scholarship and can be accumulated by working shifts. Goal \$6000.

Fall golf tournament. In the past, we have had a fall golf tournament held at the Barton Golf Club Course the second weekend of September. Last year, it was the same weekend as Barton Fair and there were no coordinators so we canceled the tournament. If you like organizing a fun day and would like to take this back up, organization starts in about July for hole sponsors (Cash) and soliciting prizes. Typically, there's a grilled luncheon with side salads for all players and is completed by 3:00. If you have connections with a local country club or golf course and would like to resurrect this golf tournament, we need to contact the golf course as soon as possible to select a date. We can provide a list of past players and teams, prizes, donors, and a food menu. Day of volunteers 8:00 AM – 4:00PM for 5-8 people. Goal \$7000.