

October 7, 2016

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel Jesus shows compassion for the outcasts of his day. The message he gave of suffering with the sick or outcast was a radical understanding for his time. Our God loves us unconditionally and invites us all to his promise of salvation. Jesus reached out to all regardless of the risk. Meeting ten lepers in this week's Gospel, they called out to him to have pity on them, Jesus didn't ignore them. He heals them. As we know from the story, only one returns to give thanks. This one had an **"ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE!"** Let us always remember how blessed we are and thank God for all the good we have in our life.



On Monday we have **NO SCHOOL** to celebrate Columbus Day.



**Tuesday**, October 12, begins our **TAE KWON DO CLUB**. I know the children will enjoy this club.



Last year, many of you can remember the wonderful demonstration we had from Master Han's instructors. The children were so impressed that it really gave me the idea to look into having this instruction right here at the school. It is such a bargain for eight weeks! It is also a great fundraiser for the school. For every student that registers, Master Han gives back \$40.00 to the school! It is not too late to reconsider having your child try it. You can e-mail me if you want your child to stay on Tuesday for the first session. You can send the check to the school on Tuesday. (make it payable to St. Mary School).

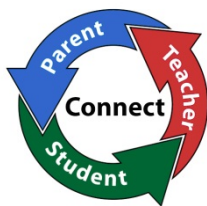


**PICTURE DAY** - Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - Please remember this is a full uniform day! Money needs to accompany the order, unless you have gone online and ordered. Even if you are opting out of placing an order, all children will have their photo taken for the school office record. So your child might come home and tell you they had their picture taken even though you didn't send in an order.

**DRAMA CLUB** begins on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to have our Christmas Musical have more acting and speaking this year, so Mrs. Xeller will teach the music and song selections during class, but the after school club with Mrs. Malanson and Mrs. Xeller will train the speaking and acting parts. I hope many students will come out for this club. We have so many talented students and I want to see them bring out their best!



**ROOM PARENTS:** The list of room parents for the 2016-2017 year is as follows:



Pre-K 3 Megan and Kyle Zander, Pre-K 4- Allison Tolnay and Patricia Morrell, Kdgn. Tanya Morrotti and Elizabeth Anaclerio, Gr. 1- Amy Daddona and Christine Tremonte Gr.2 - Joy Bacon, Gr.3- Jen Vaacore and Kelly Harris, Gr.4 - Terri Torres and Heather Dalton, Gr.5- Tammy Sherwood and Anna Habiniak, Gr.6 - Alketa Stroka and Terri Colavolpe, Gr.7- Carolina Salas Romer and Gr. 8 Crystal Loffredo. I thank all of the parents who offered to help out. Please get to know your room parent, and be as generous as you can with your time and talent when they call on you for help. Let us keep up the great family spirit we have here at the school!

**LOST AND FOUND:** We are having a difficult time with students who have already lost many items. We have 4 St. Mary Fleece jackets 2 (size yxs) 1 (ym) 1 (yl). 1 size 5, zipper camouflage hoodie, 1 Gray UConn hoodie (size m). Also, since last year, a very new Black Nike lunch box. If your child is missing any of these items, please come in to claim them. I remind all parents to put your child's name on everything please! We are not responsible for items with no names! The lost and found box is right in the entrance of the first floor hallway.



The **School Pantry** is now stocked with items to help any family in need. There are things like dry cereal, canned goods etc. Please call the school on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, if you are interested in participating in the program. Ask for Pat, and she will make arrangements for you to pick out the items you need. The pantry is not always open, you have to make an appointment.



**Cheerleading begins Thursday Oct.13.** Coach Caryl Behmoiras (203.675.3831) is still accepting recruits! Students who want to join should bring their gym shorts and sneakers to change into after school. Cheerleading will be every Thursday. No experience in gymnastics is necessary. They will be safely taught the basics! We want them to have fun too. The team is open to **boys and girls** Grades 1-8. Gr.1-3 will learn the skills, while the older students Gr. 4-8 will cheer for games. All will cheer for pep rallies and cheerfest! School Spirit is for everyone!

The week of October 10th is **Fire Prevention Week**. The entire school will be having an assembly on October 14. Grades Pre K, to Grades 2 will get to see the fire truck outside and hear about Fire Prevention and safety from the firefighters. Grades 3-8 will attend an assembly in the gym. On this day, Michael Aquino will be riding the firetruck to school. The Aquino family bid, and won the Silent Auction prize (last year) for the **fire truck ride to school**.



Please remember that all changes in your child's transportation need to be in writing. It is very difficult to make changes at 2:15. Parents are making calls at the last minute and that is really causing a problem. If it is an emergency, of course, by all means, feel free to call, but regularly, the children need to know their method of transportation home before they get to school in the morning. By 2:15 the children are changing classes to prepare for dismissal and we pray and start transitioning at 2:20 to specific car lines, bus lines etc, for a smooth dismissal by 2:25. So if you have to make a change, please call by 2:00. Also, if your child is a car rider and you are late in picking them up any later than 2:40, they will be sent to EDP and you will have to pay the charge. On half days, the latest to pick up is 12:25, before we send them to EDP. We really need to get these procedures under control. The teachers and I have faculty meetings frequently after dismissal, and we cannot leave the children unattended. Once again, it is all for order and safety for the children.

Have a great long weekend! See you back on Tuesday! Please remember your brown envelope and lunch orders on Tuesday this week!

Sr. Annette