



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Pink Note

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From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish

Dear Parents:

I notified the Preschool – 2nd grade parents yesterday that Hand, Foot & Mouth is going around school in the lower grades. It sounds worse than it is, but it is highly contagious and no fun! So I remind all of you, please make sure to keep your children home when they are ill. **If they are running a fever, no matter how high, they need to be fever free before returning to school for 24 hours.** Yes, there are going to be times when they are just fine and get sick during the day, it happens. What we try to avoid is rushing a student back to school when they are still sick and possibly still contagious. Also, while we are on the subject, if your child says they do not feel well in the morning, and you think they are just fine, please do not appease them by saying, “If you aren’t feeling better, just go to the office and have them call me and I’ll come and get you.” In the mind of a child that translates to - I just have to be at school for about twenty minutes to an hour and then tell my teacher I don’t feel good. That sentence is the same as a “get out of school free” pass to them.

Halloween will be here before you know it and I know our students are getting excited and starting their shopping! Below you will find the rules & regulations to follow as you prepare for Halloween fun at school:

- All Students in grades Preschool – 4th may wear their costumes to school. Please remember part of their morning will be spent doing school work, so please make sure they are able to sit comfortably. 5th – 8th grade, this day is a free Halloween orange/black jeans day for you!
- P - 4 will be participating in the parade that begins at 11:15 on Halloween day – weather permitting our parade will be held outdoors.
- All students should wear tennis shoes. No costume shoes allowed!
- No “Scary” costumes please!
- No “over the top” make-up; make-up can be messy when worn in a classroom for hours.
- Masks that do not impair a child’s vision may be worn during the parade only.
- No accessories for girls or boys. Here are a few examples of the most popular accessories that should stay at home:
 - ◊ Boys: Weapons of any kind!
 - * Star Wars guns & light saber, pirate/ninja swords, knives, etc., policeman guns, batons, radios handcuffs & flashlights, wands, fireman ax & extinguishers, fake teeth or anything fake along those lines.

◇ Girls:

- * Princesses/fairies wands, cheerleader megaphones & pompoms, Little Red Riding Hood's basket, Dorothy's basket & Toto, Little Bo Peep's cane, Cowgirl's pistol, Magic Genie's lantern, parasols, extra jewelry, Hannah's microphone, sunglasses, fake teeth, or anything fake along those lines.
- As Halloween gets closer, please watch your teacher's classroom notes in regard to treats & snacks on this day. Individual treats will not be necessary due to all the "goodies" your children will get at night!
- Halloween is a 1/2 day of school – 12:00 dismissal. Please be mindful as well that SMS Backpacks ends at 4:00 on this day.

I hope this helps everyone get the jump on the festivities and that will also help everyone get ready for the Halloween Hallway Spooktacular on October 13th.

IOWA testing begins next week; we will kick off the testing with a special assembly on Monday for those taking the IOWA tests. There will be no homework for the first week of testing for all students in 1st – 8th grade. During the 2nd week, homework will begin again as soon as your child's class has completed their tests. This will vary due to the number of tests different grades have to complete. Please pay attention to your child's classroom notes or emails coming home in regard to all this information for your child's class. As always, we encourage you to avoid appointments during this two week period, we will do our best to ensure that student's make-up any tests missed, but there is no guarantee. When your child brings home their practice test, take time to go over it with them in regard to test taking strategies, how to bubble properly (this can make or break a score), and the importance of your child doing their very best. Do not pressure them; simply share the importance of the tests and that you just want them to try their best.

To ensure testing starts off right, please make sure your child gets plenty of rest, that they eat a hardy breakfast, and stay hydrated! Please watch your classroom note in regard to snack for this time frame and please make sure to send in a healthy snack. A key to a healthy snack is a mixture of protein and carbs and unfortunately, most convenient snacks for kids tend to be loaded with carbs and have little nutritional value. A bag Doritos or Cheez-its are not going to generate much brain power, but a cheese stick or apple w/peanut butter will! Keyword is healthy, we don't want to raise their blood sugars with fast acting carbs, because that will lead to them crashing in the middle of their test!

Just a reminder there is no school this Friday due to Staff Professional Development. Our teachers will be hard at work, but our students have the day off! Thank you for your understanding of our Professional Development days throughout this school year, it is very important that our teachers continue to learn throughout their career.

Another reminder, Friday is Progress Report Day—if you are in grades 3—8th you will be able to access your child's updated grades via your PowerSchool portal. If you have not signed in yet, now is the time to do it! Second grade will be bringing home a hardcopy of their report tomorrow and first grade will be emailing their reports this year. If you have any questions once you have viewed your child's grades, please contact your child's teacher. Keep in mind when emailing a teacher, they are teaching and only have a chance to check their email 3 times day. All staff have a 24 hour time frame to answer any emails.

May grace and blessings be in your path,
Maureen Miscavish

Holiday Party & Raffle Grade Level Contest

The winning grade will earn a pizza party! In addition, each student who participates will receive their own "Jean Day Pass"!

Please remember...

1. Each student must bring item assigned to their individual grade to receive a jean day pass.
2. The item must be NEW and still within its original packaging. Gift Cards should have a value receipt with it.
3. The donations must be turned into the classroom teacher by **October 12th** to be counted.
4. If you choose not to shop, a student may bring in a monetary donation and we will take care of the shopping for you!
5. We highly encourage the student to participate in the purchasing of the items so that they are aware of how their donation helps the school!

- **Preschool:** Amazon Gift Cards
- **Kindergarten:** Barbie® Products
- **1st:** Any Restaurant Gift Card (Applebee's, Ruby Tuesdays, Red Robin, Olga's, Texas Road House, PF Chang, Brio, etc.)
- **2nd:** Retail Gift Cards (Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, White House Black Market, Bath & Body Works, Express, Gap, Loft, Macys, Nordstrom, Talbots, Victoria Secret, DSW only please)
- **3rd:** Family Entertainment Gift Cards (ex: CJ Barrymore's, AirTime, Sky Zone, Dave & Busters, Orange Leaf, Dairy Queen, Menchies, Movie Theatre, Bowling or Other Local Family Fun Locations)
 - **4th:** Boy Lego® Products
 - **5th:** Scratch Off Lotto Tickets
 - **6th:** Meijer or Kroger Gift Cards
 - **7th:** Best Buy Gift Cards
 - **8th:** Gas Gift Cards

If you have questions regarding this contest, please email holidaypartysms@gmail.com.

This contest is VOLUNTARY and NOT required!

Thank you for your continued support of the PAC Holiday Party & Raffle!



Box Tops for Education Challenge

It's time to ask your neighbors and relatives to clip and save Box Tops for Education for you!!! Coming home today is a Box Tops for Education collection sheet. The classroom with the most Box Tops turned in by Tuesday, October 16th will receive a treat. Be sure to include the student & teacher's name on your collection sheet. Box Tops can be taped or glued to the collection sheet. (no staples) Bonus coupons should not be attached to collection sheet. **Please make sure all Box Tops sent in are not expired.**

Hearing Testing

Hearing testing will be done for grades K, 2, & 4 on Thursday, October 18.

Save the Date

September 27 ~ Picture Day - 3yr. Pre
September 28 ~ No School - Progress Reports
October 1-12 ~ IOWA Testing
October 10 ~ High School Night
October 12 ~ Haunted Hayride Gr. 6-8
October 13 ~ Halloween Hallway Spooktacular
October 15 ~ St. Peter 175th Anniversary Mass w/ Arch. Vigneron
October 18 ~ Mandatory Parent Sacrament Meeting for 2nd & 4th grade parents & 8th grade parents and their child.
October 26 ~ End of 1st Quarter
October 31 ~ 11:15 Halloween Parade
Noon Dismissal—Pre-4

St. Mary Catholic School provides strong academics within a faith-based community to prepare students for higher learning and to become moral, productive, God-loving leaders in society.



Mandatory Sacrament Parent Meeting

There is a mandatory Sacrament Parent Meeting for parents of students in grades 2, 4 & 8 on **Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30**. At least one parent per family must attend, just one even if you have multiple children making a sacrament. The meeting is being held at St. Peter Church. Our 8th grade Confirmandi students must attend as well.

Yes, there is another opportunity for you to attend on November 14, but please remember we are counting on **100% participation on October 18** to ensure we have all met this requirement.



Halloween Spooktacular Preschool—4th Grade

Trick or Treat & Movie Night
Saturday, October 13
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Trick or Treaters & Hallway
Sponsors needed!
Check your inbox for details!



CAFETERIA NEWS

Lunch time volunteers are needed for September 27, and for October 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 15 & 16.

Log in <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20foe4ca8a72aaof58-lunch2> use the pass word '2union' to submit days you can volunteer. Lunch time is from 10:55 till 1:00. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Council 744
Annual Fall Pancake Breakfast
Sunday September 30th in the Fr. Welch
Hall after the 7:30 & 10:00 am Masses.
Hot Pancakes with toppings, sausage,
eggs, apple sauce, juice & coffee
will be served.

Family - \$12.00

Adults - \$6.00

Seniors - \$5.00

Children 8-12yrs \$3.00

Under 8 – Free

Proceeds will help support youth
programs, seminarians, and
community needs.

We appreciate your Support!

Weekly Highlights

Thursday, Sept. 27

Progress Reports Gr. 1 & 2
Picture Day for 3yr Pre

Friday, Sept. 28

No School

Teachers Professional Development
Progress Reports Gr. 3-8

Monday, Oct. 1

1st Mass at Union 8:15 Gr. 5-8
IOWA Testing Begins
Altar Serving 2:00-3:10

Tuesday, Oct. 2

IOWA Testing Continues
Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00
Art Club Gr. 6-8, 3:10-4:00
Children's Choir 3:10-4:00

Wednesday, Oct. 3

IOWA Testing Continues
1st Mass at Union 8:15 Gr. 1-4
NJHS Meeting 3:10-4:00

Coming Home

Pink Note

Children's Choir Sign up
Box tops Collection Sheet
Regina Rush

E-mailed Home

ROCK Fall Fun Day Gr. 6-8
K of C Pancake Breakfast
October Activity Calendar
October Lunch Menu

St. Peter Catholic Church

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