THURSDAY THOUGHTS

OCTOBER 19, 2023



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Pictures/Retake Day

If your child didn't have their photo taken on our picture day or you are interested in having their picture retaken, picture retake day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th. Ordering is open two weeks before picture day and for five days after. Retakes are ONLY online ordering. The website for ordering pictures is Strawbridge.net and the school ordering code is FM415280. Here is a direct link to the ordering website.

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You can order now until October 29th for free shipping. After that point ordering closes temporarily for the orders to be processed and shipped back to school. When packages arrive at school, anyone who did not purchase will receive their personalized code and ordering will resume, this time a \$7 shipping charge will incur.

Halloween

We will be celebrating Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st. When putting your child's costume together, please keep in mind that they must be non-violent, no gore, no weapons and cover skin appropriately.

Students may come to school in Halloween themed shirts and socks with uniform bottoms and will change into their costumes in the afternoon for the classroom party. Please label their costumes and send to school in a paper/plastic bag. They may wear their costumes the remainder of the day, but bussers will need to change before getting onto the bus, as costumes are not allowed on the bus.

*Detailed information regarding the parade is included on the next page.



Veteran's Day

In celebration of Veterans Day, we would like the children to honor specific people in their lives who served in the military. Veterans Day Stars are being sent home in family folders today and are due by November 1st. Please help us honor the veterans in your life. We will be having a Veterans Day Mass at 9:00 am on Friday, November 10th.



Halloween Parade

OUR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 3)ST 3:00-3:15 PM *DISMISSAL WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW*

- We ask that you only drive one vehicle per household.
- Please pull diagonally into the parking spots in front of the school as well as the parking spots across the street; please do not back in.
- We will also be utilized all of the space in the church parking lot. When parking in the church lot, please pull in facing the curb. The only exception to this pertains the the parking spaces in the middle of the church lot. If you park in one of those, please park so you are facing out. This will allow you to be able to see the children as they parade through the lot.
- Children will parade as a class

DISMISSAL PROCESS (10/31/23)

WE ASK THAT EVERYONE BE PATIENT AS DISMISSAL WILL LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT AFTER THE PARADE.

- Please remain by your vehicle during the parade and dismissal.
- After the final class has paraded, the students will come out one grade at a time following the same parade route and walk to your car.
- If you can't make it to the parade, please arrive at your regularly scheduled dismissal time.

IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Friday, October 20th - 3rd Grade

Wednesday, November 1st (All Saints Day Mass) - 4th Grade

Friday, November 3rd - 2nd Grade

Friday, November 10th (Veterans Day Mass) - 5th Grade

*Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

10/20	Hearing Screening
10/24	K-2 Ferguson's Orchard Field Trip
10/25	Picture Retake Day
10/27	No School - Diocesan Regionals
10/31	Halloween Parties/Parade
11/3	End of 1st Quarter



Preschoolers at Play













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