

CSJ theme in Catholic Social Teaching for November:

Call to Family, Community and Participation



November 18, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Monday, November 15, report cards went home. Today (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday) we are holding Parent/Teacher conferences. This is a time to hold open discussion about your child's progress in the first quarter of this school year. Parents of students in Grades 2 through 8 will receive information about how your student performed on the ITBS assessment held in September. Please remember that the ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) is a snapshot in time and we, the faculty, use the results to look at our curriculum and what are the areas of growth students need to develop. We use the results as a teaching tool. The importance of students' everyday work, class assignments, homework, how your child shows respect to all – faculty, staff, classmates, other students and the public that they encounter through field trips and sports, as well their daily effort is what really counts.

Parents, if you have concerns or questions, during the school year, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher(s) or myself and a convenient time can be scheduled for a conference. It is important to keep open communication between the adults involved in your child's education.

As we approach another Thanksgiving, each of us have much to be thankful for.
I am thankful for our St. Mary's families – parents, guardians, students, alumni, volunteers.
I am thankful for the dedication of the faculty and staff to their vocation of education.
I am thankful the laughter and smiles the children that greet us each day.
I am thankful all the help that the PTG gives in fundraising and support.
I am thankful for Father Daniel's vision of our new school building and the future of St. Mary's.
I am thankful for all who are involved in the building of the new St. Mary's from the construction workers to those who have donated time and finances.
I am thankful for God's love that gives each of us our uniqueness in His world.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we wish you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving Day.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Nancy Fiebelkorn

A Person of St. Mary's is a person of CLASS:

Critical Thinker, Life Long Learner, Active Listener and Effective Communicator, Spiritually Open, Socially and Environmentally Active

Dates to Remember

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| Thursday, 11/18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Two Lunch order forms in Family Envelope today: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Week of November 22 2. Week of November 29 ➤ Early dismissal 12 o'clock –All Grades Parent/Teacher Conferences No Extended Care |
| Friday, 11/19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Early dismissal 12 o'clock –All Grades Parent/Teacher Conferences No Extended Care |
| Sunday, 11/21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Unity Mass 11:00 a.m. Old St. Mary's Cathedral |
| Monday, 11/22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dept. of Catholic Schools Teacher's In-service <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Minimum Day: Dismissal: K 12:15 p.m. Gr. 1 – 8 12:30 p.m.</p> |
| Wednesday, 11/24 | <p>Thanksgiving Holiday begins;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Minimum Day: Dismissal: K 12:15 p.m. Gr. 1 – 8 12:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Extended Care</p> |
| Thursday 11/25 | Thanksgiving Day – School Closed |
| Friday 11/26 | Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed |
| Sunday, 11/ 28 | First Sunday of Advent |
| Monday 11/29 – Thursday 12/ 9 | <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>St. Mary's School will be participating in Old St. Mary's Cathedral Advent Giving Tree.</i></u></p> <p>A donation of \$5.00 per student will help use purchase coats or some toys for children between the ages of 2.5 years to 5 years that are clients of the <u><i>Asian Women's Resource Center</i></u>. This is the second year that we have participated in this project. Please help make this another successful project. Student's homeroom teacher will collect the \$5.00 and turn it into the office. Thank you for your support.</p> |
| Wednesday, 12/1 | 6:15 p.m. PTG Advisory Committee meeting – Hecker Hall |
| Friday, 12/3 | <p>Minimum Day: Dismissal: K 12:15 p.m. Gr. 1 – 8 12:30 p.m.</p> |