



Family Joy- “The Joy experienced by families is also the joy of the Church” (n. 1). Pope Francis reminds us that there is no stereotype for the family, instead it is a mosaic of many different joys, hopes and problems.

It is a blessing to have time each morning and evenings after work to be together as a family. To prepare and share meals together. To talk, be silly and plan the day ahead and recap the day together. Weekends are a time to catch up, slow down and refocus on the family and faith. Families can also plan many fall seasonal outings, visit relatives, celebrate birthdays, special occasions and complete chores in and around the home. Families never seem to get tired of sharing in each other’s company (well, nearly never). We enjoy telling stories, sharing good news, ideas, opinions, events and pray. Are we perfect? No! But we do love each other, despite our faults and imperfections. It’s that simple. It is not always easy to be together. Life will have many ups and downs. It is during these challenging times that we need to hold onto each other as a family and lean into God and our faith. The family structure allows time to be alone, time to be in each other’s company and time to seek each other’s support, solace, and strength. The older I get, the more quickly time seems to pass, and the more important family and faith become. Family is truly a blessing. Share with others some of the ups, downs, joys, challenges, hopes, dreams, and prayers that make up the mosaic of your family. May God bless you and your family. Matthew Houghton, Principal

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Christmas Fair: Please join us on Saturday, November 17 from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 531 North Main Street, Brewer. Items for purchase include Christmas wreaths, crafts, fudge, baked goods, Christmas decorations, children’s toys, a white elephant table, basket raffles and more! Families are invited to make up a gift basket to be raffled at the fair. A lunch of homemade chicken pie and hot fudge brownie sundae’s will be served. For more information, visit our website at www.stpaulbangor.me or call 217-6740.

Robotics Team: The team will be meeting next week here at St. John’s. Details to follow.

Math Counts: Will begin Tuesday, Oct. 30th from 7:00 am to 7:45 am for Grades 6-8 w/ Ed Rudnicki.

Chess Club: First Chess Club Meeting is Monday, November 5th, from 2:40 to 4 pm. Permission slips available in either main office. Chess Club meets at St. John’s in the cafeteria. Parent pick up at 4 pm sharp

Cub Scouts: Any boy in K to 5th grade is welcome to join St. Paul the Apostle Troop. They meet Tuesdays, 6 pm at St. Joseph’s Church Hall. For more information, contact Stacey at Stacey.modrusan@gmail.com

Parent Teacher Conferences: Thursday, October 25th is an early release day at 11:40 am for grades K-5 and a no school day for grades 6-8. Friday, October 26th is a no school day for all students grades K-8. If you need childcare for your student on these days contact Pre-K Director, Mary Soucy at 941-9585.

Bishop Deeley Visit: Parents are welcome to meet the Bishop on Monday October 29th from 8:30 to 9 am in the Teacher's Room at St. Mary's campus. Please RSVP to Amy at 942-0955 if you plan on attending. Bishop Deeley will then visit with St. Mary's campus students from 9 to 11:30 and St. John's campus students from 12 to 2 pm.

All Saints Day: November 1st- Joint Mass at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 am. Parents please drop off your students at St. Mary's campus on this morning. Prayer Partner activities to follow after mass in the St. Mary's Church Hall.

Calling All Alumni: If you attended All Saints Catholic School or any of our predecessor schools including: St. Mary's School, St. John's School, or St. Teresa's School, we truly want to reconnect with you and help you reconnect with your previous classmates and friends. Please join us as we celebrate our foundations of our Catholic education, friendship and faith! November 3, 2018 at 4:00 pm for Mass at St. John's Catholic Church, followed by a 5:00 pm reception in St. John's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Sweetser School Based Counselor Services: Our Sweetser school-based clinician, Jennifer Metzger is now available Fridays to collaborate with school personnel and families. Counseling services can help reduce the barriers to school success that confront children and adolescents with social, emotional or behavioral challenges, or are at risk. If you feel that your son or daughter would benefit from individual, family and groups therapy in the natural setting of the school please contact Mr. Houghton for a confidential referral at 942-0955.

Attic Thrift Store: Reminder, The Attic hours have expanded and is now open on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. The Attic is accepting donations of seasonal appropriate clothing, shoes and decorations, as well as books, dishes, glassware, knick-knacks etc.

Genius Hour Project: This project is designed to allow students to choose and design a project related to one of our four core subjects (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science) and Religion. Additionally, students are strongly encouraged to incorporate other areas of study including any of the other three core subjects, as well as Fine Arts, Health, Physical Education, and Spanish. This is an opportunity to demonstrate integrated learning in a personal, fun and challenging way to promote growth in knowledge, skills and experience. October 3rd to 24th students will check in with mentors to complete agreed upon work. Projects will be completed by October 31st and students will practice their presentations. On November 5th students will present their projects during Catholic Schools Week.

Volunteers and Virtus: This is a reminder that all volunteers need to be up to date with their Virtus trainings on line. Any volunteer that is two or more trainings behind will not be able to volunteer.

Music Corner: SAVE THE DATE! Christmas Concert will be Wednesday, December 19th and snow date will be Thursday, December 20th.

Art Corner: PARENTS NIGHT OUT WITH CERAMICS & SIP! ASCS Parents will be making a large serving platter at Creative Arts Center in Brewer for \$25! Wednesday, October 24th from 6-8 pm. Adults only please for this event. This is a great event to get to know other ASCS parents. Registration link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/11ZqZ5xZD3N0DkeDpFLWHLpVfwW4II4iakQUCFDT7io4/edit?usp=sharing>

Trunk or Treat: The event will happen at St. Mary's campus on Wednesday, October 31st from 5 to 6:30pm. Please fill out the sign-up sheet sent out last week and return to school.

Athletics:

Soccer- Congratulation to ASCS Girls Soccer Team who won the Championship last night vs Veazie. Girls have been crowned the 2018 Mid Maine League soccer champions!
Boys Soccer Team plays tonight @ Dedham at 3:30 pm.

X-Country: Thursday 10/18 Inland School Championship in Lincoln. Students leave at 2:10 pm.
Thursday, 10/25 Airline Invitational. Students leave at 2:20 pm.

PTFO: The PTFO will meet to prepare the Advent Calendars on Friday, November 2nd from 8:20 to 11:00 am at St. Mary's campus. All welcome to attend. Please contact Angela Walsh if you plan on attending at 852-8500 or angela7571@angelawalsh.com

QuickSchools: Please make sure to order lunch for your student on the new “lunch ordering” tab on the upper left of your screen. This will allow you to see the menu for the month and order from each of the date squares to place your monthly order. From there you can print the selection for the month. You can pay weekly or monthly. The ordering process does not work on cell phones as the page does not minimize to see the entire month. You must use tablet or computer to see and place your order. Please call Misty with any questions.

Spanish: On November 2nd Día Da La Muertes (Day of the Dead) Spanish Holiday Celebrations will take place in Spanish classes at St. John's campus. This is sure to be a lot of fun for our students.

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