



**Becoming a more Holy Family:** As a Catholic parochial school, we encourage families to continually grow in their faith. Together our staff and students start each school day off with whole school prayer. We teach our students how to think deeply about the connection of God to all our school lessons. We discuss the importance of forgiveness and encourage students to attend confession regularly. Our parish also offers a wide range of faith formation classes and lessons with faithful staff and parent volunteers. We know that it is critical that prayer continue at home. I would like to continue to encouraging families to pray together each day. We all know the adage, “The family that prays together stays together”. Another important piece to consider when becoming a more holy family is fostering and encouraging prayer time alone with God for each member of the family. Finding time alone with God each day will allow family members to build a personal relationship with God to enable joy, healing, peace, love and forgiveness. The word of God is truly great news for creating more holy families. Each member of the family can be a light and inspiration for other members of the family, as they grow deeper in their faith, love and mercy of God. Here are some questions to think about and share with each other.

- When can our family schedule confession this month?
- How do we encourage each family member to grow in their faith?
- When could our family incorporate saying the rosary as a family?

*“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you”* (James 4:8). Our hope remains in the Lord at all times! *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!* “If a family is “centered on Christ, he will unify and illumine its entire life” (n. 317)

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

**Chess Club:** Will begin November 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:40 to 4 pm. Permission slips will available in the office.

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> is an early release day for grades K-5 and a no school day for grades 6-8. Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is a no school day for grades K-8.

If you need childcare for your student on these days contact Mary Soucy at 941-9585.

**Bishop Deeley Visit:** Parents are welcome to meet the Bishop on Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>- 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 is 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 grow 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. 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. Sign-up sheet coming home this week. Please sign and return to school.

**Athletics:**

Soccer-Friday 10/19 Boys at Dedham @ 3:30 pm, leave at 2:25 pm. Girls at home vs. Etna or PCS.

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-Advent Planning Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, 23rd from 1:20 to 2:20 pm at St. Mary's campus. All welcome to attend.

