

Good afternoon! Please see below for happenings in the upcoming week!

Important Dates coming up this week:

- **October 19 ~**
 - \$1 for Jeans Day for IBC Network (Breast Cancer program)
 - Last day of the M.S. Bake Sale
 - Ice Cream for \$1 for Steps for Students
 - Last day to order Britelideas Outerwear (*see attachment*)
 - Last day to order NJHS Boo Grams for Halloween delivery (*see attachment*)
 - Last day to turn in Fall Festival Raffle Tickets & receive FIC credit
- **October 20 ~** 8 A.M. Mock High School Placement test for 8th graders
- **October 21 ~** St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community Fall Festival
- **October 22 – 26 ~** Red Ribbon Week
- **October 23 ~** 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts in downstairs classrooms
- **October 24 ~** 6 P.M. Girl Scouts in downstairs classrooms
- **October 26 ~ Noon release** for Staff In-Service
- **October 27 ~** Knights of Columbus 5K Halloween Fun Run, 1K Trick-or-Treat Walk and McGivney Hall Open House

P.R.I.D.E. Academy

The Fall Festival crew is getting things ready for the big day on Sunday, October 21, so we are moving the P.R.I.D.E. Academy to the school for Friday. The pick-up point will be at the Front Office door. Pilots and Professionals are scheduled to visit on Thursday, October 25, from 9 – 10 A.M. We have a noon dismissal on Friday, October 26, for the Staff's In-Service training. You **MUST** reserve a spot for P.R.I.D.E. Academy by the end of the school day on Wednesday, **October 24** (*do it now ~ chughes@smmcs.org*). **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE THIS TIME.**

Fall Festival Update

We still need a few more volunteers to help with the games at the Fall Festival. If you would like to help, please click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EA9AA2AA2F58-volunteers3>.

We are also still accepting donations of new or gently used stuffed animals for the game booths, 2-liter bottles of name brand colas, and cakes for the Cake Walk. Stuffed animals and colas can be dropped off in the front office tomorrow. Cakes can go directly to the Cake Walk on Sunday.

We hope to see all of you at the **Fall Festival** on **Sunday**. Right now, there is 0% chance for precipitation, but keep praying for good weather!!!

Knights of Columbus Council 6878 5K Halloween Fun Run and 1K Trick or Treat Walk

Our local council of Knights of Columbus council has invited hundreds of monsters to run through the streets of Humble TX!!! The **5K Run** will begin and end in the McGivney Hall parking lot on the St. Mary Magdalene campus. **Registration** begins at

7:30 A.M. Saturday morning and will be \$5 cash or check. The **run** begins at **9 A.M.** and prizes will be given for the best costumes completing the run.

From **10 A.M. – noon**, the Knights are manning **5 Trick or Treat** stations for all children in costume to enjoy. The stations will be on a short course on the St. Mary Magdalene campus. All candy is being supplied by the Knights! There is no fee, but they do require that all trick-or-treaters be accompanied by an adult.

Finally, the Knights are holding an **Open House** at McGivney Hall during both events from **9 A.M. – noon**. If you have always wanted to be a part of this outstanding group of men, or just wanted more information about what the Knights do, this is a your chance! You can have all of your questions answered and then sign your Form 100 to join. *By the way, it is easier to tell you what the Knights DON'T do rather than try to list all of the activities they ARE involved in!*

October Service Project

For their October Service Project, the Middle School students are raising money for the IBC Network in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. Please support them on the following days:

- **October 19** ~ Last day of the bake sale from 7:30-8:00 A.M. All baked items are 50 cents, with the money collected going to the IBC Network.
- **October 19** ~ Jeans Day monies collected will be donated to the IBC Network. The cost is \$1 but, again, any additional donations will be gratefully accepted!
- **October 30** ~ **Pink Shirt** Day: Students wishing to wear a **Pink Shirt** may do so if they donate at least \$1.

Approved Outerwear

Remember, students may wear any outerwear that will keep them warm while they are outside; however, they are only allowed to wear SMMCS approved clothing while they are inside the building. Briteldeas outerwear is approved for wearing inside school. The order form attached to this newsletter must be turned in **tomorrow, October 19**. All orders will be consolidated and sent to **Briteldeas** tomorrow afternoon.

NJHS Fundraiser

Please see the attached form if you would like to send a National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) **Halloween Gram** to your favorite student, friend or teacher. Each boo gram is \$1 and all profits will go to NJHS. The form(s) and money must be returned to school **by tomorrow, October 19th**, for delivery on Wednesday, October 31st. Happy Haunting!

SMMCS Red Ribbon Week

Next week, SMMCS will be hosting our Red Ribbon week. Our activities will include:

- **Monday ~ Say No To Drugs** ~ students may wear a **red t-shirt** with uniform bottom
- **Tuesday ~ Playing for a Drug Free Future** ~ Team up and wear your favorite team jersey to school with uniform bottom

- **Wednesday ~ Dare to Dream** ~ students will receive a tag to write down what they want to be when they grow up
- **Thursday ~ Sock It to Drugs** ~ Wear crazy socks
- **Friday ~ Put a Lid on Drugs** ~ Wear your favorite cap or hat to school

Basketball

Coach Walsh is looking for any VIRTUS trained parents who are interested in helping and/or coaching boys or girls basketball. The application for Middle School students to play basketball is also attached, one for the girls and one for the boys. We also attached the Basketball Permission and Driver Form for all parents/guardians to complete and return.

Coach Walsh also has a flyer (attached) from **DFW Elite Houston Basketball** team, which is holding clinics at The Gym for our young ladies. Thank you!

BoxTops

The BoxTops **fall** submission deadline is November 1st. Our BoxTops moms are asking that all BoxTops be turned in by Friday, October 26th so they can be included in the fall submission. They need a little time to process them. Remember to place all of your BoxTops in a Ziploc bag with your student's name and teacher's name written on a slip of paper **inside** the bag. The names are sometimes rubbed off if they are written on the outside of the bags. This is just for the fall submission ~ please continue to collect and turn in the BoxTops throughout the year!

Halloween Parties

Halloween parties for our K3 through 5th grade classes will begin at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, October 31. Your room parents will contact you with more information. Please R.S.V.P. to the room parent or to your student's teacher if you plan to attend. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend but all visitors **MUST** be VIRTUS certified. Visitors must also sign in through the front office before going to a classroom. There are **NO SIBLINGS** in attendance during the class parties.

Halloween costumes should be in keeping with our school basis of Christianity. If you have any questions about a costume's suitability, please call the school. If we feel a costume is inappropriate, the student will remain in the nurse's office until something more appropriate is brought for him/her to change into.

Feast of All Saints

Of course, the day after Halloween is the Feast of All Saints. Coming dressed as your favorite saint that day is not required, but it is greatly encouraged! Be discussing which saint's life inspires your student. Then help them come up with an appropriate costume and one or two facts about the saint to share with all of us.

Counselor's Corner

This week's Love and Logic parenting tip: **Hassle-Free Mornings**

<https://www.loveandlogic.com/download/weekly-tips/CF-Hassle-free-mornings.mp3>

Love and Logic Parenting Classes are offered every Wednesday from 6-8 pm in Room 208. Contact Mrs. Valladares (lvalladares@smmcs.org) if you are interested in attending.

Upcoming Events to put on your calendar now:

- **Wednesday, October 31** ~ No school Mass
- **Wednesday, October 31** ~ Halloween class parties at 2 P.M.
- **Thursday, November 1** ~ School Mass for All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
- **Sunday, November 4** ~ St. John XXIII College Preparatory Open House
- **Tuesday, November 6** ~ Spirit Night at Persona Wood Fired Pizzeria
- **Thursday, November 15** ~ **5th grade parents** meeting with Middle School teachers
- **Friday, November 16** ~ Thanksgiving Feast, Noon release, No P.R.I.D.E. Academy
- **Monday, November 19 – Friday, November 23** ~ Thanksgiving break

Keep up-to-date with all of our events! Go to www.smmcs.org and click on the small bar across the top labeled "School Calendar."