

Good afternoon! Please see below for the upcoming week's news!

Important Dates coming up this week:

- **October 26** ~ Noon release for a Staff In-Service
- **October 26** ~ 6 P.M. Middle School Social, St. Mary's Hall
- **October 27** ~ Knights of Columbus 5K Halloween Fun Run and 1K Trick-or-Treat Walk
- **October 30** ~ **Pink Shirt** Day: Students wishing to wear a **Pink Shirt** may do so if they donate at least \$1. All donations will go to the IBC Network.
- **October 30** ~ 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts meeting in St. Mary's Hall
- **October 31** ~ No school Mass, Halloween class parties at 2 P.M.
- **November 1** ~ School Mass for All Souls Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
- **November 4** ~ End of Daylight Savings Hour
- **November 4** ~ St. John XXIII College Preparatory Open House

Staff In-Service

Tomorrow, Friday, October 26, is a scheduled Staff In-Service afternoon. Students will be **dismissed at 12 Noon** and must be picked up by 12:20 P.M. unless you made a reservation in the P.R.I.D.E. Academy. The reservations had to be made by the end of the day yesterday. There will be no exceptions made this time.

Middle School Social

Our Middle School students are invited to the social Friday night from 6 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. in St. Mary's Hall. 6th graders should bring a sweet treat, 7th graders should bring a salty snack and 8th graders are asked to bring soda or water. We will be accepting cash or canned food donations which we will give to Magdalene House for their food bank.

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

Saturday, our local Knights will be hosting a 5K Halloween Fun Run and a 1K Trick or Treat Walk!!! 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. Mrs. Hughes is promising a special, separate treat for all students who participate in costume!!!

From **10 A.M. – noon**, the Knights are setting up 5 **Trick or Treat** stations for all children in costume to enjoy. The stations will be on a short course on the campus. All candy is being supplied by the Knights! There is no registration or 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 (and you really should be!!!), 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. *It really is easier to tell you what the Knights DON'T do rather than try to list all of the activities they ARE involved in!*

YOU ARE THE BEST!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you very much to all of our parents, grandparents, families and friends who made the Fall Festival such a success! The Game Booths were a big hit and the Silent Auction baskets were works of art!!! We couldn't have done it without all of you supporting us! If you know any of the following people (or sold them the winning ticket), help us congratulate the Raffle Winners:

1 st Place	Scott Kovar
2 nd Place	David Swick
3 rd Place	Julio Martinez
4 th Place	Cresencio Escobar
5 th Place	James T O'Brien
6 th Place	Jim Auzenne
7 th Place	Monica Diaz

Thank you so much for all you do for our community!!!

Mass Day Moved

Our **Mass day** next week will be on **Thursday**, not Wednesday. Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of All Saints.

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.** by **Friday, October 26th**, to your **room parent** or to your **student's teacher** if you plan to attend. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend but please just remember that all visitors **MUST** be VIRTUS certified. Visitors must 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.

Thanksgiving Feast

And following closely behind our Halloween parties is our Thanksgiving Feast! Geomar has promised an improved Thanksgiving dinner this year! You can find an order form for the Thanksgiving Feast attached to the newsletter. It is due back in the front office with your payment by Monday, November 9th. Unfortunately we will be unable to accept any orders after Monday.

BoxTops

The **BoxTops fall** submission deadline is November 1st. Our BoxTops moms are asking that all BoxTops be turned in by tomorrow, **October 26th**, so they can be included in the fall submission. 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!

Lifetouch Photographs

You should have received your student's school pictures by now. If you want to have a retake done, please send the *entire* package back to school before **retake day** on **November 7**. We are unable to take any retakes without the entire package being returned. If your student was absent on picture day, we will take their photograph on retake day. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Steps for Students

The Steps 4 Students website (<https://www.steps4students.org/>) is open for students, parents, family and friends to register for the run and to donate to our school. This is the major fundraiser for the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston. It raises funds for all Catholic schools, as well as the Archdiocese Tuition Assistance Program. 100% of the registration fee and all donations come back to our school, so please register your student(s) and encourage family members and friends to register or donate to our students. This year we are going to have an ice cream social for the class(es) that have 100% participation in registering for the race.

The Archdiocese tries to keep students involved with Steps for Students by having a contest to design the front of the t-shirt that all registrants will receive. The contest form is attached for students interested in participating. Participants need to make their design on the tee shirt shown on the form. Please return the completed form to Mr. Greene by **Wednesday, November 14, 2018**, which will allow him time to submit them before their due date of Friday, November 16, 2018. Let's get a winner from SMMCS!

Counselor's Corner

This week's Love and Logic parenting tip: **Kids and High Achievement**
<https://www.loveandlogic.com/download/weekly-tips/CF-Kids%20and-high-achievement.mp3>

There will be no Love and Logic parenting class on October 31. The classes will resume November 7.

Upcoming Events to put on your calendar now:

- **Tuesday, November 6** ~ 3:30 – 8:30 P.M. Spirit Night at Persona Wood Fired Pizzeria
- **Wednesday, November 7** ~ Lifetouch Retake Photos
- **Friday, November 9** ~ 3:45 P.M. Chess Club, Room 209
- **Saturday, November 10** ~ 6:30 P.M. PTO Family Fun Night, FLC
- **Sunday, November 11** ~ 9 A.M. School Mass
- **Sunday, November 11** ~ Veteran's Day
- **Tuesday, November 13** ~ Trash for Cash Free Dress Day
- **Thursday, November 15** ~ 5th Grade Parents Meeting
- **Friday, November 16** ~ 10 A.M. – 12 Noon Thanksgiving Feast
- **Friday, November 16** ~ Noon release, no P.R.I.D.E. Academy
- **November 19 – 23** ~ No school – Thanksgiving break

Stay up to date about all of our exciting upcoming events by checking www.smmcs.org and clicking on the small bar across the top labeled "School Calendar."