



Happy All Saints Day!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

November 1, 2020

I hope you and your family enjoyed Halloween. Although we were unable to host “Trunk-or-Treat” and our haunted house I was impressed by the participation of our “Boo-Drive-Thru” and Virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The support of our faculty and staff and the enthusiasm of our families was overwhelmingly positive! Many thanks to Ms. Raquel Terry and Sr. Elise, our fabulous organizers, and for all who contributed to the success of each inaugural activity! Well-done! Dozens of pictures can be enjoyed from our Facebook page. Pumpkin voting will conclude at noon today.



Catholic University’s Campus Ministry intended to sponsor a Fall Festival for us last Thursday, but it was rained out. However, they did give our Benedictine Scholars reusable cloth Halloween bags, pumpkins, candy, and other Halloween treats! CUA is a great neighbor to us and the entire Brookland community. Thank you, CUA!

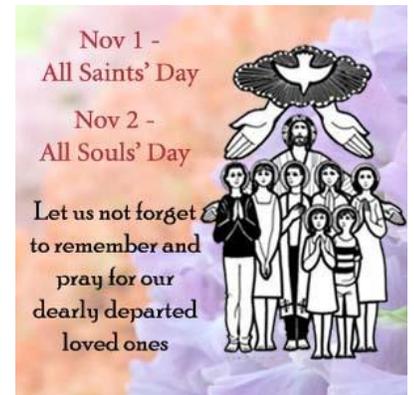
Let us pray... In life, we shared love and joy. Our faith assures us that these bonds do not end with death. We invite you to share the names of your deceased loved ones so we may keep them in prayer throughout the month. Names may be emailed to me or your child’s homeroom teacher. May God in His mercy continue to bless you and gather to Himself the souls of all our faithful departed.

Re-registration... Now is the time to re-register for the 2021-2022 school year and to apply for tuition assistance! Information will be shared tomorrow via email. Be on the lookout!

Principal Chats... Join me on Zoom every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 AM and 12:00-12:30 PM. The same link will be used each week. All are welcome.

Election Day... Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day. Our school day will operate as regularly scheduled.

Parent-Teacher Conferences... Virtual conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 11th. Please contact your child’s teacher if you would like to schedule a time. (There will be no classes or Benedictine Scholars in observation of Veterans’ Day/ Conferences.)



Thanksgiving Food Drive... This year's canned food drive will work a little differently than usual. We will collect food beginning tomorrow and continue for the entire month of November. All proceeds will still benefit our parish food pantry. See the flyer for more details.

Turkey... The parish will distribute frozen turkeys and sides later this month. If you or a family you know could benefit please contact the office.

Looking Ahead

The holidays are a time for family gatherings and special events. For many this may involve traveling or receiving guests from out of town. To protect all students, faculty, and staff we will make adjustments to our schedule surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks.

Thanksgiving Break is November 25-29. Classes resume on Monday, November 30. In an abundance of caution, all classes will be virtual the week of November 30-December 4. No students will be in the building the week we return from break. The Benedictine Scholars Program will also be closed for the week.

Christmas Break is December 21- January 3. Classes resume on Monday, January 4, 2021. In an abundance of caution, all classes will be virtual the week of January 4-8. No students will be in the building the week we return from break. The Benedictine Scholars Program will also be closed for the week.

Packet pick-up is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th and Friday, December 18th. More details to follow.



We love our “junior saints!”

Again, thank you for all of your support and cooperation in the first quarter. This week begins the second quarter. I encourage you to revisit our Reopening Plan for best practices during distance learning. Let us work together to make this quarter your child's best one yet!

Peace,
Mr. Thomasian
Principal

Proudly celebrating our 98th year!