



October, 2020

Dear Parents,

This first quarter has definitely been different than any other. Covid 19 has changed so many things about school, but I am happy to say that we have had very few diagnosed cases on our campus. I am grateful that the safety and sanitary measures we have instituted are working. We have had many of our distance learners return to campus and more are returning as we begin the second quarter.

Hurricane Sally disrupted school, but thankfully our buildings and grounds were spared from devastating damage. My thoughts and prayers are with all our families who were affected.

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. The Rosary calls to mind the most important events in the life of Christ. We are blessed each morning as our eighth grade students lead us in this beautiful prayer.

The Archdiocese of Mobile Child Protection Program for the protection of Children and Adolescents will be taught in all grades during the month of October. Your children will bring home some work to be shared with you. Please read the information and talk to your children about personal safety.

Although we do not have many opportunities for parents to volunteer, due to Covid restrictions, parents who volunteer must be re-trained yearly. **We ask that you do this each year in August.** If you have not re-trained, go online to <http://protection.mobarch.org/>. **Remember, you cannot serve as a volunteer unless your training is updated yearly.** We want you to be ready when we can resume having volunteers on campus.

The Parent-Student Handbook acknowledgment form was sent home in September. The handbook serves as a guide in policy matters concerning the operation of our school. We will be contacting families that have not returned the form.

If you haven't updated your child's health form for the 2020-2021 school year please do so now. A new form must be completed for each child every year. The health forms provide information regarding your child's health needs. Please make sure phone numbers are correct on the forms so that the school can get in touch with you if needed. The form can be found on our website.

The week of October 26-30 is designated as Red Ribbon Week to encourage students to reflect on the goals they are setting for themselves and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle to achieve these goals. It is a time to help them understand the damage that alcohol, cigarettes, and drugs can do to their bodies. Your children will share what they have learned from their teachers and guest speakers.

The first quarter ends on October 9. Report cards will be ready to view on Plus Portal after 6 p.m. on October 14. Due to Covid restrictions, we will be handling report card conferences differently this year. We will share more information on this soon.

**TEACHER INSERVICE DAY:** There will be no classes on Friday October 30 due to the teacher's inservice day. Enjoy your 3 day weekend.

We are grateful for the generous support you gave to our outreach program for September. We will advise you next month of the total amount collected for the Burse Club.

**October Outreach: Food Pantry CSC and Box of Joy.**

Thank you for your continued support of CTK. Our resilience as a school community has definitely been tested, but thanks be to God, we are still here.

**REMINDERS ON DROP OFF and DISMISSAL:** Remember that if you are not following the proper carpool drop-off/pick-up procedures, you are hurting us all. The "rules" were designed for the safety of ALL the children, not the convenience of some. Remember that when using the car line for drop off, students must exit the vehicle on the passenger side.. When using the Immaculata Center for drop off and pick up to cross at the crosswalk where a guard is provided. Students needing early dismissal need to be checked -out **before 2:30 PM.**

**REMINDER ON LATE ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN:** When students arrive at school late, or return to school from an appointment, they **must** sign in at the office and receive a pass to be admitted to class in order to receive credit for attendance. Late arrivals are to report to the office. Please ring the bell and someone will assist you.

May the peace of Christ be upon you,

Lisa McDuff  
Principal