

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Just a few reminders as we “Fall” into November:

1. **First Friday Masses:** On November 6th, Grade 8 will be attending the 8 A.M. Mass and Grades 5 & 6 the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the Upper Church, with the remaining Grades seeing the Mass live-streamed at 9:00.
2. **Enrollment Mass:** Grade 7 students will begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation (next Fall) by attending the 10:00 A.M. Mass in the lower Church, Sunday, November 8th.
3. **Parent-Teacher Communication:** There will be no formal Parent/Teacher Conferences this year. However, you are encouraged to consult the teacher(s) at any time during the school year if you have a specific concern about your child. In this way, we can employ all of our resources to provide assistance.
4. **Registration for September, 2021: (Pre-K to Grade 8)** Registration packets may be picked up in the Faculty Room (behind the Church) November 19th from 3:00 to 8:30 P.M. If your child is already attending OLC Pre-K or Kindergarten, and is moving up at OLC, it is **not necessary** for you to register him/her for Pre-K 4, Kindergarten, or First Grade, unless a transfer to another school is requested. It is important that you notify the teacher or office if your child is transferring because that will affect the number of new students we will be able to accept.
5. **Children’s Scholarship Fund:** Priority is given to applications received by November 15th. Please register at www.csphiladelphia.org ASAP! (215-670-8411).
6. **First In Math** (Grades K to 8): Please continue to reinforce Math Skills by encouraging your child(ren) to spend quality time at this website which they are registered for each year. It appeals to their competitive nature and provides opportunities for advancement (ala video games) in basic Math skills that will be extremely beneficial for standardized tests (Terra Nova, Scholarship, Entrance, etc.) and the potential in the early years to qualify for our Honors Math Program. (Feel free to negotiate with your offspring: “So much time with First In Math entitles you to that much time playing video/computer games, quality TV time, food, your allowance, remaining an heir in this family, etc.)”
7. **Thanksgiving Food Drive, etc.:** We will begin collecting non-perishable items the next two weeks for the Holy Redeemer Food Cupboard. (They are totally “Grape”-ful for our donation of 1,314 lbs. of PB&J! They actually “Skipped” right over in a “Jiffy” to pick them up and avoided “crunching” our “planters!!”) Thank you in advance for your generosity. On behalf of our Girl Scouts, they are most grateful for your donation of socks from their “Socktoberfest!” Also, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s “Halloween Bring the Change” program resulted in \$2,000 being donated to a worthy cause. We are most grateful to our OLC HERO SQUAD and their families for their kind and caring hearts!
8. **On Site/Virtual Status:** As we approach the end of the First Trimester, please consider the present status of your children and be prepared to let us know if you wish them to continue on site or virtual

for the Second Trimester. A letter will be provided for your decision on November 16th. Also, with report cards a little over a month away, please be sure to have payments for stationery, lunch, & CARES at least one-third paid, so that report cards will not be withheld. TY!

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9- **Home & School November Newsletter:** Please check out the upcoming events on the School Website for Home & School information! They have been busy with their “**TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**” **Raffle** and look forward to your support and participation!

10--**Forty Hours:** The last week of November begins with our Annual Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament (started by our own 4th Bishop of Philadelphia, St. John Neumann). A prayerful visit with your family during this time assures special graces, so feel free to stock up! There will be no Third Graders in procession this year. (See School Calendar.)

11- **Dismissal:** Car Line students are escorted to the large parking lot (facing Verizon) and are not to leave the escort service to walk between the Church & Rectory or Staff parking lot (near convent). Walkers must cross at the direction of the Crossing Guard or continue to Chalfont Drive or Dorchester Road. Students are **NOT** to cross midway along Kipling Lane.

Please take care and be sure to check out all the attachments and the updates on the School Website under Announcements or Option C blasts. Thank you for your consistent support and encouragement at this time and all ways! Continue remembering to schedule your weekend activities around Mass/ Church attendance. Touch base at any time and enjoy a richly blessed Thanksgiving!

With warm regards,

Sister Mildred