

November 2, 2021

Dear Parents,

Our Halloween festivities last week were a great success! Thank you to Mrs. Riolo and Mr. & Mrs. Angelori for decorating the school! The children enjoyed dressing in their costumes, painting pumpkins, and sharing in Halloween activities and treats with their classmates. Although it was a *little* chilly and windy, we were able to have our Halloween Parade. It was so much better since so many families could join us for the Parade. Check out our website under Student Life for photos from the day.

This week we began the drawings for our Turkey Trot Calendar Raffle. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle! And to the families who sold tickets at Church, at the office, and to neighbors and friends. Every week day during November, a student from one of our grades will draw the winning ticket. The winner will be called and they may pick up their prize at the school. Every winning ticket goes back into the prize drum and is included in *all* future drawings! If school is not in session for the day, the winner will be drawn the day before and the winner will be notified. *Absolutely* better chances of winning than the lottery!!

The first quarter marking period ends this Friday and Report cards will be released on Thursday, November 18 with Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for Friday, November 19. Each family will receive a scheduled appointment time. More details will follow.

Families with students in Grades 1-8 will be receiving by 'snail mail' the Family Report copy of your child's MAP scores for the Fall. The report highlights your child's areas of strength and areas that need additional work. The Faculty and I created Action Plans in response to student performance on the MAP testing. With your support, we know we will be able to help each student reach their potential. If you have specific questions on the report, please reach out to your child's teacher. A review of the report will be included at your Parent/Teacher Conference[s].

Our Eighth Graders were very busy in October visiting Open Houses, Zooming with Guidance Counsellors and Staff, and 'shadowing' for a day as they, along with their parents, began the process of selecting a high school for next year. This Friday, November 5 our Eighth Graders will be taking the TACHS exam. This test is the placement exam for entrance to most Catholic high schools. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

This month, Fr. Dan Tuite, our pastor, will be celebrating Mass in the Church for different groups of our students. Due to Covid restrictions on distancing, we are unable to attend Mass altogether as a school. We are grateful to Fr. Dan for giving us the opportunity to worship together and receive the Eucharist.

Thank you for being so conscientious about the daily health forms. Just as a reminder, students should bring their own masks and maybe bring a spare in their backpacks since sometimes the masks drop on the floor at snack or recess or get dirty. We always have extras for an emergency.

We are working on completing our Safety Drills mandated by the New York State Department of Education. Fire Drills and Lockdown drills are part of the required Safety protocols to be practiced. The Faculty, Staff and students have performed these drills very successfully.

Just a few calendar reminders:

Friday, November 5 is a full day of school; Grade 8 TACHS Exam

Wednesday, November 10 is a Teacher Conference Day with early dismissal at-

11:30AM PreK3, Grades K-8

1:00PM All UPK classes

Thursday, November 11 ---NO SCHOOL- Veterans' Day

Monday, November 29 --- Standard Uniform is to be worn- shorts, skirts and sneakers no longer an option/

Shoes are worn daily/ sneakers with Gym uniform on Gym days only

Our hallways are filled with the sounds of Christmas carols! Thanks to Ms. Carlo! We are getting ready for the annual Christmas Extravaganza! Details to follow.

God bless and stay safe.

*Sharyn O'Leary*

Principal