

# News from the Bears' Den



**October 14, 2020**

## **From the Principal . . .**

Don't forget that our annual School Picture Day is coming up tomorrow and it is a regular color day for our staff and students! GPI will be here first thing in the morning to begin taking pictures. If you have a preschool student who does not attend on Thursdays, you may bring him/her between 8:30 and 9:00 to have their picture taken. Please check in at the main school door.

We are in need of large Command brand hooks for the preschool lockers (Ms. Sue needs 15 of them), and we could also use a couple boxes of kid-sized disposable face masks for those who occasionally forget theirs (or drop them in puddles on the playground . . .). If you are able to help us out, just drop off the donations during morning check in.

Thank you for your support and have a great week!

Blessings, Camille DeLano



## Upcoming Events . . .

- Thursday, Oct. 15th: Picture Day/Color Day
- Friday, Oct. 16th: Paid Color Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 20th - School Board Meeting at 6:30pm (Virtual)
- Booster Club Meeting at 6:30pm

## Cloth Face Masks Donation-Masks need adjusting

We received a box of cloth face masks from the ISD; however, they are just too big to fit most of our students. We have figured out a way to make them more “adjustable” by using a couple beads on the ear loops. We could really use a parent volunteer or two willing to put beads on these masks to make them more usable. Ms. Sue has the beads, so no shopping needed! :) If you are able to assist, please let me or Ms. Minnie know and we'll make arrangements to get the masks and beads to you.



## Picture Day

Picture Day is coming on Thursday, October 15th. Remember it's a Color Day. For more information about Picture Day, check out the flyer we've provided.

## Halloween Celebration

Due to COVID this year, we are doing Halloween a bit different. Teachers are planning various activities for their classrooms for Oct. 30, so there will be no official party or party time. Students will also not be dressing in costumes. However, we do have Oct. 30 as a Halloween Color Day; students can wear Halloween themed clothing (not costumes), including a Halloween themed face shield, Halloween themed hats, and hair decorations. As mentioned, teachers will have activities planned for the day for their classrooms, and we will also provide a couple pre-packaged treats for the students.

We would like to let all students decorate (not carve) small pumpkins that day as part of the festivities. If you can/are willing to secure small pumpkins for our kids (small as in pie pumpkins), we would greatly appreciate it! Please let Minnie in the office know if you can help and how many you can donate.



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, Nov. 5 from 4 PM-7 PM and on Friday, Nov. 6 from 4 PM-7 PM. Classroom teachers will send out sign-up information later this month. We intend to do conferences in-person, but you are welcome to schedule a virtual meeting with your child's teacher. Since we are still limiting access to the building, we ask that you please do not bring your children with you to conferences.

## Half Day Oct. 28- No After-care

## School Forms & Other Info

Most school forms, such as Volunteer Drivers form, Child Information form, health appraisal forms, etc., along with the dress code and the school newsletter, can be found on the school website: [saintbasilcatholic.com](http://saintbasilcatholic.com).

## Mass Days

Minor Mass changes, but this should be our schedule until further notice:

- Mondays: grades 5 through 8
- Tuesdays: Kindergarten, grades 3 & 4
- Wednesdays: grades 1 & 2

**\*\*STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE A SOLID COLORED MASK IN SCHOOL COLORS FOR THEIR MASS DAY MASK.**

While we would like to see our students in their Mass uniforms on their appointed days, we understand that mornings get hectic and you may not always remember who goes when (please see the attached dress code). Please don't panic if you forget-all will be fine! :)

## A few notes from the office

Please remember, if you still have not turned in your child's birth certificate, child information record, and/or health appraisal to do so as soon as possible. By law we must have those records on file.

Thank you parents for being cautious and keeping unwell students home. I know we are in the midst of allergy season, but if your child is experiencing symptoms not related to allergies or other known chronic illness, please keep him/her home. If a child has a fever, he/she is required to stay home, along with siblings, until fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.