

October 25, 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope that you had a great weekend. This coming week will be a busy one for our faculty. We have our annual **Red Ribbon week** to help our students think about choices they may need to make, especially our older students. We use the entire week to have fun activities as students are reminded to **'Say No to Drugs and Alcohol'**. I am including the week below and what we will be doing each day.

We received some great news this past week, that the **Shea Family Foundation** will **redo our parking lot** and accept the amount we were able to bring in with our Parking Lot Campaign, \$35,000. The cost of the parking lot is \$160,000. Two years ago the Shea Family created the extension to our playground so our younger students can play and run and jump safely. Now they will be creating a safe place for our students to have their sports and recess. The parking lot is at least 15 years old and we are no longer able to patch up areas that have crumbled. They will also be putting up an awning over the mural to Our Lady of Guadalupe to offer shade for our students on hot days and it will also protect the mural. They will also be fixing the tiles on our floors that have holes or are cracked and putting new tile in the big kitchen and repainting the walls there. We are deeply grateful for their help as we most likely would not be able to do all of these repairs as our school this year alone is looking at having a \$160,000 deficit. Let us remember them in our prayers for their goodness and kindness to us.

The Foundation would like to redo the parking lot sooner than later and we are awaiting their timeline to know when it will be done. It will take one entire week to remove all of the asphalt, regrade the parking lots, and then put new asphalt. We will therefore, most likely, have to have **ONE WEEK OF DISTANCE LEARNING for the entire school**. As soon as I know, I will send out an email so that you can prepare for this. Students will not be allowed on the grounds as the work is done.

We will have **NOON DISMISSAL for the following days: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday**. On Wednesday and Thursday we will have our Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Please make sure that you sign up in the email that was sent to you.

Each conference will last only 15 minutes. If you need longer you will have to make another appointment the following week with the teacher. **Please check FACTS to see what grades** your son/daughter have so far so that you will be more informed before the conference.

On Friday we will also have a **NOON DISMISSAL**. Students may wear **RELAXED DRESS or dress as their favorite character**. At 11:00 am students in Preschool through Grade 4 who want will be able to walk around the inner parking lot and they will receive candy from teachers who are going to sit with their classes. We will not have games or food served. It is a small way for our students to have a little fun on this day.

On Monday we are inviting students to dress up as their **FAVORITE SAINT** for All Saints Day which is celebrated on November 1st. Different teachers will have some activities that involve saints on this day.

Our Band Program is up and running and it is not too late for your children to sign up. Monday is for invited students only as it is the JAZZ BAND practice. Wednesday is for any student in Grades 4-8 who want to learn to play an instrument and Friday is for any student in Grades 4-8 who want to belong to the competitive Drum Line. Just send a note to the office with your child's name and grade and what band they wish to join.

Have a wonderful week and we look forward to zooming with you on Wednesday or Thursday!

God bless, Sr. Teresa

October 26, Monday Students will receive wristbands for RED RIBBON WEEK
Jazz Band Practice, 3:00 to 6:00 pm
Academic Decathlon for Science, 3:00 to 4:30 pm
Logic Practice from 5:30 to 7:45 pm

October 27, Tuesday School Uniforms, Thankful Tuesday for Red Ribbon Week
Academic Decathlon for Religion, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

October 28, Wednesday Students can wear RED CLOTHING. Students CANNOT

WEAR Skinny Jeans, leggings, yoga pants, sandals or short shorts

Academic Decathlon Zoom, 3:00 - 4:30 pm with Shannon

Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30 to 4:30 pm

NOON DISMISSAL

October 29, Thursday

I Believe in Me From My Head to My Toes

Students can wear their uniforms backwards, crazy socks, hats, red ties/ribbons or wear red shoes

NOON DISMISSAL

Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30 to 4:30 pm

October 30, Friday

Dress up like your favorite character

NOON DISMISSAL

Academic Decathlon, 12:00 - 1:30 pm for Fine Arts (bring lunch)

Drum Line Practice 3:00 to 6:00 pm