

October 9, 2020

Dear Parents,

This is our fourth full week of being IN PERSON and so far all has worked out well for our faculty, staff, and students. This does not mean that it has always been easy, but as the readings from St. Paul this Sunday reminds us, **'I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.'** These words keep encouraging us to continue to do our very best for our students.

We congratulate our THIRD GRADERS and older students who will be receiving the beautiful sacraments of **RECONCILIATION and EUCHARIST this coming week.** Through the loving forgiveness of Jesus and his Body and Blood received, our students will have what it takes to live their faith with commitment. We pray that they will want to remain close to our Lord and receive these sacraments often in their life.

This **coming week our students in Grades 1-8 will also have the opportunity to celebrate the Mass IN PERSON.** Grades 1-4 will attend an outside Mass at 9:00 am on Thursday. Grades 5-8 will attend an outside Mass at 9:00 am on Friday. We ask that on the days they attend Mass that students wear their formal Mass Uniforms.

On Wednesday students will be able to **wear their PE uniforms and can wear PINK SOCKS** in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Let us join in prayer for one of our moms who is undergoing chemotherapy now for a complete recovery.

This coming week **Mr. Bruno Cilloniz will be handing out the BAND INSTRUMENTS** to those who have signed up for our afterschool band program. This is for students in Grades 4-8. It is not too late to sign up. Here are the three different BAND PROGRAMS being offered this year.

JAZZ BAND:

Students must audition for this high level band. Students in Grades 6-8 who play an instrument extremely well, will have the opportunity to audition the following week. This is a competitive band and will compete in April. This band takes place on MONDAYS, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and on SATURDAYS from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. The cost is \$50.00 for the first half of the school year.

BEGINNING BAND:

Students in this band are learning more and more about their instrument. This will be a fun class. It is for any student in Grades 4-8 and you do not have to know anything about the instrument of your choice. If you played an instrument last year, but want to learn a new instrument this year, you can do that. This band takes place on WEDNESDAYS from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. The cost is \$50.00 for the first half of the school year.

DRUM LINE:

Students can join Drum Line in Grades 5-8. This is also a competitive band which will compete in March or April. You do not have to have any experience in drums to join. This band will take place on FRIDAYS from 3:00 to 6:00 pm and on SATURDAYS from 10:00 to 12:30 pm. The cost is \$50.00 for the first half of the school year.

The diocese has **suspended ALL SPORTS PROGRAMS** for this school year. Band would be a great alternate for your upper grade students.

We will be having **NOON DISMISSAL at the end of October for Parent/Teacher Conferences** and for Halloween. The Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place via ZOOM. You will be able to sign up for a time with your teacher from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 28th and on Thursday, October 29th from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Each conference will last about 15 minutes.

On Friday, October 30th, the teachers agreed that we will have some fun that day in allowing students to **wear RELAXED DRESS or costumes** (nothing scary, gory, inappropriate, and nothing to do with devils). At 11:00 am students will bring their chairs outside for a little parade of only Grades Preschool through Grade 4 (with social distance) and teachers only will give each of these children some candy in a bag that the student will carry. We will have some music and will dismiss at 12:00 pm. Day care will be provided for those that need it.

When we return to school on November 2, we ask that students in Grades in Grades Preschool through Grade Four, **wear a SAINT COSTUME**. In each class we will record the best students and then post these for all to see. Students should know what saint they are dressing up as.

Please continually refer to FACTS to keep updated on your child/children's academic progress.

Have a wonderful weekend! We are grateful for all your continued support! Sr. Teresa

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 12, Monday	Academic Decathlon Kick-Off at school, 5:00 - 7:00 pm Pizza Dinner included
October 13, Tuesday	School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm via ZOOM
October 14, Wednesday	PE clothing day with Pink Socks First Reconciliation, 10:30 am (No parents allowed)
October 15, Thursday	Grades 1-4 attend outside Mass, wear Mass Uniforms
October 16, Friday	Grades 5-8 attend outside Mass, wear Mass Uniforms EARLIER DISMISSAL due to a wedding, 2:15 pm Dismissal
October 17, Saturday	FIRST COMMUNION, 10:30 AM, FAMILIES WELCOME

