

September 9, 2019

Dear St. Germaine families,

Our school year is off to a wonderful start! Everyone was busy last week, but everything ran smoothly and I for one am very grateful that everyone is back—it's nice to have voices, smiles and laughter in the building again! With 3 days of school under our belts we now look forward to our festival weekend—the tents are up! If you have not already done so (or want more!), please sign up for volunteer hours here:

- Bake Shop:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAEA62BA0F58-bake1>
- Donuts:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da9ab2fa7f94-doughnut>
- Games Tent:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da9ab2fa7f94-2019>
- Kitchen:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da9ab2fa7f94-kitchen>
- Vegas Tent:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da9ab2fa7f94-vegas>

- **Our Morley/Cherrydale Farms AND Yankee Candle** (online only) fundraisers have begun!—we are asking *each family* to set and meet the goal of selling 10+ items, that goal met would mean very successful fundraisers. Morley orders may be acquired online (create an account at www.shopfund.com) or via catalog, either way they are due by Monday, September 23 (Picture Day!). **Yankee Candle** online sales: <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com> **Our group number is 990091373.** You may forward this link and our group number to friends and family (please do). Catalog orders for Yankee begin in October for delivery in time for the holiday season.
- **Lunch News:** Please continue to pack a morning snack (optional), lunch, and a drink for your child this week. Hot lunches will not be served until September 18, after festival. If you have not applied for free or reduced lunch yet, please do at www.lunchapp.com.
- **Sports News:** Our volleyball season is underway! All game schedules are posted on our website. Please make sure [CYO basketball sign up](#) (grades 5 – 8) forms are returned on time, by September 11.
- After-school **band** begins this week (Tuesday at 4 pm) and **golf** (gr. K – 8) begins September 23, sign up for golf at www.playtga.com/semichigan.

Here's a look at our days ahead:

Monday, September 9	Back to business
Tuesday, September 10	Mass at 8:30 am grades 1 – 5; Band begins after school at 4:00
Wednesday, September 11	Patriot Day—Dress Red, White and Blue—we will begin our day together with prayers for our nation, each other and the Pledge of Allegiance! Mass at 8:30 am grades 6 – 8
Thursday, September 12	Band after school 4 pm – 5 pm
Friday, September 13	NO SCHOOL —Festival kick off parade 5:15 begins at Jefferson Middle School , travels through the neighborhood streets to our festival grounds and when the parade arrives Fr. Jim announces our festival is officially open! ☺
Friday – Sunday, 9/13 – 9/15	FESTIVAL WEEKEND—HAVE FUN!
Monday, September 16	NO SCHOOL —Festival clean up (help is needed if you're available) ☺

Have a great week/weekend and as always, if you have any questions please contact the school office.

Peace and blessings!

Mrs. DeGrez