

November 18, 2019

Dear St. Germaine families,

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful weekend!

- Our “eating out” location this week is **Ram’s Horn on 9 Mile/Jefferson, Tuesday, November 19**. Be sure to let them know that you are there for our fundraiser 4 – 8 pm.
- Our annual **all – school service project** runs through December 3. Each year we collect new unwrapped toys for children (newborn to teenager) who are in the Macomb County Family Services program. These children, who may not otherwise celebrate “family” Christmas, will receive Christmas gifts at an annual party hosted by county employees. There is a collection box in the office.
- Please begin sending **pictures for our 2019 – 2020 yearbook** to colleen.kowalesky@gmail.com. Sporting events, birthday parties, field trips etc. are all great photo opportunities for our yearbook!
- Continue collecting those **Box Tops** through the month of November to help us reach or surpass our school goal of 1,800!
- Our preschoolers have been busy preparing for their **“Pow-Wow!”** Presentations will be held in the activity center on Monday, November 25 at 10:30 am and Tuesday, November 26 at 10:00 am.
- Students in grades 1 – 8 are invited once again to participate in the **Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest**, which begins this week. All posters are due by December 11.
- Love basketball? Want to help out? Need service hours? We host our CYO **Boys’ Thanksgiving Tournament** which begins November 22 and runs through Thanksgiving weekend. Help is needed, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4eaeaf2da64-20191>
- Give the gift of life—give blood at our Men’s Club annual **blood drive** on Friday, 11/29 from 1-7 p.m.

Here’s a look at our week (**Turkey Jerky Toss and Guessing game at lunch time all week!**):

Monday, November 18	Camp Sancta Maria visits grades 3 – 8
Tuesday, November 19	Grades K – 5 Mass at 8:30 am—join us! Grade 5 Reconciliation Band class 4 pm, Ram’s Horn 4 – 8pm
Wednesday, November 20	Grades 6 – 8 Mass at 8:30 am—join us!
Thursday, November 21	Bagel day, band class 4 pm
Friday, November 22	Dress down day \$1.00, CYO basketball tournament begins—We host the boys here at home and both JV and V girls will play in St. Margaret’s Tournament Go Spartans! Sip and Shop at DeLaSalle
Saturday, November 23	High School Placement Test, DeLaSalle Craft Show, Basketball tournaments
Sunday, November 24	2 nd grade greets at 10:30 Mass

Weekend Liturgies here at Our Lady of Hope are celebrated Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:30 am (a “Children’s Liturgy” is offered during 10:30 Mass). *There is no better way to ensure your child develops in his/her faith life than to regularly, actively, and joyfully celebrate the Eucharist as a family.*

LOOKING AHEAD: November 28 – December 1—Thanksgiving break, **December 2**—No school (staff professional development), **December 6**—artwork for Christmas program cover is due, **December 8**—CYO basketball team Mass at 10:30am, Breakfast with Santa 9 am – 12:30pm in the activity center, Ladies Advent Tea 11:30 – 1pm in the social hall, **December 11**—Keep Christ in Christmas posters due, **December 13**—Grades 1 – 8 Christmas program in the activity center at 6:30 pm, **December 16 – 19**—Santa Shop is open! **December 20**—half day dismissal Christmas break begins!

Peace and Blessings!
Mrs. DeGrez