

October 5, 2020

• Dear St. Germaine families,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable weekend!

We're having **really great days IN school!** We did hit one roadblock last week when we learned that Mr. Suchota, our first grade teacher's husband, tested positive for Covid. Symptoms began over last weekend (9/25-9/26), their family quarantined away from each other, and Mrs. Suchota and her children, have not been in school since Friday, September 25. Mrs. Suchota and her children were tested last Friday. Mrs. Suchota results were positive, we are still awaiting the boys' results. They will not return to school until 14 days of quarantine away from school has been observed.

We all place ourselves at some level of risk when we go to work, to the store, out to eat, or mix with non-family members, however, we also have the knowledge and capability of protecting ourselves. We must continue to do that. Parents of children in grades K – 8 **must check and monitor** each of their children for fever, new or unusual cough, and/or shortness of breath **each day before coming to school**. If any of these symptoms are present you must keep your child(ren) home—please do your due diligence, we're all depending on and trusting each other.

Please remember to **send a lunch, a drink and a snack each day with your child(ren)**.

Our faculty/staff and I discussed many possibilities in an effort to carry on tradition and host our annual **Trunk or Treat**, but unfortunately the concerns outweighed the benefits. We have worked really hard keeping classes from mixing with other classes, not sharing or touching anyone else's supplies or belongings, physically distancing, wearing face coverings at all times etc. and I have to believe this is why we've had such great success in preventing illnesses. Gathering 200 people outside, mixing families/friends, grouping together and passing treats around do not go along with all of the precautions we put in place every day. BUT we did agree we COULD put all our effort into a fun Halloween party per classroom on Friday, October 30! More to come on that...

If you haven't already done so, please return your **spirit wear orders** by tomorrow. Also, if you would like a **St. Germaine School logo mask** for \$10, let me know that too by tomorrow.

We still have **open seats for students in grades 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6**. If you know anyone looking for in-person instruction please tell them to contact us!

Looking ahead to a great week!

Peace and blessings!

Mrs. DeGrez