

October 26, 2020

Dear St. Germaine families,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable weekend! We're having **really great days IN school** as we near the end of our second month! A few hiccups of course, but nothing we can't handle effectively. It was discussed in my most recent principals' meeting that most positive Coronavirus cases that our schools have experienced were contracted outside of our schools, ours included, which leads to the conclusion that what we're doing is working. It doesn't appear that we are contracting or spreading the virus around our schools. Please continue to **check and monitor** each of your 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 (even if they are simply just not feeling well, they should stay home). We all need to continue to be diligent and even a little over-precautious to help protect each other.

Orders are now being accepted for "**mask straps**" made by "Girls Can Do," a "company" formed by our own Abby (3rd grade), Emma (2nd grade) and their grandma. Straps are \$5 each (see (and like)) our school fb page). \$2 from each purchased strap will be donated back to our school. Please email me idegrez@stgermaine.org if you would like to order.

Picture retake day is today! All students who returned an order form will be treated to **bagels** this Friday. Please remember, we have a **half day October 30**. Full – day preschool and Kindergarten will dismiss at 11:30 and grades 1 – 8 will dismiss at 11:40 am after their Halloween parties—**AND**—students have **NO SCHOOL November 2 – 4, conferences** will be held Monday and/or Tuesday, depending on grade level, and all staff and students have the **day off November 4**. Enjoy your extended weekend.

All **Cherrydale Farms/Morley Candy orders will be coming home today!** If you have a large order that your child may not be able to handle on their own, please make arrangements to be here at dismissal to assist. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser, we did very well. 😊

Our **School Committee** will meet tonight for the first time this year. Our committee consists of parents with children in various grades and serve as a liaison between administration and school families regarding school policy. All members are listed on our website. Feel free to reach out to any one of them at any time in the event you would like clarification on something, have a question or have a suggestion for improvement!

Bishop Fisher will be here to celebrate Mass with our 1st – 5th graders tomorrow! Please begin sending pictures for our 2020-2021 **yearbook** to krystaljmoore@hotmail.com. Sporting events, birthday parties, class parties, etc. are all great photo opportunities for our yearbook! Please be sure to include your child's full name and grade.

Our raffle basket ticket order forms were sent home last week. Our raffle basket items were donated to our Charity Gala that had to be canceled in March. Please complete the order form and send it back with payment by October 29 (earlier if possible). The drawing will be held on October 30!

We still have **open seats for students in 4 year old preschool and 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 another great week!

Peace and blessings! Mrs. DeGrez