

November 16, 2020

Dear St. Germaine families,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable weekend!

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.* On that note, with the huge spike in cases recently and the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I feel it necessary to restate that we all have a personal responsibility to keep ourselves healthy/virus-free *to avoid spreading it to others*. I cannot and do not want to tell any of you what to do, BUT in the midst of this spike and in an effort to keep our school community safe and virus free, I would like to suggest that if you intend to celebrate the holiday with extended family (outside of your household) or take part in “non-essential” activities, please consider delaying your return to school for a few days to monitor symptoms a little longer and confirm that no one in your household contracted the virus. Your child may attend school virtually throughout their absence. If you choose to do this ahead of time, your child can prepare by bringing their belongings home before break and teachers will be aware and prepared to meet their needs virtually. I truly do appreciate all of you for your cooperation and support since we opened August 31, we have had tremendous success!

This week: Student Council’s sponsored guessing game begins today! Our 8th graders will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday. All orders for McDonald’s and Little Caesar’s are due with payment by Tuesday. All orders for poinsettias, wreaths, porch pots and Wiegand’s gifts cards are due with payment Thursday. Our 6th graders will record their part of our Christmas program on Thursday and 5th grade on Friday—wear your Christmas outfits on your scheduled days!

Orders are still 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 ldegrez@stgermaine.org if you would like to order.

Our school – wide **bottle/can drive** runs the entire month of November. Collect bottles and cans from family, friends or neighbors, return them and turn in the proceeds to school. The class who collects the most will be treated to a popcorn, candy, movie day! As of Friday, our 1st graders are in the lead with \$156.40! Our **Toy Drive** collection runs through December 4. You’ve all been SO generous! All toys will be donated to children in the Macomb County Child and Family Services programs. Each donation earns 1 service hour.

Do you know anyone who is struggling with online/virtual instruction? 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 another great week!

Peace and blessings!

Mrs. DeGrez