

January 18, 2021

Dear St. Germaine families,

I hope you enjoyed your weekend!

Please continue to **monitor your child(ren) for symptoms every day before school**. Keep them home if any are present. In addition, if anyone in your household suspects infection or was exposed to someone who tested positive, everyone should stay home until symptoms are gone OR a negative test result is received, following the appropriate time frame. We must continue to work together and protect each other if we wish to continue learning together in person. Thank you!

Third quarter begins today! Please be advised that if you are keeping your child home for a day because they are not feeling well, consider it an absence, a day to get well, and receive what work was missed upon their return. **If it looks as though the absence is going to be more than 2 days, for whatever reason, please give 24 hour notice to your child's teacher that you wish for your child to join livestream and arrange to pick up all their books/paper materials that they will need to complete their assignments before they log in.** Teaching students here physically, as well as those via live stream, in addition to providing all necessary assignments/materials to both is no easy task. It requires multiple steps and a lot of additional time. I appreciate all of you who keep your child home with a sore throat or runny nose, it's necessary, but from this point forward please just consider it an absence and they can get the work missed along with any direction they need when they return. Thank you!

As of today, any tuition accounts that are not paid in full or service hour verification not submitted are now **past due**. If this is the case, please contact the office to discuss your plan/circumstances with Mrs. Latessa. Thank you.

2021-2022 Tuition Assistance—Parents are invited to apply for Archdiocesan **Tuition Assistance for the 2021-22 academic year beginning January 22**. Deadlines to apply are April 30 for the first round of awards and June 30 for the second round of awards. More information about the program can be found at <https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships> and in the Parent Information document linked there.

Our **Student Council** met last Tuesday and they have a very busy few weeks ahead! As of right now, their winter coat, gloves, hat drive is on hold, but there's a lot more coming up! First, is their sponsored **"Pajama Day"** on Monday, January 18—all participants will pay \$1.00. They are also funding the dinner that our staff is providing for our **McRest** guests next week (1/27). They're planning to treat **teachers/staff to lunch** one day during Catholic Schools Week. Their **Candy Gram** event will begin February 1 and run through February 12. All purchased candy grams will be delivered to students/staff on February 12. They are also sponsoring a **food drive** which will run February 1 – February 12 and finally for the month of February, they are sponsoring **"Twin Day"** on February 26. Students and staff may dress up as another student, staff member, our well-known public figure and be twins for the day!

We were informed last week by the Bishop's Office that Bishop Battersby will be here January 31 to celebrate our Confirmation Liturgies with our candidates. There will be 2 Masses due to limited space in our church, one at 1 pm and another at 3 pm.

Please continue to send in donations for our "**Super Bowl Fun Basket Raffle**," the more items we receive the more great prizes we can put together. Ticket sales will begin next week, January 25. Our **Pre Gala Raffle Tickets** will be coming home this week as well!

We had a full staff meeting last Friday and were able to discuss and plan for many upcoming events! Coming up first is our "Alternate Open House." We are working on a virtual tour video that we hope will be shared far and wide by our staff, students, and current families. Registration for the 2021 – 2022 school year begins February 1. Following the launch of the video we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week February 1 – 5. Each day will include activity to celebrate all the components of what makes our school community so special—the freedom to celebrate our faith, our students, our teachers/staff, our parents, and our extended community—more details will be shared next week!

Please send any photos you may have taken since the beginning of the school year to Krystal Moore krystaljmoore6@gmail.com for our **yearbook** i.e. first day of school, sporting events? (Our teachers will probably be supplying most of the pictures for this year's book).

Looking ahead: 1/18—Pajama day for \$1.00; 1/20—First Eucharist parent meeting 7 pm; 1/22—Report card distribution, Super bowl Fun Basket items are due; 1/26—Student Council meets; 1/29—Yearbook orders due; 1/31—Confirmation Liturgies; 2/1—Food drive begins, registration begins, candy gram sales begin.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining us for **in-person learning in grades 2, 4, 5 or 6**, please ask them to contact us this week. New students may begin now. We will also begin registration for 2021 – 2022 February 1 so talk to your friends, family and neighbors and promote our school.

Peace and Blessings,
Mrs. DeGrez