

January 25, 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!

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!

Applications for **Tuition Assistance for the 2021-22 academic year opened January 22**. Deadlines to apply are April 30 for the first round of awards and June 30 for the second round of awards. Please visit <https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships> and learn more in the Parent Information document linked there.

Student Council's **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. In addition, they are sponsoring a **food drive** which will run February 1 – February 12 and **"Twin Day"** on February 26—students and staff may dress up as another student, staff member, or well-known public figure and be twins for the day!

Super Bowl Fun raffle tickets will be available for sale all this week. Once assembled, I will send pictures via email so you can see what you can win and an order form for tickets will follow.

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: 1/26—Student Council meets; 1/29—Yearbook orders due; 1/31—Confirmation Liturgies; 2/1—Catholic Schools Week celebrations begin, Food drive begins, 2021 – 2022 registration begins, candy gram sales begin; 2/2 – 2/3—NCEA National Day of Giving-24 hours only; **2/5—Half day dismissal**

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