

March 15, 2021

Dear St. Germaine families,

I hope you enjoyed your weekend.

What a week and a half we've had! We should all be fully aware now that the coronavirus is still present! Each time it affects our school I learn more and collect more/different information/ advice. Please know that I stand fully committed to protecting the health and safety of our students and staff, however, I am not a health professional or a scientist so I have to rely on those who are. Unfortunately, the information I receive from the many sources I rely on varies greatly and I'm to the point where I'm convinced that no one really *knows*. I do know this, however, **properly worn facial coverings and proper hygiene at all times while outside of your home, protects** and I base this on our overall low number of cases AND the fact that our cold/flu season this year was basically nonexistent. **I do not want any more cases of coronavirus in our school!**

I cannot control what comes into our school, but you can, so please review and observe the following:

- Do not tell your children coronavirus doesn't exist
 - Wear facial coverings and practice proper hygiene anytime you are out of your house
 - If anyone in your household is sick (I've learned in the last week that the most common symptoms in a child are cold/congestion, headache or sore throat) things we might normally pass off or dismiss—DO NOT ignore these symptoms. keep your child home from school
 - If you or your child have been potentially exposed to a positive coronavirus case, keep your child home from school
 - Avoid public (unprotected) outings, gatherings, parties, events
- Know that where you go, who you spend time with and how you protect yourself and your family affects all of us and could potentially put us all at risk.

'March is Reading Month' activities will continue, however, a few things have been switched around: Cereal Dominoes scheduled for today planned for March 22. "Dress in Camo" day scheduled for March 22 pushed up to this Friday, March 19. See attached calendar for additional events.

Pre-Gala raffle ticket stubs and payment are due next Monday, March 22.

The deadline to apply for first round tuition assistance is April 30, apply here:

<https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>.

This week and looking ahead (follow March is Reading Month calendar this month): **3/15**—Srodek orders due with payment; **3/17**—Student Council's "Lucky Coin" game; **3/15 – 3/19**—Scholastic Book Fair; **3/19**—**Dress down in "Camo,"** Grades 6 – 8 Stations of the Cross, Fish Fry; **3/22**—**Cereal Dominoes,** Pre – Gala raffle tickets due; **3/26**—Student Council's "Crazy Day," Grades 2 – 5 Stations of the Cross, Fish Fry, report cards home; **3/27**—Pre-Gala raffle drawing at Barrister Gardens; **3/29**—Rube Goldberg project, Srodek order pick up; **4/1**—Easter break begins (return to school 4/12); **4/2**—Fish Fry.

Registration for 2021 – 2022 is open so talk to your friends, family and neighbors and encourage them to contact us. Share our virtual open house video far and wide:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kLFBwhMfcz0jkuvwA3Y31uQ3OLWzbtbUE/view?usp=sharing>)

Peace and blessings!

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