

May 24, 2021

Dear St. Germaine families,

I hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful weekend! This week we say farewell and happy summer to our preschoolers and kindergarteners. They will all celebrate their “graduations” in the coming days.

More congratulations are in order for our **“Teacher of the Year, Miss Rachelle!”** Each year the archdiocese sponsors this award and teachers in each building nominate their peers. Miss Rachelle was our winner this year, receiving the most nominations! It is also time to share the news that she will not be returning to her current position in the fall. After 22 years of service as our Child Care Director and now full day preschool teacher, she is taking a step back and slowing things down a bit. You will still see Miss Rachelle around, just not in the same capacity. Please offer her your show of appreciation, congratulations, and well wishes in a way you see fit. Thank you for all your years of dedicated service Miss Rachelle!

Even though there have been recent changes from the CDC and MCHD, as of now, we will continue our safety protocols that are currently in place through the end of the school year. Please continue to monitor yourselves and your children for coronavirus symptoms. Ignore nothing, keep your child home if they or anyone in your household was exposed or has any symptoms and continue to protect yourselves and your family members from contracting this virus.

Today is the last day to bid on our silent auction items! Bidding will close at 10 pm tonight. I plan to do a live drawing for the winners of our raffle baskets and announce the winning bidders of the silent auction tomorrow! **Thank you to all who generously supported all of our fundraising this year, it was so needed and is very much appreciated!** You’re the best! 😊

Captain Kool is coming to our school Thursday, May 27 from 3 – 4 pm. All students grades 1 – 7 may choose an ice cream treat from the truck after school, compliments of the Livings family as Parker’s birthday treat!

This week: **5/24**—Online Silent Auction bidding closes at 10 pm; **5/25**—Top bidders claim their items **AND** Live Raffle Basket drawing; **5/26**—Last day of school for Preschool; **5/27**—Last day of school for kindergarten **AND** Captain Kool is coming to school 3 – 4 pm! **5/28 – 5/31**—NO school Memorial Day weekend; Looking ahead: **6/1**—NO SACC after school; **6/2**—Kindergarten Graduation **6/3**—FUN DAY for grades 1 – 7 **AND** half day dismissal at 11:40 am; **6/4**—Grades 1 – 7 last day of school—10 am dismissal (NO SACC after dismissal); **7/31**—Men’s Club sponsored Golf Outing.

We were automatically entered into a contest by our long-time recycling partner, Terracycle. From now until July 11, anyone can vote, once per day, for our school. If we end up with the most votes we will win 3 recycled garden beds, 2 picnic tables, 3 benches for students and a waste receptacle. Use this link, share it with friends and family and on your social media. As of today, we are still in 3rd place, keep voting every day! <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/contests/britameijer2021>

Looking for a great Catholic summer camp for your children (ages 8 – 16)? Check out Camp Sancta Maria (CSM), a Catholic camp located in Gaylord, Michigan. www.campsanctamaria.org.

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 with anyone who may be interested:

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

Peace and blessings!

Mrs. DeGrez