

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

OCTOBER 20, 2017

OCTOBER IS ALMOST GONE!

PICTURE RETAKES have been scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 24.

Students may be out of uniform on the 24th if you are having a student's picture taken either because they were absent or you didn't like the first one. Students should bring a note to their homeroom teacher saying they should get their picture taken again.

Tuesday, October 24 is also the **Great Apple Crunch Day!** Be sure to add an "apple-licious" treat to your meals on Tuesday!

Mrs. Skalniak sent out a SignUpGenius asking for volunteers to coordinate and prepare the Activities Committee's "Apple Taste Testing" period for all grade levels on The Great Apple Crunch Day. Thank you to all who are able to sign up to help for this special activity. There are so many varieties of apples, some sweet and some tart, but often we buy just one variety. This taste testing gives everyone a chance to try several types of apple. Apples are a healthy snack choice and are often labeled "nature's tooth brush". Children will be voting for the apple they like the best. We'll post the results when they are finalized.

PINK DAY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017

Student Council has declared Wednesday, October 25 a PINK Day! Anyone donating \$1 to the Student Council PINK FUND may be out of uniform in school. Please note that the length of skirts and shorts is the same as the uniform length. The money collected will go to fund breast cancer research.

OUR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE BEGUN.

..... **Ms. Orban and Ms. Gallagher** report that the **Young Builders Club (K – 2)** has gotten off to a good start. Using a wide variety of building materials these young boys and girls could well be the architects and engineers of the future. The time for the club is 3:00 until 4:00 PM.

..... **Mrs. Daghes and Mrs. Clancy** have done the planning and are ready for the Kids Care Club (K-5 and 6 to 8) to start.

BOOK FAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE AT THE WATERFRONT!

Thursday, October 26 is the **Barnes and Noble Book Fair** at the Waterfront store in Homestead. Flyers were sent home last week and are available in the Option C file library. We look forward to this annual event both as a school family social activity as well as a fundraiser for the school. Mrs. Sue Clancy and Mrs. Christine Daghes are coordinating the activities associated with this event. **Our Book Fair hours at Barnes and Noble ARE 6:00 – 8:00 pm** Bring family and friends and be sure to wear your Halloween costume for our own special Trick or Treat night. Remember that a Book Fair Voucher is needed and copies are available in the Option C file library. They include the school ID Book fair ID #12205803 Use the School ID number when

you are ordering on line or asking family and friends to order on line. Send school book fair voucher forms to the people on your email list as a reminder that we are having a Book Fair!

Activities include:

- 6:15 Join us for a spooktacular Storytime with a very special spooky guest reader
- 6:45 Band performance
- 7:00 Forensics Showcase
- Trick or Treating in the store

Reminder: Buy Barnes and Noble Gift cards at school or after Mass on the week-end. Use them at the Barnes and Noble Book Fair on **Thursday**. You can also use your **Giant Eagle gift cards** to buy Barnes and Noble cards at the store and get fuel perks as well. If your schedule means you have to eat out remember you can buy **Eat 'n Park gift cards** to use at the Waterfront (if you don't eat at the **Barnes and Noble** store café.) The SCRIP program offers other cards for the Waterfront if you plan on doing extra shopping while you are there. New to the school??? Be sure and check out our SCRIP program fundraiser

FOOTBALL MANIA TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FOR ANOTHER 7 DAYS.

Tickets or money is due in the office on Thursday, October 26.

???? WHAT IS FOOTBALL MANIA????

Game cards contain 3 random teams in each of the last 10 weeks of the Pro Football season. (You get 3 new teams each week). To play the game participants simply add up the points scored by their 3 teams. Every week the 25 highest scoring game cards and the lowest scoring game cards all win prizes. In addition, two grand prizes are awarded at the end of the season. There are 4,960 unique game cards, each of which has a minimum 1 in 17 chances to win a prize during the season. Tickets are \$20 each.

Any questions please call Mrs. Jennifer Darkowski at 412-310-1819.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN AND THE LAST DAY TO WEAR UNIFORM SHORTS IN 2017!

The uniform policy states that the walking shorts may be worn from April 1 thru Oct. 31st.

Students in K through 8 will have an out of uniform dress down day on Tuesday... **Our theme for the dress down is black and orange or gold for Halloween.**

Students in K through 3 may bring a costume to wear after lunch. The Activity Committee's Homeroom volunteers and the homeroom teacher are planning the class parties; 1:30 PM party in the various classrooms. Clean up will begin at 2:15 pm. Parties are coordinated by the Classroom parent and the Homeroom teacher. They will send more information home next week.

Students in Grades 4 and 8 will enjoy board games and snacks in their classrooms from 1:30 until 2:15. Clean up is at 2:15 pm.


EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Our Basketball and Cheerleading programs have, or are ready to begin. If you did not see the registration announcements for cheerleading please call Mrs. Sawyer (K-5) or Mrs. Yee (6-8). Practices start on Oct. 25.

NOVEMBER IS ALMOST HERE!

Wednesday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. The school will go to the Parish Mass at 10:00 am with Student Council planning the Mass.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

 **6:30 pm "Recess Planning Meeting!" Are you a volunteer for the Lunch / Recess Duty?** Ever think about ways that might make recess work better for all involved (students and volunteers). We are limited in what we are able to do by the number of volunteers available on any given day. We started the year with a good response to help us cover the Lunch / Recess period. Some volunteers are selecting specific days to be here. Knowing in advance who will be here to help, and on what day, may make it possible to divide the play areas differently. . Sister Barbara Anne is scheduling a Lunch / Recess Volunteer's Meeting for Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM in the school.

SARRIS CHRISTMAS CANDY ORDERS ARE DUE IN THE SCHOOL'S OFFICE, NOVEMBER 6. PLEASE BE SURE to include payment for the entire order. Checks are to be made payable to Saint Sylvester School. Be sure you have completed the Master Order form and have the Sarris Flyer list of sales safe at home. The list will help you distribute your orders in December. Remember that every family who sells at least \$50 in total sales will receive one Carnegie Science Center Pass compliments of SARRIS CANDIES> Mrs. Devon Schubert, Dakota Turocy's mom. is coordinating this sale.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Homeroom teachers are expected to meet with each family in their class to review the 1st quarter report cards. We are putting the conferences times in the Option C system so please go to the parent account to see the conference times that are still available for your family. Please look for the P/C letter in this family envelope for more information about this important meeting.

On October 27 we will complete a Master List for conferences by allotting times to families who had not gone into Option C to select a conference time. Be sure you are using your Username and Password when checking for information about your child. The student's Option C page is not as detailed as the parent page.