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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. – Jerimiah 29:11

Wednesday, October 21, 2020



Dear Parents and Guardians,

VIRTUAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

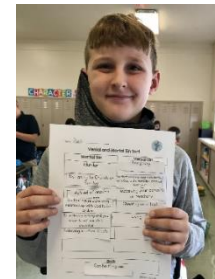
- Our weekly newsletter is now virtual, in color and with pictures!!! Beginning this week (Wednesday, October 21, 2020) our weekly newsletters will be sent each Wednesday afternoon via an Option C Alert. Weekly newsletters will also be available on our school website. Newsletters will no longer be sent in the weekly home folder.

CLASSROOM CHRONICLES / TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

CLASSROOM CHRONICLE - MRS. JACLYN WALSH – 4TH GRADE:

- This week our 4th Graders have been busy! The students have been working hard in Religion class learning about types of sin and ways to examine their own conscience.
Service Project: The 4th Grade students each took a turn tying the ends of a fleece blanket for the 19th Annual Blanket Drive at the parish. The students discussed how they were happy to help, for the blankets this year will be gifted to nurses working in COVID units at Pittsburgh area hospitals. Some of the students were even inspired to create fleece tie blankets at home to donate! In English class, the students have been creating a “Parts of Speech” interactive notebook. So far, the students have dug deeper with nouns, verbs, and adjectives. When completed, this notebook will be a great resource for the students to refer back to in class. Math class students have been reviewing their addition and subtraction skills using place value up to the hundred million. The students have found it a bit challenging to line up different number values in the correct place value position, however, they are getting the hang of it! Our class has been utilizing “Xtra Math” to practice fluency with math facts. We had a few students earn achievement awards for demonstrating fluency of addition by answering all addition facts in under 3 seconds!

Music K-4: What a great start to our school year in Music! Before each class, students warm up their voices singing “Come Now Let Our Voices Ring, Alleluia We Will Sing” and a song named “Listen and Blend”. The students are learning to listen to one another, how to stay on pitch and sing together as a whole group. Each week the students have been singing new songs. One of the songs the students learned was “A Brand-New Star in the Sky”. Students then created their own special star that represents how each of them are unique.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT - Mrs. Alyson Woodall – Pre-School Teacher

- My name is Alyson Woodall and I am the preschool teacher at St. Margaret of Scotland School. I am beginning my 13th year here at SMS. My passion for teaching has come from a family full of devoted and inspiring teachers and principals. I followed in my grandmother's and mother's footsteps and went to Carlow University where I earned a degree in early childhood and elementary education. Recently, I decided to return to Carlow to pursue my Master's degree. I am happily married to my husband Justin and we have two children, Kayleigh and Xander. My life is definitely busy, but when I get a few moments of free time I enjoy drawing and going to the pool.



PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Our PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES will take place on *Monday, November 2, 2020, from 1:00PM – 7:00PM*. The students will be dismissed at 11:30AM. This year, once again, we will be using Option C to schedule conferences. Parents are to log on to Option C at www.optionc.com using their parent username and password. Our School code is **9016**. Click on the Office Tab and select Teacher Conference, then you will be able to view the times available and select your time. Registration will be available from *Wednesday, October 14, 2020 through Thursday, October 29, 2020*. Conferences will take place in person with masks and social distancing. Cleaning and sanitizing will occur after each conference. Conferences may also be scheduled virtually or via phone. Sign-up for a time on Option C and work with your child(ren)'s classroom teachers to arrange a virtual meeting or phone call. If you need any assistance scheduling your Parent / Teacher Conference(s) please contact the School Office.



POLICY HANDBOOKS

- In order to save on printing costs, our new 2020-2021 EDITION OF OUR ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND PARENT / STUDENT POLICY HANDBOOK will be virtual. Copies of our handbook were sent via an Option C Alert and will be available on our school website as well. Please keep this as a reference for the school year. Please sign and return the receipt of the Parent / Student Handbook on the last page as soon as possible. A copy of the last page receipt was sent home in last week's Wednesday Home Folder – **THANKS**.



SMART TUITION LATE FEES / TUITION ACCOUNTS

- **REMINDER:** SMART Tuition charges a **\$65.00** late fee for *EACH TIME* tuition payments are late. Please make sure tuition payments are paid in a timely fashion to avoid reoccurring late fees.
- In addition, any family that has a delinquent tuition account at the end of the 1st Quarter (Friday, October 30, 2020) will not receive the child(s) report card(s) for the 1st quarter. Please make sure that all tuition accounts are up to date. If any families are experiencing financial hardships, please contact Fr. Grecco at rgreco@cgscatholic.org or Mr. Munz rmunz@stmargschool.com to discuss a plan for payment.

2nd SET OF 2021 LOTTERY CALENDARS

- **REMINDER:** WE ARE CURRENTLY SELLING OUR SECOND SET OF 2021 LOTTERY CALENDARS. EVERY CALENDAR SOLD WILL GIVE YOU \$12.50 CREDIT TOWARDS YOUR \$650.00 FAMILY FUNDRAISING GOAL. Each Lottery Calendar is **\$25.00** and is good for the entire 2021 year. Lottery Calendars are based on the 3-digit PA Lottery evening drawing. Lottery Calendars make great gifts for family and friends! Please direct all questions or requests for our second Lottery Calendar sale to Karen Milkowski, school secretary at kmilkowski@stmargschool.com. Thank you for your continued support with this very important fundraiser for our school!



HOLIDAY PIE SALE



- **REMINDER:** Our **PIE SHOPPE SMS HOLIDAY PIE SALE** orders are due by **Friday, November 6, 2020**. Each 9-inch Pie is only **\$9.50**. For each pie sold, \$2.00 goes towards each family's fundraising responsibility. Pies will be available for pick-up on **Thursday, November 19, 2020**. Pie order forms were sent home. Additional order forms are available in the school office or on our school website.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

- TEXAS ROADHOUSE BUTTER/ROLL & GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER runs Wednesday, October 7, 2020 – Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Pick-up at school on Monday, November 23, 2020, just in time for Thanksgiving!
- PIE SHOPPE PIES – Orders due by Friday, November 6, 2020 / Pick-up Thursday, November 19, 2020.
- BLAZE PIZZA DINE OUT / TAKEOUT EVENT – Tuesday, November 3, 2020 – 11AM – 7PM.
- TEXAS ROADHOUSE DINE OUT / TAKEOUT EVENT – Monday, December 7, 2020 – Gift Cards purchased during October Fundraising Event can be used during the Dine Out Event.
- SARRIS CANDY BAR SALE – TBA



SARRIS CANDY BAR RAFFLE

- **REMINDER:** We are raffling off a **GIANT 5LB SARRIS CANDY BAR** just in time for Halloween or to share with family and friends at Thanksgiving / Christmas. Tickets will be on sale in the School Lobby, **Monday, October 26, 2020 – Wednesday, October 28, 2020** with the drawing being held on **Thursday, October 29, 2020**. Tickets are **\$1.00** a piece or my (Mr. Munz's) arm length for **\$10.00**. Winner will be announced via an Option C notification on **Thursday, October 29th**.



HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

- **REMINDER:** Our **PTG SPONSORED HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT/BONFIRE** EVENT will take place this **Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 6:00PM – 8:30PM** in the **UPPER PARKING LOT**. Use link below to RSVP. Any questions please contact *Carla Dick* at cadick3@gmail.com or (412)780-4344
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945ABA82AA7FE3-trunk>

DRESS CODE – SHORTS POLICY

- **REMINDER:** As noted in our Policy Handbook section on **DRESS CODE**, shorts may only be worn beginning *April 15th through October 15th*. As of Friday, October 16th, long pants must be worn to school.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- *Friday, October 30, 2020* is a **CLERICAL / IN-SERVICE DAY** for Teachers. There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students.
- *Monday, November 2, 2020* we will be hosting **PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES** from **1:00PM – 7:00PM**. This will be a **½ DAY** for students. They will be dismissed at **11:30AM**
- *Tuesday, November 3, 2020* is **ELECTION DAY**. There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students.



Many Blessings,

Mr. Munz