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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 14, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

CLASSROOM CHRONICLES / TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



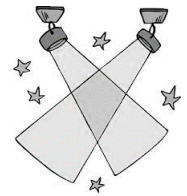
CLASSROOM CHRONICLE - MRS. LOUELLA JOSEPH – 5TH GRADE:

- The students in the fifth grade have started off the year great by working very hard with a positive attitude. This week at St. Margaret of Scotland, the fifth grade will be painting their own wood carved pumpkin that will be used to create a mini pumpkin patch. This mini pumpkin patch will be displayed in our classroom window. The fifth grade has been currently studying the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in Religion, the types of cells in Science, the different genres in Language Arts, and practicing place values and estimation in Math. They will continue to learn and grow in our faith throughout the school year.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT - MRS. VALERIE ROMANOVICH – PRE-SCHOOL AIDE

- I can't believe I am fortunate to be in my 4th year at St. Margaret of Scotland School as the preschool aide. I have grown up in Pittsburgh. I went to Holy Innocents Grade School, Bishop Canevin Highschool and I'm a graduate of Duquesne University with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. My daughter Sophia is a 3rd grader at SMS. I enjoy getting to have her in the building with me. My stepson Tyler is a graduate of SMS. He is 25 years old and I'm so proud of him. I am happily married to my best friend and the rock to my crazies for 10 years, Craig. You can find him hanging up in Green Tree as a proud Veteran. It's a family game each year to find where his flag is hung. I love my family and my job. I also own a homebased cookie company, V&S Homemade Cookies, LLC. Keep my small business in mind for your next order of cookies.



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) 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.



VIRTUAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

- Our weekly newsletter will be going virtual. Beginning next 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.



CLERICAL / IN-SERVICE DAY

- *Friday, October 30, 2020 is a CLERICAL / IN-SERVICE DAY* for Teachers. There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- In order to provide our families with written communication about the learning progress of their child(ren), students in Grade 1st – 8th will be receiving **PROGRESS REPORTS** at the mid-way point of each quarter. Progress Reports for the 1st quarter are available in this week's Home Folder. Please review and discuss with your child(ren), then sign and return to their homeroom teacher. In addition, you can also log-in to Option C at your convenience to check your child(ren) current grades and progress.



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 will be 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 the 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!



PEPPI'S HOAGIE SALE

- **REMINDER:** The PEPPI'S HOAGIE SALE delivery/pick-up date is today, *Wednesday, October 14, 2020*. Orders will be sent home with your child(ren) in the car rider line or on the school bus, if manageable. If you need to pick-up large orders, you may do so from 3:30PM-5:30PM in the School Cafeteria.
- A **GIANT THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our PEPPI'S HOAGIE SALE. Because of your efforts, we sold over 900 hoagies for a profit of around **\$3,000.00**.



GIFT CARD RAFFLE WINNERS

- Gift card raffle winners are - **\$500** in restaurant gift cards - **JEFF BALLOCK**; **\$200** in Walgreens gift cards - **DELA CRUZ FAMILY**. **THANK YOU** to everyone that bought tickets! This fundraiser raised around **\$2,000.00**.

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.

Many Blessings,
Mr. Munz