Date: 9/28/2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

# Parent Teacher Conference Signup

Please fill out and return the accompanying Parent – Teacher Conferences Sign-Up Form by Monday, October 5th. This allows our teachers time to set their schedules to meet your requests as closely as possible. We will do our best to accommodate your time requests, however, time slots are filled on a first come - first served basis and with consideration to parents with multiple students.

# **Every Tuesday in October The Month of the Holy Rosary**

October is called, *The Month of the Holy Rosary*. This is to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, who encourages us to pray the Rosary, as a powerful way to remember her Son.

Every Tuesday at 8:45am during the month October, our 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students come together in church to pray the Rosary. Everyone is welcome to join us in this time of reflective prayer. We explore a different Mystery of the Rosary each Tuesday.

#### FootballMania 2020 Fundraiser

With just about a month left before our FootballMania season payouts begin the week of October 29<sup>th</sup>, ticket sales are going well. We must have all game cards returned to office by **Monday**, **October 26**, **2020**. We must activate any card for it to be eligible to win. If you would like more game cards please contact the school office and will send more home with your child. Our goal is to sell 700 game cards, which would profit the school \$9,800, with your help we feel we can score a touchdown with this fundraising event. All funds generated by this fundraiser go directly to helping pay for school operations.

To try and help us reach our goal of selling 700 tickets, we have decided to offer the following incentives to help motivate our students.

If as a School, we sell: 500 Tickets – Everyone gets a Non-Uniform Day

600 Tickets – Non-Uniform Day and an Extra 30-minute Recess 700 Tickets – Non-Uniform Day, Extra 30-minute Recess, and a Pizza and Ice Cream Party!

Over the 10 Week Season last year, we had 27 winners & paid out \$1,350.00 to those winners. Last year, we sold 462 of our total 700 tickets available. That generated a profit of \$6,468 for our School. The cost of a card is \$20. Over 300 prizes will be award over those 10 weeks. We are also guaranteed to have at least 1 winner from our St. Mary's group each week.

# Bingo is Back (Kind Of)

After several months of back and forth with the Van Wert Health Department, we have finally been given the ok to start Bingo back up. We have made the necessary changes to the K of C Hall to help ensure the safety of our volunteer workers and the players. All players and workers will be required to wear masks the entire time they are in the hall. Also, our capacity will be limited to certain number of players. As we start to get things up and going again, we are planning on only having Bingo on Sunday nights, starting September 27<sup>th</sup>. Once we see what our numbers are like, we may look to getting games going on Thursdays again as well.

We will be getting out a Bingo schedule for those of you who have said that you are willing to volunteer. With currently only playing Bingo on Sundays, we are looking to see if some of our Thursday volunteers will be willing to shift over to help us on Sundays. If you are willing and able to help on Sundays, until the Thursday games get started back up, please return the accompanying Bingo Volunteer form.

## **United Way Day of Caring Food Drive**

For the past 22 years, we have been helping the United Way with their annual food drive. We can not thank you enough for all your past support. We were always blown away with how much food our families gave to this cause. Unfortunately, this year is looking a lot different for the food drive. We will not be collecting food due to COVID-19 concerns. Instead, we will be doing a "Dime War" from October  $26^{th} - 30^{th}$ , to help raise money that will be used to purchase items to restock the shelves at the three area food pantries; Salvation Army, Trinity Friends Church, and First United Methodist Church. So, start saving your change! More details about the "Dime War" will be coming out closer to the start.

## **After School Latchkey**

Just a reminder regarding After School Latchkey: please send in an empty water bottle with them on those days so they can fill it up and have something to drink. Students go outside and play right after school and, unfortunately, when they come back in we do not have drinking fountains available for them to use at this time.

## Friday, October 2, 2020

## **Blessing of the Animals**

The school will host the Blessing of the Animals on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Adults are welcome and encouraged to bring pets to **the back of the school at 2:30pm** so Fr. Chris can bless them. Students **MAY NOT** bring any animals with them to school that day. If someone cannot bring a student's pet on this day, you are welcome to send a picture of the pet with your child.

## Tuesday, October 6, 2020

**School Council Meeting** - The October School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, in the school library starting at 7:00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

#### Thursday, October 15, 2020

Monthly and Quarterly Tuition Payments are due.

## Friday, October 16, 2020

## **End of First Quarter**

Friday, October  $16^{th}$  is the end of the  $1^{st}$  Quarter. Grade cards will be sent home on Tuesday, October  $20^{th}$ . Please make sure tuition, latch key, and lunch accounts are paid and up-to-date.

This is also the LAST DAY STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO WEAR SHORTS until the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

## Wednesday, October 21, 2020

## **Picture Retake Day**

We will retake school pictures on **Wednesday**, **October 21**<sup>st</sup>. To receive a retake, you must present your **ENTIRE** picture package to the photographer on Wednesday. Please include the note that was sent in your picture package describing the reason for your dissatisfaction, so they can attempt to correct it on the retake. This must be filled out to qualify for a retake. Students who missed school pictures may also have their picture taken on this day.

#### **Parent/Teacher Conference**

Parent/Teacher conferences will begin on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00pm – 7:30pm. Your designated time(s) for conferences will be sent to you shortly after you return the Parent – Teacher Conference Time Sign-up Form. Please be sure to note the date and time that is assigned to you, as it is important that you attend this conference in regard to your child(ren)'s academic progress.

## Thursday, October 22, 2020

**NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences Continue -** Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 6:00pm.

## Friday, October 23, 2020

**NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day** 

## Monday, October 26, 2020

## FootballMania Tickets are Due

Students are responsible to return all sold and unsold game cards. We must have all game cards returned to office by **Monday**, **October 26**, **2020**. We must activate any card for it to be eligible to win.

**United Way "Dime War"** – We will begin our weeklong "Dime War" on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to help raise funds to purchase food for the local food pantries. A letter will be sent home closer to the start of this event.

Thank you and God bless,

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Mr. Daniel Metzger Principal-Minister