

St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center

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Dear Parents,

Greetings and peace to all! Our Lord has blessed us with a wonderful start of this new scholastic year. The children are adjusting quickly to the new routine. Let us continue to pray for a safe and healthy year for all.

The following activities will take place during the month of October:

1. **Rosary Month:** October is the month of the Rosary because it marks the month of Our Blessed Mother's final apparition in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. We ask you please to send your child to School with a rosary beads during this month because the children will begin learning how to say this beautiful Marian prayer. October is also Respect Life month. It is fitting to pray the Rosary as a family asking for the respect of all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. In our Rosary let us also pray for peace in the world.

2. Our **Pumpkin Picking Trip** to Dykeman Farm will be on Tuesday, October 13th for all classes. We need to be at the farm at 10:00 a.m.

Please note: All children must report to School at 8:30 a.m. We will be leaving for the farm at 9:30 a.m. Dismissal will be from the farm. There will be no afternoon classes this day.

3. **Photograph Day.** Pictures will be taken in our School on Wednesday, October 7th. The children will be given the information to take home. Please bring the little ones in bright "dress-up" clothes.

4. Our **Halloween parties** will take place on Wednesday, October 28th at 10:00 a.m. The children may come to school on the day of the party in Halloween costumes. Costumes of saints will be preferable as the feast of all Saints follows Halloween day. "Halloween" means "Eve of all Saints". This would be a fitting time to introduce the children to these heavenly friends, who pray and watch over us. To have all the children enjoy their school party, **please avoid scary costumes**.

Please take note of the following:

1. We have three generous mothers who volunteered to assume the role of class mothers for this scholastic year 2020-2021. These are:

Jeanna Martinelli (Sr. Madeline's Pre-K Class)
Jacqueline Feeks (Sr. Nancy's Pre-K Class)
AnnaMarie Croniser (Sr. Ana Maria's Nursery Class)

We are still in need of a class mother for Ms. Zoe's 2-year-old class. If you are interested, please call me at 646-460-9168. We will be happy to give you advise as to what to do.

The class mothers help the school with organizing field trips, class parties and other school activities. The class mothers, however, do not take the place of the teachers. If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, vacation or any other reason, or if you have a concern about your child, you are to contact the school not the class mothers.

Contact information:

School	845-226-1917
Convent	845-226-5671
Sr. Madeline	646-460-9168
Sr. Nancy	347-610-8931
Sr. Ana Maria	646-468-8937
Ms. Zoe	845-857-1822

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2. Please do not forget to provide your child with a spoon or fork when needed. Many children come to school with yogurt, apple sauce, pasta, etc. and do not bring any utensils. We are happy to provide these when they are available in school. Right now, we are running out of the few we had.
3. If your child drinks a lot of fluids, please provide him/her with an extra drink. The water in the school can't be used because it is high in chloride. Again, we are happy to provide an extra water bottle when it is available. At the moment, we have a limited supply that was donated by one of the parents. Parents are welcome to donate water to the school.
4. If you want to send in cupcakes or any other treat for your child's birthday, you must notify the teacher.
5. Please keep in mind that tuition must be paid during the first week of every month. A fee of \$20 will be charged for any checks received with insufficient funds.
6. Please use the parking lot if you drive your child to school and avoid parking your car near the school fence on Pells Road. I ask for your cooperation in this matter.
7. School will be closed on October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

May God continue blessing our efforts to give our children the best education possible and may our Blessed Mother intercede for us during this scholastic year 2020-2021.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Madeline Soto, OBT

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