

St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center

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OCTOBER NEWS 2021

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 hold each other in prayer.

We have just begun our first Fund Raiser: the sale of World's Finest Chocolates. We are grateful to you parents for taking two or more cases of chocolates to sell between now and October 31st. There will be prizes for the 3 top sellers.

Prize Awards

Top seller	One month tuition (<i>Top seller must sell 10 boxes or more</i>)
2 nd top seller	\$150.00
3 rd top seller	\$100.00

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. During this month, the children will begin learning how to pray the Rosary. 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.

2. Our **Pumpkin Picking Trip** to Dykeman Farm will be on Thursday, October 7th for all classes. We need to be at the farm at 11:00 a.m.

Please note: All children must report to School at 8:30 a.m. We will be leaving for the farm at 10:00 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 6th. This year we are trying a different company, C.G. Vincent. Last week the children took home a bright yellow letter with some information about picture day. If you did not receive a letter, please ask your child's teacher for one. The photographers will come to school on Wednesday and take different poses of your child, then they will be sending the poses to school, and you will pick the pose you like and order the package you want. You can also visit C.G. Vincent Photography to learn more.

4. Our **Halloween parties** will take place on **Wednesday, October 27th** 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.**

5. **Box of Joy:** Box of Joy is a Christmas program run by Cross Catholic Outreach that allows poor children in developing countries the experience and joy of Christmas. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel.

This month our School will be participating in the Box of Joy program, and we encourage every parent to pack a Box of Joy with your child! Every child will take a cardboard box home on Wednesday, October 6th. Families are asked to fill this box with little gifts and supplies that children in poor areas can use, and return it to School on Wednesday, November 3rd with a \$9.00 check or money order to pay for the shipping cost. Checks are to be made payable to Cross Catholic Outreach.

You will receive more information together with the cardboard box. Please help us make of this project an enjoyable and fruitful experience for our little ones. Through this experience we want to teach them about the beauty and importance of sharing with others, especially the needy.

6. **Contact information:** Please keep this information handy.

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7. **Other Notes:**

1. Please use the parking lot and avoid parking your car near the school fence on Pells Road. I ask for your cooperation in this matter.
2. School will be closed on October 11th 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 2021-2022.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Madeline Soto, OBT
Director