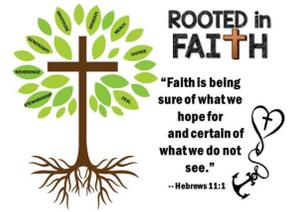




# DRAGON UPDATE

Sept. 4, 2018



Dear Parents,

We are back in full swing around here, learning is happening and morning drop-off is easier. ☺ We have begun our study of Virtues with a kick-off Mass last Friday as well as a symbolic planting of a tree to help us identify how important a root system is whether it is for a plant, our home life or our faith. If you see Mr. Mike Rood, thank him for taking time out of his busy schedule to educate us about trees, providing the equipment to plant it as well as donating the tree.

It is nice to have the building filled with laughter, learning and chaos again and having 5 more students this year has just added to our blessings. Our enrollment is 161 this year! God's blessings continue to shower upon us!

## **“Rooted in FAITH”**

“*Rooted in Faith, Growing in Virtue*” a chant you will hear numerous times throughout the year by the St. George School student body. It is our mantra ... our battle cry ... our direction for learning this year. As we opened our year of FAITH we planted a tree in front of school. Mr. Rood explained how vital the roots are to living plants, they are the first thing to grow on the plant and as the rest of the plant grows they hold it steady and feed it the nutrients it needs to become powerful. So is our faith to our moral character. We were blessed with our roots when we were baptized and now as we grow in the study and practice of virtues we will become powerful Christians.

During the year your child –your family- will be cultivating many beautiful avenues of faith. We will have an opportunity to live our faith through our study of the virtues of stewardship, generosity and justice. The virtues of gratitude, mercy and zeal will help us feel the potency of prayer while practicing honesty and reverence will draw us into a deeper relationship with God. I am confident that through the study of these virtues at school, at home and even as a parish we will gain determination to avoid sin and motivate us to become God-like in our best way.

To assist all of us in our journey the students will be in charge of VIRTUE weekend for the parish. They will not only do the ministries at all the Masses that weekend they will educate the parishioners on the virtue for the month and then encourage them to practice in their own life. We have faith that becoming a more virtuous person, other people will notice, and want to be around us because our life inspires them to become better.

If we have inspired a people through our life, then aren't we helping them to heaven? Jesus never promised an easy life if we followed him. He just promised it would be worth it.

Monthly VIRTUE Mass will be on the following dates:

*Sept. 8 & 9	*Dec. 1 & 2	*Mar. 2 & 3
*Oct. 6 & 7	*Jan. 5 & 6	*Apr. 6 & 7
*Nov. 3 & 4	*Feb. 2 & 3	*May 4 & 5

## **“Rooted in Faith, Growing Virtue”**

### **Parent Information Nights**

One of the faculty goals this year is to provide workshops and /or meetings for parents to inform/educate them on the academic process. In order to help them achieve their goal, each level, Early Childhood, Primary and Middle School, will be hosting a night for parents to come in to hear

about the curriculum, expectations and developmental benchmarks for their child this year. It is highly recommended that at least one parent be at the meeting.

The times and dates are as follows:

- ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade was Tuesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades will be Tuesday, Sept. 18 6:00-7:00
- ✓ PreK3, PreK4 & Kng. Will be Tuesday, Sept 11 6:00-7:00

We understand that we are in the midst of soccer and volleyball season and often times parents are hesitant to miss a game or practice of their child. However, we want to reassure you these 60 minutes of your time will benefit your child and you for the rest of the year. We want to help your child to succeed on every level: academic, behavior and spiritual and we know that working together is the best way to achieve that. Thank you in advance for rearranging your families schedules to make these meetings a priority.

## **St. George School is a tuition FREE school for Catholic families if they are TITHING to the parish. What is a tithe? Why can't the school tell us what the "tuition" is?**

St. George is a non-tuition school, because under the direction of the diocese, Bishop McKnight believes the education of the parish children is a **MISSION** of that parish. Therefore the children of the parish may attend the Catholic school because their parents are supporting the mission of the church by educating their child in the ways of the faith. There is no tuition as long as the family is **ACTIVE PARISHONERS**. The definition of **an active parishioner is a person who TITHES faithfully and justly to the church and PARTICIPATES in the sacramental and community life of the parish.**

You are probably wondering what is a tithe and how much do I tithe so my child can attend St. George? A tithe is one tenth (10%) of your annual earnings given as support of the parish. There are many scripture passages about tithing. St. Paul writes in the second book of Corinthians 9:7 *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* Also in Proverbs 11:24 *One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withhold what he should give, and only suffers want*

If you are still confused maybe a **JUST** tithe might be considered this way:

- It costs your parish \$5,600 to educate one child a year.
- If you divide that by 12 the monthly cost is \$467.
- If your family would split the cost (divide that in half) it would be \$234 per child. To split the cost, a just tithe for your family to give to the church could be \$234 per child per month. *So if you have two children in school multiply  $\$234 \times 2 = \$468$  ... 3 children  $\$234 \times 3 = \$702$ .*
- The parish would pay the other half of the cost as its **MISSION** to help you educate your child.

Of course you will make your tithe directly to your parish. If you have any questions please ask Msgr. Higley or any member of the finance council.

## **Dismissal Time Reminder:**

Children who wait for their ride on the front steps need to be picked up by 3:05. Any student who is not picked up by this time will be sent downstairs to After School Care. I understand that with the dismissal times at the public school this might run the high school students who pick-up their siblings late. Please pass on this information so they will know where to find their brother/sister after 3:05.

## **SCRIP Program**

Do you have any questions on how to use the program? Have you signed up to use SCRIP wallet or SCRIP on-line? If you have any questions you may call the school office.

Thank you to everyone who uses the program already ☺ we made over \$13,000 profit on this program last year. Although we were down about \$5,000 from previous years we still didn't have to work for it. All we had to do is buy gift certificates for the things we use daily like gas & food. The profit off this program helps towards keeping the cost per student down, so it's a win-win for everyone!!! If you are not using this program PLEASE consider giving it a try.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who saved obsolete paper, Best Choice labels, aluminum cans, printer cartridges or recycled shoes and clothing over the summer. All of these things help the school. If your company allows you to recycle paper we will be glad to put it to use or if they just throw their printer cartridges away we will recycle those for them. Every little bit of "trash" helps. We have been fortunate to earn over \$2,000 last year through aluminum cans, printer cartridges, and Best Choice labels not to mention over \$ 1,000 on box tops for our student council. Our motto is "your trash is our cash" . . . Thanks for the help!

Thank You to all who visited the organization tables at back to school night and filled out the blue sheets. Five tickets were drawn and these families will each receive a \$10 scrip card to Downtown Deli. The winning families were: Haeffner, Wright, N. Schulte, Grosse and the Uhorn.

## **Visitors in our Cafeteria**

If you would like to eat lunch with your child on a special occasion, please let the office know by 9:00 or call the cafeteria at 486-2564. In keeping with the Wellness Plan, the School Board has set a policy that all visitor's to our cafeteria will be expected to eat the meal prepared for the children. No outside food may be brought in by a visitor. Please be considerate and call ahead, although many days we do have extra food there has been times Mrs. Aubuchon has to scramble to come up with extras.

## **Virtus Training**

Virtus training will be held in the school library on September 26th from 7-10pm. If you have not had this training, I highly encourage you to attend. You must have Virtus training to be in the classroom or go on field trips with our students.

## **Birthday Treats**

Birthdays are special and should be celebrated. Although we are not demanding that birthday treats be healthy your child may bring one type of snack to share with their classmates. Please check with your child's homeroom teacher prior to sending the treats because we have several students who have food allergies and the teacher will help you know what and what not to send for a treat.

If there is a food allergy in your room PLEASE do not send food with that substance. Many times food allergies are so severe that it could be a life threatening situation if the child with the allergy comes in contact with that substance. Treats will not be served if they contain the allergen.

## **Diocesan Internet and Social Media Policies**

The Diocesan School Policy #6425 is the diocese's internet policy on "cyber-bullying". Please review the whole policy paying special attention to items 2 and 3. Also please note within the policy the diocesan expectations in regards to posting negative/demeaning remarks about school personnel or the school on social media sites. It is very important your student and you understand that there is a consequence to words and actions even when they are typed on a machine and sent out for others to read. This is cyber-bullying and very hurtful. The most tragic part of "cyber-bullying" is the person who types the message disengages himself/herself from the fact that he/she is purposely hurting another person. When we purposely hurt another person by our own words and actions even if we cannot see their face we are committing a sin; this takes us out of the grace of God.

Please understand that St. George School does not condone any type of bullying and appropriate consequences will be given when and wherever any type of bullying occurs.

### **Theme Shirt Day**

As soon as the t-shirt designed for this year's theme "Rooted in Faith" arrives your child may begin to wear it on Thursdays. The shirt must be worn with uniform shorts/pants and it must be tucked in. Remember if you child's shorts/pants has belt loops a belt must be worn also.

### **Total Lunch Days**

For your convenience, we will list the total number of lunch days in each month. Hopefully this will help the families who pay their lunch bill monthly. The monthly menu can be found on [www.teacherease.com](http://www.teacherease.com).

August . . . . . 11  
September . . . . . 20  
October . . . . . 21

### **Attachments**

Monthly Calendar  
Diocesan Internet Policy  
Diocesan Social Media Policy

God Bless,  
*Mrs. Glingman*

