



DRAGON UPDATE

October 30, 2018

Dear Parents,



Have you ever heard this statement before? When I read it for the first time it was like I was hit with ice cold water unexpectedly? I immediately began thinking of all the people, things, freedoms, and blessings that God gives me each day that I take for granted. After taking a moment and thanking Him for each of them, I started thinking about what am I doing with the gifts & blessings He has given me? Am I being the best and most grateful “me” possible? What if I didn’t remember to thank him for ... and God saw me as ungrateful and took that blessing away? “What if...?”

WHEW! Thank goodness He is merciful, forgiving and truly loves giving us the things that we need. So, I challenge you during this season of thankfulness; begin each day thanking God for the people, blessings, things, and freedoms in your life. Then when that is done, open your heart

and accept His blessings~ live a thankful and generous life~ make it a point to **THANK** everyone you meet during the day. Thank them for all they do and are to you... if we live thankfully then we live a virtuous life.

Parents,

- ♥ Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your children's life!
- ♥ Thank you for loving your children in a way that love spills out of them.
- ♥ Thank you for making the sacrifices you do to send your child to St. George School.
- ♥ Thank you faculty and staff for your dedication and commitment to Catholic education.
- ♥ Thank you volunteers for your service to the children and faculty of St. George School.
- ♥ Thank you Msgr. Higley for being our shepherd and leading us to Christ.

Many Blessings Be Yours,

Mrs. Julie Clugman

“Rooted in FAITH ... Growing in Reverence”

For the month of November we are focusing on the virtue of reverence. A simple way to understand the virtue of reverence is; *we show reverence and respect for our Heavenly Father by choosing to do right through what we say and do.* Wow! Last month we learned that we are accountable to God for everything he has given us and this month we are challenged to show the deepest respect for our Heavenly Father.

When God called Moses to begin his ministry he brought him up a mountain and then had him take off his shoes because “the place you stand is the holiest of grounds” We don’t take off our shoes to show respect when we go into our church buildings, but we do certain actions that remind us of the sacredness of the place in which we entered.

When we attend Mass we can show reverence by dressing nicely and modestly, talking quietly and politely, listening to the priest, and leaving our pews in neat order. Being reverent during the Mass helps us think about Jesus Christ.

We can have reverence for God even when we're not at church by showing respect for His creations. We can be kind to animals, help keep the earth clean, and thank our Heavenly Father for the things we enjoy in nature. Remember that God's greatest creations are His sons and daughters—us! When we treat others with kindness, we are showing reverence and respect for God.

Continue to add your prayers to grow in the virtue of REVERENCE this month to the prayers of the saints we will be studying: St. Hyacinth, St. Tarcisius, and St. Margret Clitherow.

'You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.'

(Lev 19:32)

ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS & SANDWICH DAY Wednesday, Nov. 1st;

ALL SAINTS DAY is a day of holy obligation when Catholics must attend Mass. The second big event is **SANDWICH DAY**, a beloved tradition here at St. George School. We thought by offering All Saints Day Mass & Sandwich Day back-to-back it would help with family life in the evening because parents would not have to work their night schedule around trying to get to Mass.

The day will progress like this. Mass will begin at 11:00. Please come in and find a seat in the unreserved pews. The children will sit as a class. PK-4th grade will sit in their assigned spaces. 5th through 8th you will be in the choir loft. Directly after Mass, Mrs. Aubuchon, our head cook, will be serving sack lunches for the students and ALL parents/special guests. You are welcome to eat anywhere on the parish & school grounds. The weather looks like it might be chilly and cloudy on Wednesday so feel free to eat in the gym, hallways or classrooms. After lunch, you will take your child back to their classroom.

If you are unable to attend, your child may invite another special person, perhaps a grandparent. There is still time to order a lunch if you haven't done so, just call the school office and Mrs. Bolte will take your reservation.

BOOK FAIR

This week Oct. 29th –Nov. 2nd we will be holding our fall book fair. Stop by and check out many of the new selections! The book fair will be open on the school balcony every day from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

All students had the opportunity to visit the book fair with their class and create their "wish list". Be sure to check their back packs for their wish lists - this will give you an idea of what books your child would like. If you'd like to purchase those or any other books you can stop in at any time during the book fair hours or you may also send the money to school with your student and they will be given time to go to the book fair and purchase their items. Please don't forget to include enough money for tax. For your convenience the book fair will be open before Sandwich Day on Wednesday, Nov. 1 if you'd like to surprise your child with a new book. Books also make great Christmas presents.

Thank you for supporting the Home and School St. George School Fall Book Fair

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is ... **Friday, DECEMBER 7.** The Bazaar will run from 5:00pm-9:00pm and there will be lots of food, a live auction, prizes and fun for everyone! Dinner will be served from 5pm-7pm. The Home & School Officers have been busy mixing things up and planning great things for this year's new version of the Christmas Bazaar. Make plans to attend the Home & School mtg. Nov. 12 to find out the details. Keep a look out for all of the experiences to be posted online for the first chance to bid.

Christmas Concert Dec. 17 @ 1:00 and at 6:30 in the school gym

New this year is the Christmas Concert on its own day and time. Please mark your calendars now. Just a reminder **Participating in the Christmas Program is mandatory.** If your child will not participate, an e-mail or written note explaining their absence is to be sent to Mrs. Bush with a copy to the school office a week prior to the day of the event. If your child does not participate and a note is not received prior to the event a 10% reduction in grade will be given. The dress code for the **MONDAY EVENING** program is dressy: absolutely no blue jeans, athletic style clothing, T-shirts or tennis shoes. The dress code for the 1pm program is their yellow Rooted in Faith shirts with uniform pants. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

**THERE STILL WILL BE 2 PERFORMANCES ON
MONDAY, DEC. 17TH @ 1:00
& ONE THAT EVENING @ 6:30**



Both performances will be held in the gym.



ADVENT PROJECT: Helping the Poor Children in Gasconade County

"IT IS SUCH TO THESE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS"

Again, this year the school community, along with the St. George Parish and the Church of the Risen Savior Parish, will be helping to purchase Christmas gifts for the poor of Gasconade County. For 21 years our parishes have helped many families enjoy Christmas. It is our hope that through this project the children understand a little about what being a missionary is like. It also helps them understand how fortunate they are to have families who are able to provide for all their needs . . . and sometimes their wants.

If you and your child(ren) would like to help with our Advent project, there will be Christmas trees with ornaments set-up in St. George Church, at the Church of the Risen Savior, and at school. All you have to do is choose an ornament, buy the suggested item, secure the tag to the outside of the package, and drop it off at school or at one of the churches. In school a manger is set up near the office for the students to place their gifts. Mrs. Grosse, the Gasconade County School Base Social Worker in charge of this project, has asked for you not to wrap the gifts. If you would prefer, a monetary donation or SCRIP gift cards will also be accepted.

Thank you for participating in our project, and please keep its success in your prayers as well as all the poor families in our community and around the world this Advent season.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS:

Rooted In Faith yellow shirts may be worn on Thursdays. These t-shirts need to be tucked in and if a long sleeve shirt is worn under it, the shirt must be white with no writing on the sleeves. *Please do not wear other St. George Spiritwear apparel on Thursdays.*

Only maroon fleeces or the ¾ zip maroon jackets (2nd-8th) with the St. George logo may be worn during the school day. Students may *NOT* wear any type of spirit-wear such as athletic warm-up jackets or hooded sweatshirts to class. These clothing choices are limited to OOU days and/or Spirit days.

Students are allowed to wear maroon or white sweatshirts as part of their dress code.

Students are to wear socks with their shoes everyday including OOU days. Flip-flops, crocs, and girl’s dressy flats or shoes with a more than a 1 inch heel may not be worn on any school days.

THERMOSTATS WILL BE SET AT 68° THIS WINTER

It seems that crisp cool weather is here to stay and you know what is in store next? WINTER! In order to help the parish out and not totally blow the school’s budget, the school’s thermostats will be set at 68°. Please encourage your child to wear their maroon fleece or ¾ zip jacket(2nd-8th grade), a sweatshirt or long sleeve shirt as well as long pants.

Also, ALL grades will be going outside for recess daily. The only time the children play inside are on days that it rains or the wind chill factor is extreme. Otherwise we believe it is beneficial for the students to be outside running and playing in the fresh air. Please make sure your child has gloves, a hat and some type of coat for recess. It helps when all items have your child’s name on them. Thank you.

NO SCHOOL NOV. 21st: Thanksgiving Break Begins

We will NOT have school the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be in session for the entire day Tuesday, Nov. 20th.

Total Lunch Days

October	22
November	19
December	14

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!