



DRAGON UPDATE

Nov. 30, 2018

Dear Parents,

Be Still and Know that I am God Psalm 46:10

I love this psalm. It is nice to have permission to be quiet amongst the busyness of the preparation of Christmas. During this Advent season may you find time to sit and be quiet in the holy presence of God. *Remember Jesus is the reason for the Season!*

“Rooted in FAITH ... Growing in GENEROSITY”

For the month of December we are focusing on the virtue of GENEROSITY. A simple way to understand the virtue of GENEROSITY is; *the quality of being kind and generous.*

When reflecting on this virtue I immediately thought: it's the right time of year to focus on generosity! Preparing for Christmas is exciting! Choosing gifts to give, planning meals to share and deciding on the family schedule for the holidays. It all makes me joyful and thankful for all that God has blessed me with. So it's very natural for me –us- to want to give beyond our circle of family, friends and parish community, we feel the need to be generous during this season. BUT ... when the Christmas tree is put away, the manger is placed back in its box, and all the busyness has quieted down, how will we live the virtue of generosity?

Our God is a kind and generous God. By His very nature, we know love. Love spills forth from Him; he showers it upon us and wraps us in it. His generosity is abundant and is constant. It is not given only during one particular season, but is always there for us in abundance. As His disciples, the virtue of generosity should inspire in us a desire to have this same spirit – all year - to have the same attitude and longing to give. Living the virtue of GENEROSITY means to offer our time, attention, resources, talents and forgiveness in ways so others are showered with love from our giving. The more we give from the heart and bless those around us, then God ensures through our efforts there will always be enough.

Continue to add your prayers to grow in the virtue of GENEROSITY this month to the prayers of the saints we will be studying: St. Nicholas, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Maximillian Kolbe.

BEING GENEROUS: it's always in season!

Home & School News

The Christmas Bazaar REIMAGINED is coming. The Home & School Officers are busy making the final preparations. They have come up with a new game plan, a new vision for the auction, and new ways to make this event a family friendly event. The bazaar will begin at 5:00 on December 7th. Dinner will be held in the cafeteria and games will be in the gym.

Take some time to look at the auction items on-line at www.schneiderauctioneers.com I think you will be amazed at the creative ideas each class came up with for both the project and experience. Please share the auction link with your family and friends ... the more people who bid the better chance our auction will be successful, which will lead to an overall successful bazaar. Oh What FUN! So make plans to attend and support the 58th Annual Christmas Bazaar and patronize the online auction! The worker list will be coming out soon.

2 PERFORMANCES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be performed twice.

- The school will be offering an afternoon performance on Monday, Dec. 17th. It will be held in the gym this year and will begin at 1:00. Everyone is invited to this performance -- especially grandparents and other special guests. The back entrance to the gym is handicapped accessible.
- The second performance will be Monday Evening, Dec. 17th. It will begin at 6:30.
- The dress code for the program for the concert on Monday Evening, Dec. 17th is dressy. Absolutely no sweat suits, blue jeans, T-shirts or tennis shoes. If you have any questions, please call the school office. The children will wear their school uniforms with their Rooted in Faith shirts for the afternoon performance. No out of uniform passes/birthday passes may be used this day.

ADVENT PROJECT: Helping the Poor Children in Gasconade County

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.

If you and your child(ren) would like to help with our Advent project, there are 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 item, and drop it off at school or at one of the churches. In school a tree is set up near the office for the students to place their gifts by. Please do not wrap the gift. If you would prefer, a monetary donation or one of the local vendor SCRIP gift cards will 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.

CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

The students WILL NOT exchange gifts in their classrooms. We want the students and their families to put all their efforts and money into supporting our Advent project. We hope by emphasizing the giving part of Christmas the children will continue to realize it is so much more important to give without expecting anything in return.

Also **according to school policy** gifts are not to be brought for individual friends and exchanged at school or school sponsored events. When this happens and a child doesn't receive any gifts, hurt feelings occur. Please be sensitive to this.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin on Thursday, December 20th with regular dismissal at 3:00. Classes resume on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 for St. George School.

There will be no After School Care on Dec. 20th. It will be open for business when classes resume Jan. 3rd, 2019.

SNOW DAY MAKE-UP

3 snow days in November! Never in my 32 years of education have we ever had snow days in November! According to the school calendar published in May we will make them up on Martin

Luther King Day, January 21, 2019; President's Day, February 18, 2019 and Friday, May 17, 2019. Any additional snow days we will have will be added to the end of school.

The end date for this school year –as of right now- is Friday, May 17.

Please return borrowed belts

If your child has borrowed one of the belts from the school office please have him/her return it. We keep these belts on hand for the occasion when a student forgets to wear a belt and all the extra belts we had (about 20) have disappeared. Just a reminder according to school policy students in grades 2nd thru 8th must wear a belt with their uniform pants.



Cold –n- Flu Season

The cold and flu season is upon us! As a precaution if your child might be having signs of the flu please keep them at home. If your child is running a slight fever the night before or has been sent home with a fever please remember that they need to be **FEVER-FREE 24 hours** before returning to school. Also, if your child gets sick at school with diarrhea or throws-up, they too must stay home for 24 hours, to ensure their tummy has settled. Your full cooperation in following these rules is one sure way to help us combat the “flu bug”.

DRESS CODE: Long sleeve shirts

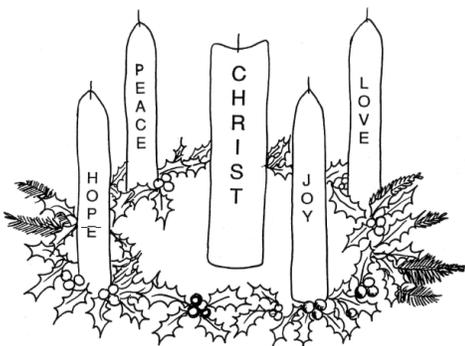
If your child chooses to wear a long-sleeve shirt under their polo it must be white. If they wear a long sleeve shirt under their ROOTED IN FAITH t-shirt then it may be black or white. There should be no writing on the sleeves of the shirt. Thanks for your full cooperation in this matter.

Total Lunch Days

November 19
December 14
January 20

God Bless,

Mrs. Julie Clungman



*As we light our advent candle
Light of the world, shine on us.*

*As we prepare for Christmas time
Light of the world, shine on us.*