



Principal Epistle

November, 2020



Hello Parents,

November is here and fall is in full swing. The weather is cooling and the leaves are falling. Our area is tough to beat this time of year in terms of scenic beauty. Up at St. George School, we are ready for a 2nd quarter that is full of faith, learning, and fun!

“CENTERED IN LOVE”

“Centered in Love, Shining in Virtues” remains our focus as we begin our Virtue of Courtesy for November. Courtesy is the virtue that first allows others to believe that they are kindred spirits. In other words, it is the virtue that tells us that the other human being is worthy of being honored simply because they are a human being. It is a foundational virtue for which other virtues may be established. Virtues such as Kindness, Generosity, and Thoughtfulness. Courtesy may or may not lead to friendship, but it is the first virtue of human virtues that one can express to a complete stranger without risk of impropriety. We don’t tell the self-checkout machine at a store, “hello” when we walk up to it. We would however greet the cashier if we use the next lane over, because of our practice of courtesy.

This November we should keep in mind that we are all children of God, and all of us are capable of being courteous to each other, despite our differences. We hope to teach our dragons what courtesy means to respect others for simply being children of God, how it costs nothing, and can, at times, save us from despair.

“SHINING in VIRTUES”

Teacher PD Day

This Monday, November 2nd is our scheduled Teacher PD day. Students have this day off for part of their Fall break and classes will resume on Tuesday, November 3rd. (see attached school calendar that is also posted on the school website)

Mask usage recommendation

It is still recommended that the 4th through 8th students wear masks in classes per the health department. Considering the quarantines that are taking place in surrounding schools, I see this as a recommended preventative measure that I, personally, can take to help stop the spread of any communicable diseases should I come into contact with this virus. At this point it is still each family’s decision to have their students wear masks in school. Be safe, wash hands, and love our neighbors.

Lunch Program

The Summer Food Service Program that has allowed our students to receive free lunches in October has been extended throughout the remainder of the school year. We encourage you to participate for our lunch program. Families will still be charged for additional milks other than the one that comes with their lunch.

SCRIP Program

Do you have any questions on how to use the program? Have you signed up to use SCRIP wallet or Shopwithscrip.com? They have just came out with an app "Raise Right" that makes ordering from your phone when you need scrip easy and user friendly. Attached you will find a scrip order form. Fill it out and send it in to the office Monday mornings and we will fill it and send it back home by the end of the week. If you have any questions you may call the school office.

12 Treasures Tickets

This year we have sold over 240 tickets! As planned at our Home and School meeting, this means that we will not have to plan for our auction 'experiences' or projects to put up for bids. Home and School is still very much accepting items should you or someone you know like to donate an item for the online auction

St. George School Auction

This year the online auction will feature items for both Home and School Christmas Bazaar auction and Long Range Planning auction. Right now we are hoping to run the online auction November 29th through December 6th.

Recycling

The USAgain bin is open, as is our participation in the USAgain competition. First place prize for the most recycled clothing is \$2500. If you have any clothes or shoes you are looking to donate you may drop them off by the back Gym doors. Thank you!

Temperature Checks in Mornings

Our thermometers that we use for checks during arrivals have recently been giving some error messages. The error is caused by the external temperature being too low to provide an accurate reading of the person being scanned. Due to this complication, with the outside temperature getting lower with the season, and with the approval of the school advisory board we will cease the temperature checks at arrival. We will monitor student's health as we always do in the classroom, and if classroom teachers feel that a student needs to come to the office to be checked they will send them as usual. We ask that as we get further into the winter cold and flu season that parents monitor and assess their student's health closely before sending their Dragons into St. George.

This year more so than others with the pandemic, we need to work together as much as possible. As many have differences of opinions, we all must follow the same rules and guidelines. I understand that for some a temperature of 100.4 degrees is not a fever. But this year, it simply is until we hear differently from our health department. I'm sorry for any inconveniences this may cause for families. However, it is our responsibility to keep the school open in classes as long as possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Fish Fry this FRIDAY!!!!

The Home and School is having a Fish Fry, this Friday, November 6th from 5-7 Drive Up Only. Call-in's will start to be taken at 4:30 for orders. We are encouraging everyone to **PLAN AHEAD** and see the attached order form to this email, fill out the necessary information and send it via email to fishfry@sgs-hermann.com. If you know of anyone who will be planning on getting dinner that evening who is not a school family, PLEASE send them this attachment so that they can place their order.

Each meal will be served as an adult pricing at \$10 a meal with adult portions being served. Thank you for your patience and support of our Home and School Organization.

