



DRAGON UPDATE

Sept. 28, 2018

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe the first month of school has come and went. The students have been so busy learning and reviewing that time has just flown by. Thank you so much for being so patient during morning arrival. There seems to be an ease about the process now and it seems that now that everyone is being patient with each other the process is going much smoother ~ and believe it are not quicker.

Thank you also to everyone for getting your child(ren) here by 7:30 it is so nice to begin in prayer together in the gym. We have a lot of opportunities to grow this year as a community and emphasize the GOOD we can bring. Please take a moment and read through this letter and add the events to your family's calendar.

Just a gentle reminder: don't forget to pray the rosary during the month of October. Many blessings are promised to those who commit to reciting this beautiful prayer.

“Rooted in FAITH ... Growing in Stewardship”

For the month of October we are focusing on the virtue of stewardship. A simple way to understand the virtue of stewardship is; ***we are ACCOUNTABLE to God for what we do and with what he has trusted to us.*** Wow! A powerful virtue!

Everything we have comes from GOD. The money we earn is the fruit from using our skills and talents GOD gave us. The time we spend sitting at a soccer game watching our children play is for the family GOD entrusted us to care for. The food we eat *and the left-overs* we throw away are from the earth GOD has given us to live on. The list is endless. God is a generous provider, he never tires of giving us things, however like a good Father he wants us to cherish and be conservative. He wants us to be mindful that our time, treasure, and talents should be used for other things besides meeting our own needs. He wants us to be aware that there are many opportunities to be helpful when using our talents, to be generous with our treasure and be gracious with our time... he wants us to be humble and kind, not selfish.

Stewardship is the virtue of choice because we have to make a conscious effort to use our time, talent, and treasure to help others. As we know, it is usually easy to choose those things that directly benefit us, but it takes faith to use our time, talent, and treasure to help others without seeing how it affected them. Add your prayers to grow in the virtue of STEWARDSHIP this month to the prayers of the saints we will be studying this month: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Blessed Fra Angelico, and St. Joseph Moscati.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver (2Cor 9:7)

Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day Oct. 11th On Thursday, October 11th the students at St. George will be praying the Rosary at 2:00 in the big parking lot. We are making a Rosary from balloons filled with helium and then releasing it. Please come join us!

World Mission Week Activities:

We will be celebrating World Mission Week October 1 through October 5. This is a very important week for our students because all the activities focus on building discipleship and STEWARDSHIP.

Throughout this week students are brought into solidarity with the poor through activities and learning opportunities. Jesus tells us over and over to take care of the poor and unfortunate around us.

School Bank

Did you know we had a school bank? It is an actual working branch of People Savings Bank. Every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 7:15am-7:45am the students can bring in their money to be deposited; any amount from \$.05 to \$50. The 5th grade are our bankers, they will be interviewed and trained by the bank employees. We want to thank People's Savings Bank for sponsoring this program; its purpose is to teach our students the value of saving. So please encourage your child to bring his/her deposits to the school bank. If your child needs a savings account please visit any of the People Savings Banks locations. The bank will open for business on Oct. 25.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Oct. 25th

Report cards will be sent home Wednesday, Oct. 24th. We will have Parent/Teacher/Student conferences on Thursday, Oct. 25th from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 pm. **The last conference will begin at 6:50 and end at 7:00. No conference will begin after 6:50.** We do not schedule conferences for any grade. We let you choose the best time to visit with the teachers you need to see. For your convenience, chairs will be available outside each classroom. Conferences should be limited to 10 minutes. If you feel you need additional time, please contact the teacher and set up an appointment on a different day.

Money Counts

A \$150.00 per child registration/book fee and the \$25 per family technology fee are due by October 31st. If you are unable to meet these obligations, please contact Monsignor or myself to make special arrangements. At this time there are only 17 families who have not paid these fees.

All Saints' Day and Sandwich Day together this year on Wednesday, Nov. 1st

This year we are combining to big events ... a holy day of obligation and our traditional sandwich day. We thought it would be extra special to combine the two.

Mass will begin at 11:00 and will count as your obligation to attend Mass on this day. When you arrive, report to the church and your child will meet you there. Then afterwards we will immediately go to the cafeteria for our sack lunch. You are welcome to eat anywhere on the parish/school grounds.

If you are unable to attend, your child may invite another special person, perhaps a grandparent. Please fill out the enclosed reservation form and return it to school no later than Oct. 23rd.

Labels

Our school is once again saving Best Choice UPC's, and Tyson Project A+ labels. The Student Council will also be saving Box Tops for Education. All these programs offer a monetary reimbursement for participating in their program. Through these programs we have been able to purchase equipment such as CD players, P.E. equipment, internet site licenses and various other items. Please, if you buy any of these items send the UPC's or entire label to school. Remember *"YOUR TRASH IS OUR CASH"*

SCRIP Program

Don't forget every time you purchase SCRIP 1/2 of the rebate/profit the school receives and the other 1/2 is given to your home parish in your family's name. The SCRIP committee would like to raise \$15,000 before Christmas we are 1/5 of the way there with a profit of \$3,028. Currently 30% of the school families are participating. Could we get 50% to participate in the month of October? If so, I know we could make our \$15,000 goal.

Handicapped Parking for events in our Gym

It has been brought to my attention that the handicapped parking spaces by the gym door are being used by people who might not need them or who do not have a handicapped tag. If you are using the parking spaces and do not need to --- PLEASE do not use them. If you are using them and need to, please make sure you have the appropriate tags on your car. Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Also, *PLEASE* try avoiding parking in the crosswalks during arrival and dismissal procedures.

Total Lunch Days

September	19
October	22
November	19

God Bless,

Mrs. Julie Clingman