



Principal Epistle

October 1st, 2019



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--Hebrews 6:19

Hello Parents,

October is here and hopefully we'll see a little cooler weather on top of the hill. September came and went by very fast, it seemed. But we keep rolling along and are having fun on the way. Some Incredible things are going on at St. George, both in the classroom and out of it. Between picking apples on field trips, calibrating robots for competitions, or spiking volleyballs, our Dragons are growing together as a community and school.

Our Mission Statement continues to be that St. George School is a faith-based community which fosters Catholic values while empowering students with strong academics. The most impressive display of this mission is to see all these young men and women take on leadership roles in a variety of capacities. There are Pre-k students holding the hands of some of the 3 year olds who are still a little 'worried' about leaving mom and dad each morning. There are 7th and 8th grade Stuco officers leading committees of 5th and 6th graders to prepare them for their roles in the upcoming years. Then whenever any grade is asked for a volunteer, it is actually difficult to choose from all the hands that want to help. All of these examples, and countless more throughout each day, are just more evidence of the wonderful work our teachers are doing with our students. Please continue to pray for all of us here.

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This Friday, October 4th begins the study of our second Virtue - STUDIOUSNESS. What a fitting virtue to have for a school and especially for our October. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote in his Summa Theologica that Studiousness is properly ascribed to knowledge since 'to study' denotes a keen application of the mind to something. This connects perfectly to the St. George mission statement this month in two obvious ways.

OCTOBER Testing

October 7th through October 11th, testing will be taking place for our 3rd through 8th grades. A modified testing schedule will take place next week so that each grade can get their tests completed with their homeroom teachers. It is good testing practice to get plenty of sleep each night before a test as well as eating a hearty and healthy breakfast! Please help us prepare your students for success!

MISSION WEEK

October 7th through 11th is also Mission Week. Each grade will be performing some service for the community this week with their homeroom classes as part of our mission. Ask your students about their service, as it should be celebrated!

FIRST FRIDAY – Spirit Day

This being the First Friday Virtue mass at school, students will participate in Mass in the morning, immediately followed by Adoration. In the afternoon at 2:30 they will return to church for benediction. As part of the First Friday celebrations we will have a Spirit Shirt day. Wear your St. George Spirit Wear with uniform bottoms!

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Oct. 4th is also the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi! St. George will celebrate this feast day with a Blessing of the Pets immediately following Mass. Parents may bring the pets outside of the front of church to receive a blessing. **Students may NOT bring their pets to school**, and all pets need to be taken home by parents following the blessing. Students may also bring pictures of their pets or stuffed animals (that fit in their backpacks) that represent their pets to receive a blessing.

VIRTUE MASSES

This weekend is our children's virtue masses. Which means our students will be taking the roles for this weekend's celebrations of Mass. See the attached file for your child's role. All students are encouraged to sit with the choir and sing during the service.

"LINKED by VIRTUES"

Fish Fry

This Friday, October 4th is the Fish Fry hosted by 2nd and 6th grade families. Please see the attached workers list. If you cannot volunteer this time, please find a replacement as all positions need to be filled.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

Just a reminder that on Out of Uniform days, all clothing should be appropriate for school. **Shorts or skirts should be not be higher than student's fingertips when arms are straight down the student's sides.** Please see the student faculty handbook for the full dress code policy.

If students are found in violation of the school dress code, parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes to school for the student to change into.

STUCO-OOU DAY

Stuco's October out of uniform day is Friday the 18th. The Theme will be Superhero Day.

Dismissal

Signage is up on our street. Again, 4th street is a oneway street, heading West (up the hill) from 7am to 3:30pm during weekdays. Mozart is one way, heading north (down the hill) permanently.

I also encourage families to use the church parking lot during dismissal. Just from my observation it is a smooth dismissal process, it is safe for the kids, and it is timely (often more timely than parking on the street).

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 \$6,800 profit on this program last year. This number is down from years past so remember to help out the school and get your SCRIP!

END OF QUARTER 1

Friday, October 18th is the end of Quarter 1. Grade cards will be sent out the following week to parents, in preparation for Parent-Teacher night.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Communication between parents and teachers are a key aspect of our student's success in and out of school. Parent-teacher conferences are the easiest way to discuss the progress and success of our students. Please join us, **Thursday October 24th** at our Parent-Teacher conferences between 1-7 pm. We will have an early dismissal at 12:30 to prepare for conferences, and we **WILL** offer after-school care until 5:30pm.



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School Bank

People's Savings Bank, once again, is kind enough to offer this opportunity to our students to create student accounts. On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, students may visit the balcony before school to make deposits into their student accounts.

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 <https://logins2.renweb.com/logins/ParentsWeb-Login.aspx>.

October 22
November. 18
December. 15

LUNCH COMPETITION!

We are launching our incentive program to eat the school lunch, whenever the whole grade eats the school lunch with no carries (unless there is someone in the class with a medical reason not to eat the lunch), that class will receive a special treat on the last day of the month. If the class eats a whole week without a carry that class get to pick a special dessert for their class only.

Dates to Remember:

First Friday (spirit wear day)-----Oct. 4th
Fish Fry (2nd & 6th Grades)-----Oct. 4th
Children's Virtue Masses-----Oct. 5th and 6th
Testing days (grades 3-8)-----Oct. 7th-11th
Volleyball Buddy Night -----Oct. 10th
School Bank-----Oct. 10th
Picture Retake Day/Spirit Pict.-----Oct. 17th
End of Quarter 1-----Oct. 18th
STUCO-OOU day SUPERHERO DAY-----Oct. 18th
Early Dismissal-----Oct. 24th
Parent teacher Conferences-----Oct. 24th
School Board Meeting-----Oct. 28th
Sandwich day
Cakewalk
First Friday Spirit Wear
Fish Fry -----November 1st

God Bless,
Mr. Zachary Stobart