



St. Francis de Sales – St. Stephen School

Family Memo – Friday, October 19, 2018

*Wherever there is a human being,
there is an opportunity for a kindness.* ~ Seneca

October / Early November Calendar



- Tues. 10/23 - Picture Day - Students may dress up for pictures.**
Wed. 10/24 - Student Council Sponsored Charity out of uniform day. Dress down for \$1.00 - proceeds to benefit the Savannah Pig Rescue.
Thurs. 10/25 - Geneva Concerts presents "Ladies First Jazz Quintet" - 10:00 a.m.
Fri. 10/26 - No School for Students - GCSD Conference Day
- Halloween Dance 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Parish Center
Mon. 10/29 - Student Council Mix-It-Up At Lunch day! (Details TBA.)
Wed. 10/31 - Harvest Parties - Students may dress out of uniform in Autumn colors.
Thurs. 11/1 - All Saint Day Mass 8:30 a.m. - Please join us!
Mon. 11/5 - One Hour Early Dismissal per GCSD
Sat. 11/10 - PTO's Holiday Extravaganza 9:00AM - 1:30PM in DeSales Gym

Reminder - Next Week's Entrée Items (10/22-10/25)

- Monday – Macaroni & Cheese
Tuesday – Taco Tuesday (Soft Tacos)
Wednesday – Turkey or Veggie Sub
Thursday – Grilled Chicken Tenders
Friday – No School per GCSD



Thank You

God bless our Fun Walk Chairperson, **Katie Pullano**; committee members **Amy Moracco**, **Kristen DeVaney**, and **J.C. O'Connor**; and the many parents, grandparents, alumni, Hobart Statesmen, and friends of our school who volunteered to help make our 2nd Annual Fun Walk successful! Many thanks also to our event sponsors: Valvetech™, Fastenal™, Dr. Littlejohn, and Wells College.



Please be aware that beginning immediately, students will have to phone a parent for correct items if they are not in compliance with the uniform dress code. See the attached uniform dress code policy for complete details.



The deadline for submitting Box Tops for our fall earnings check is fast approaching! Please look through the Box Tops you have at home and be sure to turn in any that have an expiration date of 11/1/2018. Submit them by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 22nd**, so we can be sure to get credit for them before they expire!

Going forward, if your child wants to earn a dress down certificate, **ALL Box Tops must be on a collection sheet** with 50 Box Tops. Any loose Box Tops submitted in a Ziploc bag or envelope will not count towards a dress down certificate but will still be gladly accepted towards

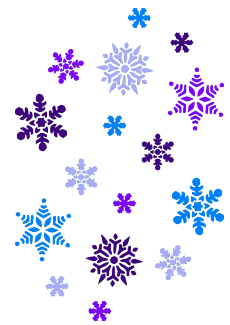
the school's earnings check. ***If your child's collection sheet contains any expired Box Tops, it will not be valid for a dress down certificate.***

A few reminders about Box Tops for Education:

- Expired Box Tops **cannot** be submitted for redemption. If you have any expired Box Tops, please do not turn them into the school.
- All Box Tops must have a discernible product code and expiration date, so tear or clip carefully!
- Every 50 Box Tops your student turns into the school will earn them a dress down certificate.
- Make sure you ask your friends and family to save their Box Tops for your student. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school, and they add up quickly!

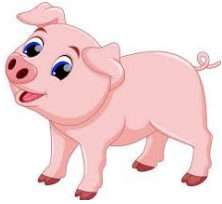
WEATHER ALERT

The cooler weather is here. We turned the heat on today to take the chill off the building. Sometimes the building is too cool. Sometimes it is too warm. Please be sure to have your child dress in layers with a school uniform sweater or sweatshirt. Please send them to school each day in a jacket. We try to go out for recess each day weather permitting and we also go across the street on gym days. Students need to be dressed appropriately to stay comfortable and healthy. We are supposed to have one more nice day on Friday (for our Fun Walk), but it will be cool in the morning and then get warmer later in the day.



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Out-of-Uniform Day Tuesday, October 23, 2018



Fourth grader, Maria Tripoli, had a pet pig that had to be surrendered to a farm. The Tripoli family found the Savannah Pig Rescue, a farm in Savannah, NY, that re-homes and cares for pigs who are no longer able to be kept as pets. The pigs are well cared for and live out their days in comfort. (I'd say it was a little like "hog heaven," but that would be "corny.") Last year, after we did a fund raiser for Beverly Animal Shelter, Maria approached me (Mrs. Mantelli) to ask if we could do one for the pig rescue in Savannah. I asked her to present her idea to the student council this fall, and she did so, making a very compelling case for her cause. It costs a lot of money to feed and care for these pigs, and there is no financial return on the investment for the rescue. Students may dress out-of-uniform on October 23rd in exchange for a \$1.00 donation to the pig rescue.

There is also an elementary school (Pre-K – 4) pig coloring contest (with prizes) sponsored by the fourth grade, and the class spent some time making posters to promote the out-of-uniform day. It was a real pleasure to watch the class support their classmate in her efforts!

Mardi Gras News

Don't forget to save the date for our annual Mardi Gras event, Saturday, March 2, 2019 – YES, that IS Dr. Seuss' birthday! This year's event features a three course sit down dinner with choice of three entrees as well as our live auction, silent auction, and basket raffles. New this year, we are raffling off four pairs of tickets prior to the event. We have had two winners in our Mardi Gras ticket raffles so far, with two more planned in November and January. Our first winner at the end of the school year was Mrs. Donna Baxter and the winner of the latest raffle was Mrs. Meaghan Thaine. They each won a pair of free tickets. You could be next! More information can be found in today's envelope!



Thank you!

Thank you to the Brockway Family for their recent donation of school supplies, office supplies, and snacks for the after school and CYO basketball programs! We appreciate your dedication to our school!

Many thanks to Ed Ninestine for donating his time to run our basketball skills program on Wednesday afternoons!

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