

October 20, 2010

Dear parents,

As we have some very exciting events coming up, the majority of this newsletter will be focused on these events. The first of these events is Grandparents' Day. We are looking forward to a fun-filled morning with our grandparents on Friday. Please see the schedule of events included in this Wednesday folder. Check-in will begin in the school lobby at 7:15. As in the past, there will be Mass, breakfast, a classroom activity and bingo. Thanks to Jodi Ritter for all of her efforts organizing the event.

On October 29, Mrs. Klapperich's class will be performing a play that will be open to the public. Mrs. Klapperich also invited children from local child care centers to attend the play. If you know anyone who may be interested in coming out to see the play, please encourage him/her to spend the morning seeing our kindergarteners perform *Jeb Scarecrow's Pumpkin Patch*. Thank you Mrs. Klapperich and students for all of your hard work on this production! Don't forget this day is also an early dismissal day and students will leave at 11:15.

Also on October 29, students in grades 1-8 will be invited to wear costumes to school. Junior and senior kindergarteners will wear their costumes the day before. Please remember that costumes should be appropriate for our Catholic faith and culture and that no toy weapons will be acceptable as part of costumes. Teachers will let you know in their newsletters about any additional celebration of the day that may take place. There will be no Mass on this half-day of school.

We have a very exciting week coming up the first week of November. On November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be welcoming the Archbishop to celebrate Mass and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> the superintendent of Catholic schools will be our guest for our Parent Teacher Home and School meeting. Also that week, our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in boys and girls retreats. Our girls will go to St. Charles-Hartland to participate in a retreat focused on positive Catholic self-image (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade on the 4<sup>th</sup>) and our boys will participate in a retreat about growing up Catholic here at St. Joan of Arc. Other schools have been invited to join our boys for this retreat. Finally, on Friday, November 5, we will host a middle school dance to which I have invited 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders from other Catholic schools in our district. All of this information has been sent to local publications to help market these exciting days for St. Joan of Arc.

Finally, don't forget to buy your raffle tickets and make your donations for our dinner auction, Hollywood Knights. Our auction committee has been working very hard at procuring goods and services to raffle and for auction. Thank you to all who have donated to benefit our children and I look forward to seeing you all at the dinner auction!

God's blessings,

Mrs. Holly Cerveny