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From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish

Dear Parents:

It has been a busy few days around St. Mary with all kinds of fall festivities to celebrate. We began the Halloween weekend with the resurgence of the St. Mary Haunted House of yesteryear. Our 8th graders did an outstanding job bringing this event back to life. There were over 200 people in attendance and the Athletic Booster Club raised over \$1000 for our athletic program.

I cannot begin to tell you the compliments I received on how our 8th grade surpassed everyone's expectations. Not that anyone thought they would not do a great job, it was simply the fact that they were asked to take on something they had never experienced at St. Mary. The pressure was on to live up to those memories. Apparently this group of 8th graders were ready for the challenge and they showed us all what it means to rise to the occasion! They persevered through challenges of black trash bags, black lights, fog machines, last minute tunnels, electricity issues and sweltering heat to put on a fabulous show! To quote a current parent & alumni of St. Mary, "I remember so fondly the time I spent doing the haunted house when I was in 8th grade. The class of 2012 did it better than we did in '83 because they did more than just scare the pants off of us, they brought me and many other alumni back to our heartwarming old haunt." Not only did they do that, they learned a great deal about working together as the leaders of this school and proved to themselves what they are capable of accomplishing when they put their minds together. It was a wonderful "bonding" experience for our 8th grade class and made the rest of us stand back and admire them for their dedication to St. Mary. That evening will be in all our memories for a while, but for the 8th graders, it will be one of their St. Mary "glory day" stories for the rest of their lives. A story they should all be very proud of! Thank you 8th grade for giving us all such a special moment this school year.

We would like to also say THANKS:

- To Maria Ring, for being brave (or crazy) enough to say YES when she was asked to chair this event. To Tom Ring, for becoming the co-chair by default!
- To our 8th grade parents, for going above and beyond to make sure the event was a success not only for your children, but for our school.
- To Jen Muhlenkamp & Kellie Roskopp and all their volunteers for running the Trick or Treat event in the gym. For those too young, to be too scared, the activities in the gym were perfect.
- To Chris Fischer, for suggesting we "bring it back."
- To Rich Roskopp, Susan Everhart, Jeff Davis, Jackie & Michael Manczyk for all their help and support.
- To Pete & Zachary Nowak for their assistance and Halloween decorations.
- To Sheriff Wickersham and the Macomb County Sheriff's Department for checking in on us throughout the evening.
- To Mario Iafate, who saved the route and the gym at the 11th hour.
- To Mr. George Murphy, for all his help in every aspect of the evening. Thanks George for putting up with the craziness of forty 13/14 year-olds, their parents, Maria and myself! You are a patient man.

On Monday, the rain held off at Primary and we were able to have our 4th Annual Halloween Parade outdoors. As always, everyone was adorable! On Tuesday, we switched our focus to All Saints Day. At Primary, we celebrated the Holy Day with a special Prayer Service. Each class during the service had an opportunity to share some information about their class Saint. Congratulations to our student participants: First graders, Olivea Henderson, Andrew Dawidowicz, Nate Garon (substitute reader at the last minute), and Evan Helton. Kindergarteners, Gianna Switalski, Brian Everhart, Dashiell Heath and Kayla Reynolds. Four-year-old preschoolers, Kristyn Eubanks, Garret Schihl, and Sofia Switalski. Last but not least, three-year-old preschooler Francesco Orlando-Lauria, "who stole the show" when he decided he would rather read than place his rosary on the Altar! Thank you to all the parents, friends and relatives who attended. It was very nice to have you join us in prayer. If you are like me, attending these events always make me reflect on how lucky we are to have our children attend Catholic school.

God Bless,
Maureen Miscavish

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Calling All 7th Graders

If you need service hours, VBS sponsored Euchre and Craft Show could use your help. It will be no longer than two hours for each time at the Fr. Welch Hall. Contact Dorothy Cuzzo at 222-3003.

~ Friday, November 5th—right after school

~Craft show on Friday November 11th—right after school

~Saturday November 12th at 6:00PM.

SWIM NIGHT

PAC is looking for a Jr. High Swim night coordinator - please contact Kathy Rabine if interested.



CAFETERIA

Volunteers are needed in the Cafeteria at Main Campus to help with salad bar on Mondays - November 14th, 28th and Dec 12th. And on Thursdays - November 10th and December 8th.

Primary Campus Cafeteria needs help on Fridays. If you are available call Mrs. Thieman at 586-465-5471.

Catholic Trivia

November is the month of the final Sunday of the liturgical year.

Holiday Party & Raffle

Tickets are still available for the PAC Holiday Party & Raffle on Thursday, November 17th in the Father Welch Hall. It's a wonderful evening you will not want to miss!



Please join us:



PAC Meeting
Wednesday, November 9th
7:00PM
Assembly Room Main Campus

You can add 1 volunteer hour to your log for your attendance this evening.

Halloween Treat Act of Kindness

Again this year we will be happy to collect your extra candy & snacks to give to adult assisted living homes in the area. This has been a huge success over the last few years and they are so appreciative of your generosity. With state cutbacks, treats of any kind are simply not a possibility.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Honors Ceremony will be held after 8:00AM Mass on Friday, November 18th.

Food Drive

Starting November 1st—November 11th, NJHS will be sponsoring a St. Vincent de Paul canned food drive. Please bring in as many cans as you can.

St. Vincent de Paul also needs plastic grocery bags to assist them in distributing food. Thank you!



***Weekly Highlights**

Nov. 3

Concert Band 2:55-3:30
 Children's Choir 2:55-3:45
 Newspaper Club 2:55-3:55

Nov. 4

End of 1st Quarter
 Beginning Band 2:55-3:30

Nov. 6

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov. 7

Altar Serving Training 2:00-2:55
 Art Club Gr. 4 & 5 2:55-3:45

Nov. 8

NJHS Tutoring 2:55-3:45
 Concert Band 2:55-3:30

Nov. 9

Waste-free Lunch
 Little Mountaineers 1:00-2:30
 Open PAC Meeting 7:00PM

Information Going Home

- ◆ Wednesday Pink Note
- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conference Scheduling
- ◆ Holiday Party Tickets
 - to those who ordered
- ◆ Scrip Update
- ◆ Canned Food Drive Flyer
- ◆ Euchre Flyer
- ◆ Craft Show Flyer
- ◆ School Blues Flyer

