



St. Francis de Sales – St. Stephen School

Family Memo – Monday, November 19, 2018

*“Thank you’ is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot.
Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding.”*

~ Alice Walker

The faculty and staff of St. Francis de Sales – St. Stephen School wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving! We count our school families among the people we are most thankful for in our lives. May God bless you!

Please read the memo carefully this week and every week. There is always something new!

Due to the snow day Friday, lunch orders MUST be returned TOMORROW for next weeks lunches! We are sorry for short the turnaround time.

Next Week’s Lunch Entrée Items (11/26 - 11/30)

- Monday – Macaroni & Cheese
- Tuesday – Quesadillas (cheese or chicken & cheese)
- Wednesday – Subs (turkey or veggie)
- Thursday – Grill Chicken Tenders w/ veggies and dipping sauce
- Friday – Pizza (pepperoni or white garlic)



Report Cards

Your child’s report card is in today’s family packet. Please sign the exterior to indicate that you received the report card and return it tomorrow. You do not need to return the report card. If you have any questions about grades or comments, please contact your child’s teacher. Remember, parent teacher conferences are also coming soon.

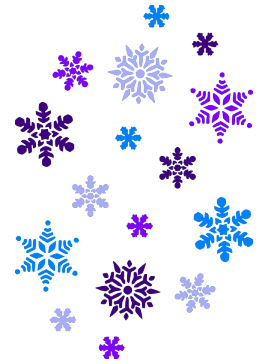
November Calendar

- Tues. 11/20 - **Thanksgiving Mass 8:30 a.m. - Please join us!**
- Report Cards distributed
- 11/21-11/23 - Thanksgiving Recess - no school
- Tues. 11/27 - Picture Re-take Day
- Thurs. 11/29 - 1/2 Day for Students - **parent teacher conferences** scheduled



December Calendar

- Mon. 12/3 - 1/2 Day for Students - **parent teacher conferences** scheduled
- Fri. 12/7 - **First Friday Mass - Advent - 8:30 a.m. - Please join us!**
- Mon. 12/10 - Early Dismissal 1:35 p.m. per GCSD
- Tues. 12/11 - **Gingerbread Workshop** (Parish Center) - 6:30 p.m.
- Mon. 12/17 - **Sacrament of Reconciliation for Students** at St. Stephen Church
- Tues 12/18 - **Christmas Program** - 6:45 p.m. St. Stephen Church
- Wed. 12/19 - **Grades 3-8 Christmas Caroling** at area nursing homes
- Thurs. 12/20 - Weather date for Christmas program
- Fri. 12/21 - **School Mass - Advent - 8:30 a.m. - Please Join us!**



Good Samaritans - Parents, please send a photograph of your students, dressed in uniform, for use on our Good Samaritan Bulletin Board!

Don't forget to reserve your spot at the Ginger Bread House workshop, Dec. 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the parish center. Each Gingerbread House is \$25.00. Send your name, payment, and number of houses you wish to make to the school office, clearly labeled "Gingerbread House." The winner of the free Gingerbread House was second grader Jack Validzic.



Attention Handy-People



We have a school parent interested in starting a team of workers to beautify our physical plant over school breaks. Some potential projects are replacing some plumbing fixtures, installing new doors on bathroom stalls, painting, decluttering storage areas, removing old carpets, and refinishing the hardwood floors underneath. Some of you have previously offered to do this type of work in the building or actually done it. We would like to assemble a list of people interested in helping. We could possibly do a small project during the second week of Christmas break, one during February break, and several over the summer. If you would be willing to help with one or more of these projects, please e-mail Mrs. Mantelli at Mary.Mantelli@dor.org

The winner of our most recent drawing for a Mardi Gras ticket was – Cathy Caster! Congratulations Cathy! Don't forget to purchase your tickets for our next drawing which will be held during Catholic Schools Week!



It has been many years since our teams had ***new basketball uniforms*** and they are looking rather worn and weary. Our CYO athletic director and coaches have been trying to raise money for new uniforms. We are about 1/3 of the way to our goal. ***Donations toward uniforms would be gratefully accepted.*** Please label donations clearly so the funds are allocated appropriately.

Do you ever wonder why some adults care so much about youth participation in sports? Why parents spend money and invest time in athletic programs for their children? Why educators and parents volunteer their time to work with youth in sports programs? It isn't because we want our children to be professional athletes!

- ***We do it for those moments when our kids become so tired, they want to quit - but they don't.***
- ***We do it for those days when our kids come home from school and are "too tired" to go to practice - but they go anyway.***
- ***We do it for our kids to learn to be disciplined, focused, and dedicated.***
- ***We do it for our kids to learn to take care of their body and learn how to correctly fuel their body for success.***
- ***We do it for our kids to learn to work with others and to be good team mates - gracious in defeat and humble in success.***
- ***We do it for our kids to learn to deal with disappointment, when they don't get that placing or title they'd hoped for, but still they go back week after week giving it their best shot.***
- ***We do it for our kids to learn to make and accomplish goals.***
- ***We do it for our kids to respect, not only themselves, but others, officials, judges and coaches.***
- ***We do it for our kids to learn that it takes hours and hours, years and years of hard work and practice to create a champion and that success does not happen overnight.***
- ***We do it for our kids to be proud of small achievements, and to work towards long term goals.***
- ***We do it for the opportunity our kids have and will have to make life-long friendships, create lifelong memories, to be as proud of their achievements as I am.***
- ***We do it so that our kids can be in the gym instead of in front of a screen...***
- ***We do it for those rides home where they make precious memories talking about practice, both good and bad.***
- ***We do it so that our children can learn the importance of time management and balancing what is important like school and keeping grades up***

We could go on, but in brief, we do it for the opportunities that sport provides to kids to develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others. From what we have seen so far, we think it is a great investment!

Coming Soon! Save the date!

See the Polar Express



Watch the Christmas Classic FREE

at

**Our Lady of Peace Parish Center
Center Street, Geneva**

Friday, December 21st. @ 6:00PM

All children are welcome

Hot chocolate and popcorn will be served during the movie

******* Pajamas are Encouraged *******

**Start this Christmas off right.
Bring the whole family and enjoy a Friday night together**

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Presented by: Our Lady of Peace Parish - People of Peace Group

*All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult!*



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