Schoolgram

October 20, 2022





Prayer Intentions:

For Mrs. Pester's mom who has been ill.

For those in areas of the world in conflict, especially the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Please contact the school office if you have a prayer you would like included.

We Pray:

Loving Lord, this season reminds us to wait. To slow down and to wait for your good and perfect timing. Father, help us to wait. We do not want to rush into something that isn't part of your plan. We don't want to force open a door that you have closed, rather we desire to wait for your perfect will to unfold in our lives. This season reminds us that the wait will be worth it, and that the harvest will come. We lift our hearts in gratitude to you for guiding our steps, giving us wisdom, and helping us be disciplined and obedient to your ways. Thank you for your promises and the hope we have in your return. No matter what we face here, we know that you have prepared a place for us, Jesus. Help us to be patient now and patient for your return. We praise you, oh God, for your goodness and love. Amen.

Calendar:

10/20

- Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 6)
- End of 1st quarter
- PA meeting 7:00 pm @ Annex

10/21

- BGCS N/S bus route
- Boo gram sales end

10/24

- Hygiene drive begins
- RRW: Unique outfit
- Culture project PARENT mtg 6:30

10/25

RRW: Favorite team

From the Principal:

As some of you may be aware, we are in the first year of a National Eucharistic Revival. This year the focus is at the diocesan level, but we are beginning to discuss the next phases as a parish staff. The message from our bishops is powerful, "Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist."

As we pray and plan, I am often reminded of my own days as a Catholic school student. I sat in class and heard the church teachings about Sunday Mass attendance and the importance of receiving the Eucharist.. I did believe the Eucharist was the true presence, but my family was "Christmas and Easter" Catholics and did not attend weekly liturgy. As a child, I remember how confusing this was. My parents sent me to Catholic school and we said we were Catholic, but I was never sure how to reconcile the conflicting messages from home and school. I can remember feeling like I had to pretend like we went to Mass when we discussed it at school which made me feel even worse as I knew lying was also a sin. Once I was at BGSU, I began attending Mass weekly at St. Thomas More and have never stopped. Attending Sunday Mass is not just an obligation, but truly a blessing. As a mom of two school age children, I know it's not always easy to bring kids to Mass. We all have many other demands on our time, but instead of scheduling Mass into our weekend, we schedule our weekend around Mass. I know my boys don't always appreciate it now, but they hear the same messages at home and in religion class. I also know that the gift of the Eucharist strengthens us as a family. If you are not Catholic, please attend your own church services together and live your faith as a family. We need to partner together as home and school to not only tell our children how important this is, but to show them by making Mass a priority.

> God's Blessings, Andrea Puhl

From the Office:

- Field trips: We are excited that our students are able to participate in so many fall field trips and are so grateful for the parent volunteers that help make these learning opportunities possible. Please remember that our policy is that chaperones may not bring younger children with them while chaperoning. We need chaperones focused on the children in their care and often the field trips are not age appropriate for younger siblings. The only exception to this may be some preschool field trips if there are enough chaperones to still provide appropriate adult to child ratios.
- BGCS North/South Bus Routes tomorrow. Mrs. Rath sent out the routes via Parent Alert this morning. If you did not receive it, you did not sign up for busing for the N/S routes, and should arrange transportation for your family.
 Please update the pikmykid app for the N/S route.
- **Red Ribbon Week:** We are celebrating Red Ribbon Week **NEXT WEEK.** Please refer to the attached flyer for daily themes and dress down opportunities.
- **Hygiene Drive October 24th-31st:** support the Brown Bag Food Project. See attached flyer for details.

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- 10/26
 - RRW: Students dress as teachers & teachers dress as students
 - Gr. 3-5 Sauder Village field trip
 - Gr. KR-2 Fire prevention 1:15 pm

10/27

- RRW: Smartest Outfit (Dress Up)
- Culture Project (Jr. High) 12:30 pm

School mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 5)

10/28

- RRW: Favorite decade
- BGCS N/S bus route
- Gr. KR & 2 Sylvania Historical Village field trip

- Extended Day Bills were sent home today reflecting all payments and charges for the weeks of October 3rd and 11th.
- **Extended Day Payments**: You are welcome to make a lump sum payment for extended day. Once the money is depleted, you will receive a bill and can send in another check at that time.
- School Mass can be viewed online. The link for mass at 2:15 pm Thursday, 10/27: <u>https://venue.streamspot.com/event/MzQzOTY1NA</u>

Info for New Families (& good reminders for the rest of us)

- It's been awhile since we have had a traditional Christmas program so we are very excited for this year! We have our programs on two different nights, one for preschool through grade 3 and the other for grades 4-8 including both band and music. We also do an afternoon performance and an evening performance on both of those days. Mark your calendars for the following:
 - Tuesday, December 6 2pm & 7pm Preschool through Grade 3
 - Tuesday, December 13 2pm & 7pm Grades 4 through 8

From the Nurse:

The following resource from the health department may be helpful if someone in your family is exposed or tests positive. <u>Interactive COVID Decision Trees</u> – provides click-through guidance

From the Parish:

