



November 7, 2011

Dear Parents,

The children looked like they really enjoyed the cooler temperature today. Please make sure your sons and daughters are in uniform sweatshirts or jackets. We have some used uniforms available for sale if anyone needs anything. Girls may wear navy or white knee socks or footed tights; leggings and footless tights are not allowed.

The Parent Life/Student Life committee of the Parent Advisory Board invites you to attend a Parent Education meeting on Tuesday, November 8th. Linda Halverson is an expert in the field of education and will be presenting on the topic "Ages and Stages." Linda will explain "why kids do the things they do." Her presentation covers the stages of all school-aged kids from kindergarten through 8th grade. Parents, grandparents, educators, coaches, and all adults who spend time with children will benefit from hearing this speaker. **Free dress-down passes for Thursday, November 10th for those students' whose parents attend the meeting!**

Veteran's Day – School is closed this Friday, November 11, in commemoration of Veteran's Day.

Sunday Family Mass – Please join us on Sunday, November 13th for 9:30 Mass. Please submit names for readers and gift bearers; we will attempt to use all those who volunteer by the end of the school year.

Uniform Dress Code – Dress code guidelines are in the handbook. Uniform infractions, including make-up, nail polish, skirt length, non-uniform jackets, and hair length, will result in after school detentions.

Playground Volunteers – Please think about signing up for one of the most rewarding volunteer opportunities at our school. It is a great way to see your child during the school day and help us monitor the playground at the same time. If you are current with your Safe Environment Training and would like to spend time with your child during lunch, please call 480-874-3720 and leave a message for Nina Murry.

Birthday Treats – As a reminder, sweets of any kind are not permissible as treats per the Wellness Policy. Teachers may approve no more than three events for their homeroom to celebrate with sweet treats. Thank you for following these guidelines and talking to the teacher for approval on a birthday treat.

Scrip News – The scrip office is selling advent candles and Advent calendars. They are on display in the front office, as are the *Rosy Ring* candles. To accommodate holiday shopping, the scrip office will be open on Tuesdays, 7:45-11:00, Thursdays, 2:30-3:15, and Fridays, 7:45-1:15. They will also be open on Wednesday, November 23rd, from 7:45-1:15.

There will be scrip profit letters going home this week. The letters will be routed through the students' backpacks by the end of the week. These letters will share where the individual families are in their scrip earnings through October 31, 2011.

Friends of the Orphans – Thank you to all those families who have already contributed to their class orphans. Collections are going well; I remind those of you who haven't had a chance to contribute yet, to please do so. Please keep all of our sponsored orphans in your prayers.

High School News – Notre Dame's Open House is Sunday, November 13th from 1:00–4:00.

Yearbook - Yearbook envelopes will be handed out this week. All order forms are to be returned by November 18th. This year, the yearbook will be available to students in grades K–8.

The Holiday Boutique will be open for just a couple of more days. You are welcome to stop by before items are boxed in preparation for the Advent sale for the students. Also, they have a limited quantity of the OLPH Annual Christmas ornaments still available. Enjoy these last few days of shopping!

Have a wonderful week; I look forward to seeing you at Mass on Sunday.

Sincerely,  
*Donna Lauro*  
Principal