

November 16, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I can't believe that this is my Thanksgiving letter. There will not be a virtual envelope next week. I would like to wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving, one that is filled with lots of good things to eat and time spent surrounded by family and friends.

Just a few brief reminders though:

- Our last day before the Thanksgiving Holiday is Wednesday, November 23rd. Dismissal is at 10:30 AM. I apologize for any inconvenience but our dismissal time is dictated by the availability of the Pennsauken busses. There will be after school care.
- Please don't forget the PTO's Beef and Beer this weekend. The PTO always does a wonderful job and everyone is guaranteed to have a good time. Hopefully, all of you will be able to attend. Thanks also for your generous participation in all of the fund raising activities sponsored by the PTO and for sending in your dues.
- The school is collecting canned goods for South Jersey Food Bank. If it is within your means, please, contribute one of the requested items.

Everything seemed to go well with the distribution of the first report card for the year and the conferences. Due to the fact that most of you are checking Churchwerks on a regular basis there were few surprises. Remember to contact the teacher if you have concerns or have not had a conference. It takes cooperation between the school and the home if your child is to be successful.

Remember to post the monthly calendar in prominent place at home as there are many important dates coming up for the children and parents.

The school is still in need of volunteers to help with the lunch program and recess. Contact the school to arrange for fingerprinting and CAP attendance. Both of these are mandatory and are at no expense to you. The school is eager to have you get involved, but it is a requirement of the diocese that any one having personal interaction with student be fingerprinted and pass a background check. There are no exceptions to this. The school will reimburse you for your initial out

of pocket expense for the fingerprinting. If you can help, contact Donna Catrino.

This Sunday the Catholic children are expected to attend the 9:00 AM Mass and wear their uniforms. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

As I stated last week, I will only be writing a newsletter every two weeks. There really is no need to write one more often. If there is some important information to go out, you will receive one of my phone calls to your home.

Now is the time to mention school closing procedures due to snow, other poor weather conditions or an emergency. You will receive a phone call at home through the new notification system. You can check for a closing on KYW or Action News Channel 6. Our school number is 635.

Students are arriving at school too early. Unless they are going to before school care or you have made some special arrangements with the Office, students are not to be in school before 7:30 AM.

REMEMBER SCHOOL IS IN SESSION ON DECEMBER 8TH.

Here is a prayer by Avery Brooke for all of us as we begin one of the busiest seasons of the year.

To Be Thankful

**I have many things to be thankful for, God,
And sometimes I remember them and other times I forget.
When something large or small goes wrong,
It fills my mind and I forget those things for which—when I
remember—
I am thankful.
Help me to remember the good things, God.
To name them, to savor them and to be
thankful to you.**

Mrs. Higgins, Principal

