

September 28, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Can you believe that Saturday will be the beginning of October? Since October is the month of the Rosary, I would urge all families to set aside time to say the Rosary together. It is such a beautiful devotion and one destined to bring about world peace.

Remember to purchase the raffle tickets that you received from the Church and to buy a ticket to attend the Autumn Festival on October 15th. It should be a fun evening for everyone. The proceeds help the campus of St. Stephen's.

Today was Election Day for Student Council. Speeches were given on Tuesday morning and all of the candidates did an excellent job with their speeches. St. Stephens is truly fortunate to have had such outstanding candidates. The winners are:

President—Ashley Schmid Vice-President—Colin Aleszczyk
Secretary—Dana Surgner Treasurer—Madison North
Commissioner of Service—Taylor Mason
Commissioner of Spirit—Sarah Blum
Commissioner of Safety—Kelly Coar
Homeroom Representatives—Grade 6-- Lauren Davis and Frankie Schlegel
Grade 5—Margherita Ciarrocca and Morgan Hicks

Installation of those elected will take place before the 9 o'clock Mass on Friday, October 7th. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you for returning the many forms that came home these past weeks. However, there are still several emergency or nurse's forms that have not been returned. These must be returned no later than Friday because this is a significant safety issue for your children. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Several students have been absent from school in the last month. **When your child is absent it is required by law that you send a note stating the day and date of absence and the reason for absence. Without the note the child may not be allowed to return to school. Also, those fall vacations have started.** A vacation during the school year drastically affects the continuity of your child's education. Work can not be given to them ahead of time.

Thanks to all who attended the "Sundae Funday" sponsored by the PTA. The parents did an excellent job of organizing it and everyone seemed to enjoy the ice cream and the fellowship. Please remember to pay your dues, buy your coupon books and send in the money to the room mothers. Remember that no matter how

organized and enthusiastic the Board members are the success of the PTA and their many activities is in your hands.

Thursday, September 29th, is individual picture day for students in grades K-8. Your child may wear the outfit you would like him/her to have on for the photograph. If you would like your child photographed in the school uniform he/she may wear it. If it is gym day no child is to wear gym clothes. You must send in the money for the pictures if you have not done so. Remember no checks or credit cards can be accepted. 8th grade girls are to wear their uniform. They may wear small stud earrings and a small ring if they choose. The boys are to wear a white shirt and a navy blue tie. They will be provided with a graduation gown to wear for the photograph.

Beginning with October the Principal's Newsletter will only be published twice a month or a special need presents itself.

We are continuing with Student of the Month this year. The various grade levels have selected their criteria. Those chosen for the month will have pizza with the principal.

May you continue to experience God's love and the peace that it provides.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Patricia Higgins, M.A. Ed.
Principal