



October 18, 2023

Dear Parents,

We are all looking forward to the School Family Meeting coming up this Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 pm. During this meeting, we will learn more about our American history particularly in the aspect of immigration. You will hear a moving poem recited by one of our students and stories from three of our parents on how their families made it to America.

After this point in the evening, all parents may share in small groups what you know of your own families' histories of coming to America. My great-great grandfather, for example, came as a teenager from Ireland in 1858 with his two older brothers. With the proclamation of the Homestead Act of 1862, he moved with his new bride and his strong Catholic faith to Nebraska to claim land for his own. He started his family in a sod house near Wahoo. Great-great grandma would tell of cows walking over the roof of their soddy and of an occasional clod of dirt falling on their one dining table.



What do you know about your family's arrival and settling in America? Did your ancestors go through Ellis Island and see the Statue of Liberty? For some of you, the migration is a treasured family heritage while for others it is a living reality. You yourselves are the settlers!

Whether our stories be old or new, happy or sad or a mixture of both, we have much to learn from each other and much for which to be thankful to God. We will end the evening with a celebratory American dance called the Virginia Reel. It is easy to learn and great fun to do. 4th through 6th graders are welcome to join parents and teachers in the dancing! Babysitting will be provided throughout the evening.

We will see you this Tuesday evening and may God bless America!

In the Heart of Christ the King,

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Report Cards: Report cards come home today. Please take some time to look at them with your children and to encourage them to keep trying their best with their schoolwork. It is their way of honoring God, their families, and themselves.



October Pro-Life Diaper Drive: The 5th grade students are leading the school in collecting diapers! Donations will be shared with Catholic Social Services and Gianna Women's home. There are special prizes for classes who collect the most diapers. Please send diapers to school and help babies in need.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES Thank you for all who attended! The teachers were very pleased with the conferences. Special thanks to all who worked together to provide meals for the faculty.

Fabulous School Family Meeting: Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 pm. Please see newsletter above for details.

BOOK-IT: All BOOK-IT challenges are due by October 31. Please turn them in beginning next week.

All Saints Parade and Mission Carnival: Please join us on Tuesday, October 31st for the first graders' All Saints Parade. It will begin at 1:15 PM in the parish hall. After the parade, stay and enjoy our annual Mission Carnival running from 1:45

– 3:00 PM in the parish hall.

Last Day for Boys to Wear Shorts: is Tuesday, October 31. After this date they should be in khaki or navy dress, twill, or corduroy pants.

Cold Weather is Coming: Please be sure your child is dressed warmly. Girls may wear solid navy blue, burgundy, white or black stockings under their jumpers.

Winter Coats?: The Knights of Columbus are once again providing winter coats for children in need. Please call the office to let Sister Mary Alma know if your child needs a coat this winter.

Lock Down Drill: The children had a lock down drill in school today. As with fire drills and tornado drills, we practice in order to know what to do in case of an emergency. Fire drills normally are practiced 10 times per year. Tornado and lock down drills are practiced two times per year.

Coming Home today: Report cards, Diaper Drive flyer, Trunk or Treat flyer, and Online payment information

Upcoming Date

October 31 – All Saints Parade 1:15 PM Mission Carnival 1:45 – 3:00 PM
November 01 - All Saints Day
November 02 Mass of Remembrance
 Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:30 PM
November 05 Sacred Heart Parish Fall Festival 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM