

# Wednesday E-Folder

**October 26, 2011**

**As we prepare for the sweet joy of Halloween, the following prayer fittingly illustrates the creative magnificence of our Lord and the love He offers each of us:**

## **A Pumpkin Prayer**

*Father in Heaven, like a farmer, you have watched me grow and picked me out from all the rest to house your light and glow.*

*Open my mind to think of you. Open my mind to sing. Open my eyes to see your world and share the joy you bring. Open my heart to be your home – a warm and welcome shell, washed clean of sin.*

*A place wherein your love and light may dwell....AMEN.*

## **Community Yard Sale**

On Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, SFdS hosted a community yard sale that procured almost \$1500! These funds will go directly to the completion of the Parish Center classrooms and parish offices. A special note of gratitude for the determined efforts Mrs. Louie Massey offered this project as the chairperson of this event. As well, thank you for all of the community members who contributed to the success of this day. It was truly a team effort!

## **N.U.T. Day**

As we welcome in a weekend full of Halloween festivities, it is only fitting that we kick-off the celebration with a N.U.T. day. Therefore, the students are invited to wear casual, yet appropriate attire on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. As an additional reminder, students are permitted to wear their Halloween costume on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Should they choose not to wear a costume on Monday, they are expected to wear their school uniform.

## **Crab Cake Dinner**

The Development Committee is sponsoring a tasty fundraiser on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held in Parish Center and is need of parent volunteers. The following duties require assistance are from 3pm – 7pm:

- 2 volunteers to serve side dishes
- 2 volunteers to man carry out station
- 1 volunteer to sell desserts
- 1 volunteer to wash dishes
- 4 volunteers to seat and serve customers in dining area

If interested, please contact Susan McGinty at [susanmcginty@msn.com](mailto:susanmcginty@msn.com). Your request for reservations is greatly appreciated. For more information about the event, please [CLICK HERE](#).

### **Fall and Winter Uniform**

On Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will move to our fall and winter dress attire. Should you require clarification on the specific apparel items that are required to be worn, please refer to the dress code section of the Parent-Student Handbook.

### **Weekly Mass**

Students in grades PK-8 are scheduled to celebrate All Saints Day with a Mass on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am. Please note that because of this celebration, we will not gather for our normal Wednesday Eucharistic celebration.

As always, parents and other guests are invited to attend all of these Eucharistic celebrations.

In the case of rainy weather, we will continue to participate in school liturgies. Although, we ask that each child be prepared to walk to church during such rainy weather. Raincoats or umbrellas are helpful in such cases.

### **This Week in Athletics**

*Congratulations to the Boys Soccer team for a great season! Thank you for being such great ambassadors for our school community. A special note of appreciation for the generous donation of time and guidance that Coach Ains shared with our student-athletes. Thanks coach!*

*Co-ed Golf:*

- Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Green Hill Y & CC vs. Worcester Prep.
  - School departure time at 2:15pm and a game time of 3:00pm.

*Congratulations to the Girls Field Hockey team for a great season! Thank you for being such great ambassadors for our school community. A special note of appreciation for the generous donation of time and guidance that Coach Aswell and Coach Phillips shared with our student-athletes. Thanks coaches!*

### **HSA News**

The “**Spooktacular Halloween Event**” will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 5pm-8 pm! It will be an evening of festive fun and exciting games! Students in grades PK-5 are invited to participate in games and activities scheduled from 5:00pm–6:30pm.

As you might have heard, the revival of the Trunk or Treat will also be included during this “**Spooktacular**” program. Students, teachers and families are invited to decorate a treat-filled "trunk" (a car of your choice) and hand out goodies to our SFdS students! Students in grades PK-8 are invited to enjoy the sweet goodies of Trunk or Treat.

Then, from 6-8pm, students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th grade are invited to attend a “**Monster Mash Bash**” with a local DJ. This part of the evening will be held in the Parish Center.

Parents interested in this portion of the evening should contact Christy Binstead at [christybinstead@yahoo.com](mailto:christybinstead@yahoo.com).

The entire evening is sure to be a fun event for all ages!

If you are interested in decorating a trunk and handing out treats or volunteering for the many activities offered during the evening, please email Jess Emhoff at [jess.emhoff@gmail.com](mailto:jess.emhoff@gmail.com) or Kristen Kirby at [kristen.kirby@comcast.net](mailto:kristen.kirby@comcast.net) ASAP!

### **Hallo-Giving Parade Project**

On Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the entire school will enjoy a celebration of fun and giving as we celebrate Halloween with our very own pumpkin patch. The day's events will include a hay-ride and the decoration of a pumpkin that will be hand delivered to the residents of the Anchorage Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. On this special day, students are invited to wear to school a costume that is age appropriate and not frightening in nature.

To verify your permission, please complete the permission form that had been sent home with your child(ren). This consent will allow him/her to participate in the parade route that will have us walk down Camden Avenue to Carroll Street.

If you are interested in chaperoning the children during this walk, please contact your child's homeroom parent.

### **Halloween Menu**

On Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the cafeteria menu will include: Hallo "weenies" with ghoully dipping sauce, Witch's Teeth, Cheesy Guts and Graveyard Surprise. Enjoy!

### **Veteran's Day Program**

If you have any family member who currently serves or has served in any of the five branches of our military, we would like to extend an invitation for them to attend our Veteran's Day Prayer Service that we have scheduled for Friday, November 11th at 8:20am. If you have a military family member who is available to attend this special program, please notify your child's homeroom teacher. We are grateful for the heroism that our service men and women offer the citizens of our country. God Bless America!

### **Penguin Paddle Club**

Students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in participating in the Penguin Paddle Club are asked to sign the interest sheet located on the small bulletin board near the art room. Days are yet to be determined; however, the time will be 3:15pm - 4:30pm.

On a side note, the SFdS Paddle Club is still in need of one more ping-pong table to expand our tournament play. Therefore, if you have a slightly used table that needs a new home or you might be interested in contributing to the purchase of a new table, please contact Sue Nascimbeni at [snascimbeni@sfdscs.org](mailto:snascimbeni@sfdscs.org).

### **Classroom Box Tops Competition**

And the winner of the N.U.T. day is....Third Grade! Third Grade collected 474 Box Tops! In an effort to be fair to all of our classes, regardless of size, we determined our winner by dividing the total number of Box Tops collected by the total number of students. Please keep collecting Box Tops. Our Classroom Competition will be ongoing through April! The winner will enjoy an ice cream party in May.

Thank you for your continued support of our school with Box Tops!

### **Birthday Celebrations**

As most of you know, on your child's birthday (or on their half-birthday for those children who celebrate their special day during the summer months), the students are invited to have their own personal N.U.T. day. This year we have expanded the special nature of this day to include having a parent(s) enjoy lunch with their child on this day. If you are interested in sharing a meal with your child on their birthday (or half-birthday), please contact your child's homeroom teacher to arrange such a visit. Please note, only packed lunches or cafeteria purchased lunches are permitted during this arranged visit.

### **Campus Clean-up**

Please save this date and time....Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am. As a community, we will use this day to reduce, remove and recycle all of the items that have found a home in the upper floors of the Parish Center. In preparation for the impending construction of the Parish Center classrooms, office spaces and meeting areas, we have reserved a roll-off trash canister for a campus and parish "dumpster day". With that said, are in **DESPERATE NEED** of assistance to move both heavy and small items on this day. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Rob Costante.

### **Homework Help**

The Middle School (5-8) is now offering homework help after school. Any student can come when they want to get their homework done or if they need a little extra help and guidance while completing homework. There is always a teacher available to help if they need it. The cost is \$1 per student. It will begin right after school and last until 4 PM. Mondays and Wednesdays will be with Mrs. Phillips and Tuesdays and Thursdays will be with Miss Smith.

### **School Yearbook**

Please consider reserving a copy for your child at the rate of \$30. If interested, please [CLICK HERE](#). Questions.....please contact either our parent sponsor, Stephanie Overton O'Hara or our faculty sponsor, Elle Phillips.

### **Notes from the Choir Loft**

Mrs. Mullins has some great music planned for our small group of very talented singers. Some Sunday Masses, All-School Masses, the Tree Lighting, Critter Christmas at the Zoo, our very own Christmas Concert and perhaps a competition! We need every wonderful voice every Tuesday morning bright and early at 7:30am in the Parish Center. Send your singer down even if they are late. Late voices are better than no voices!

### **FluMist Procedure**

Each child(ren) has been given a consent form to participate in the Wicomico County FluMist prevention program. Should you wish to have your child receive the influenza vaccine on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, please complete this form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. **This form is due by November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions relating to this procedure, please contact our School Nurse Office.

### **Scrip**

As we approach the start of the holiday season, many exciting additions to the Scrip program are sent to commence. To learn more about these additions, please [CLICK HERE](#).

### **Christmas Music Program**

As a reminder, the music students in PK-4<sup>th</sup> grades and the band members will perform in the Christmas Music Program on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The performers in PK-4<sup>th</sup> grades may wear nice dressy Christmas outfits, unless they have been contacted to wear a special costume. Children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> who have a drama part will have a specific costume to wear for the event. As well, those children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> who have been selected to perform as dancers will also have specific concert attire.

In addition to our Christmas Program performance, our students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> have also been invited to perform at the Salisbury Zoo's "Critter Christmas" which is scheduled for Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Our performance time is 2:15pm - 2:45pm on this day. Please contact Mrs. Thompson if your child is unable to attend the "Critter Christmas" event on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Christmas Vacation Schedule**

It has come to my attention that the Christmas vacation schedule on the school calendar refers to the re-opening of school on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> instead of Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> as is listed on the Diocesan calendar. That said, please note that our calendar will now reflect a return from Christmas vacation on **Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. I apologize for any confusion.