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St. Jerome School News

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 1 (Tuesday)	All School Liturgy to Celebrate All Saints Day (8:15 am) Dress Uniform Required for All Students
November 2 (Wednesday)	7:30 AM Morning Social
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From Our Principal: Mrs. Jackson

As we close the end of the first 9 weeks of school year 2011-12, let me just say thank you to all the families for all the support you have shown me in this new position. I am honored and privileged to work with such giving, caring, and compassionate families, faculty, staff, and students. There is a great deal of growth happening here. Some exciting changes have been taking place and will continue to do so to make St. Jerome Catholic Community a vibrant place to learn. Some of the changes are happening now and will continue through out the school year. Others will be for next school year. Some changes are taking place to make your interactions with the school run more smoothly, for example, the school will be moving to accommodate online tuition payments. Additionally, the ordering of school supplies will be done completely online for the 2012-13 school year. Please know that further information on these and other changes will be made available in the coming months. Again, thank you for your ongoing support, prayers, and presence to the growth of St. Jerome Catholic School!

Have a blessed weekend and enjoy the cooler weather!

Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Tomasa Quezada (Fernando Franco's Grandmother), Pedro Gutierrez (Sophia Farenholt's Grandfather), Lori Thomas, Rosemary Peterson, Cindy Gonzalez, Margaret Ann Munday, MaryLou Okrulik, Norma Reddick, and the repose of the soul of Suzi Trammell McClain



Congratulations Soccer!!

Congratulations to our soccer team who successfully completed its season by making it to the playoffs for the **Third Consecutive Year!**

Coach Aguilera and Coach Gaal, send out a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the parents for volunteering to bring drinks during the soccer games: Claudia Sequeira, Eddie Ona, Rosa Flynn, Olga Gonzalez, Sandra Gonzalez, Gracie Rizo, Esther Hernandez, Stephanie Rodriguez, Rosie Morales, Yvonne De La Rosa, Monica Perez, Patricia J. Navarro, Minerva Franco, Maria Herrera, Janet Moore, Ana Tobar, Ruben Calderon, Odilon Gracia, and Merlee Lacanilao.

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Tuition is Due this Week! A \$25 Late Fee is assessed to all payments received after the 10th of the month. Also, please remember that we do not accept post-dated checks. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Monreal at x244.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Cell phones are prohibited in the school zone on Kempwood and Hollister and speeds must be below 10 MPH in the carpool line. Also, Monday is Halloween but please refrain from bringing treats as our school does not host Halloween parties.



Morning Social Wednesday

The Student Council will sponsor a morning social Wednesday, November 2 before school (starting at 7:30 am) in the Junior High Building. Come join us for some juice (25¢) and donuts (50¢).



Monday morning is the last day for the box tops contest. Please continue to collect box tops as we will have another collection contest after the New Year. Homeroom winners will be announced in the next newsletter.



BULLYING PREVENTION PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS

Due to the overwhelming response we have made two categories for the contest. All of the pumpkins were absolutely wonderful and the anti-bullying messages came right from the heart of our students. We want to thank everyone who participated. Great job everyone! Thank you to Mrs. Novak, Fr. Joe, and Fred McCloskey for taking the time to judge.

PK, K, 1st

Mini Pumpkins First Place- Isabella Nguyen
Large Pumpkins First Place- Jude Banez

Second Place- Evan Drake
Second Place- Luke Zermeno

Third Place- Marthella Diaz
Third Place- Kathryn McCauley

2nd, 3th, 4th

Mini Pumpkins First Place- Kaityln Adams
Large Pumpkins First Place- Jillian Bruegging

Second Place- Teja Abbott
Second Place- Alessio Gonzalez

Third Place- Catherine Sharkey
Third Place- Nicole Bock

5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Mini Pumpkins First Place- Kaylie Zermeno
Large Pumpkins First Place- Ashley Krus

Second Place- Savannah Alaniz
Second Place- Shelby Stager

Third Place- Daniel Bermingham
Third Place- Jacob Krus



Deepen Your Appreciation of the Mass

Starting November 27th, there will be some changes in the way we pray at mass in English. This will be a great opportunity to renew our worship and draw closer to Christ. If you would like to re-discover and greater appreciate the meaning of mass, please join us for the following reflection/lecture:

Thursday November 10th at 7:00 PM at the Outback House: "Liturgy of the Eucharist" by Dr. Jeremy Wilkins from St. Mary's Seminary

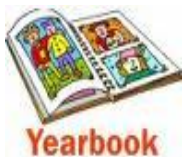
We really hope that you can join us. Cookies and coffee will be served afterwards. Information: Gabriela Karaszewski (713) 464-5029



JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Starts Tuesday, November 2

Registration packets (located outside the front and PE office) must be completed and students in 7-8th grades must have an up-to-date medical physical signed by a physician. Basketball Fee is \$110 to be turned in to Mrs. Burleson.



Yearbook News

Yearbooks will be in full **COLOR** this year and will begin sales November 1st. Purchase before January 20th and receive the yearbook for only \$20.

Payments can be turned in to Mrs. George before January 6th. Checks are to be made out to St. Jerome School. Visit www.balfour.com to purchase your yearbook via credit card.

Incarnate Word Academy Open House

Sunday, November 6th, 2011, Incarnate Word Academy will host an open house for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls. Registration begins at 3:00 pm and all attendees will have the opportunity to tour the school and meet with students and faculty.

Counselor Corner

This month a Guidance Curriculum Program was rolled out for our faculty to use in the classroom! Kindergarten through 8th grade will have guidance lessons from an Archdiocesan-recommended resource, *Growing In Love*, for Catholic Elementary Schools. The curriculum is endorsed by the National Catholic Education Association. This curriculum was developed to address four domains – spiritual, academic/educational, career/occupational, and personal/social. These domains (aside from spiritual) are congruent with the National School Counselor Association's Model for school counseling. I am excited to have a specific guidance program for the students in the classroom this year! It is our hope that with consistent implementation in the classrooms our students will gain confidence, information, and coping skills for everyday life.

Living Rosary Celebration!

Today was a day of celebrations on St. Jerome Catholic School campus. Following the honor roll assembly, parents, grandparents and extended families returned to homerooms with students to pray a living rosary to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary. Thanks to all the parents who donated food and drinks for the social moment following the prayer time. We enjoyed sharing this day with those who could attend!

Worlds Finest Chocolate is Still for Sale. Bars are \$2 and ½ of all proceeds support the 7th-8th Grade trips.

8th Grade: Vicksburg/Natchez, MS
7th-8th Grade: Williamsburg, VA/Philadelphia, PA, Washington, DC
7th Grade: Austin, TX

Students needing more chocolates to sell can pick up boxes on Tuesday, November 1, 7-7:30 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. from Mrs. Monreal's office in the parish office building