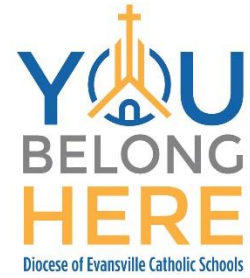




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Parent Newsletter

Friday, January 29, 2021



SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Social media is one of the primary ways that child predators recruit their victims. On Friday, Sgt. Gonzalez from the MVPD met with each class to talk with them about using the internet and social media safely. Please be aware of what your children watch, listen to, and post on social media and internet games. Also, be aware of who they follow and who follows them. Predators often pose as children online, even using voice changers to sound like a child. Children should never tell strangers that they meet online their name, age, address, or school. Children should not post pictures wearing clothing that identifies where they live or go to school. It is recommended that children's accounts be private rather than public. The internet and social media can be a great good, but they can also be very harmful. We want to keep all of our children safe. Mrs. Hayden, our Youth First Social Worker, shared an article about online safety that is also helpful. You can find it at <https://youthfirstinc.org/keeping-your-child-safe-online/>.

SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION UPDATE

Ticket sales are going strong! **Our HALF POT is up to \$4,520.** That's a payout of \$2,260 to the winner! If you need more tickets to sell to friends, neighbors, or coworkers, we have some available in the school and parish offices. Tickets are also being sold in the CCM parking lot each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please send in your ticket packets as soon as possible.

If you've never participated in an online auction, they are a lot of fun! To make this a success, we need items to bid on. **Please consider donating an item or activity!** Item donation forms are due back **NO LATER THAN FEB. 12TH**. All of the money raised from the auction goes to benefit the school! **Our classrooms need new Smart Boards.** We need your help to make this happen!

New this year—**FIESTA BASKETS!** PTO is taking orders on Fiesta Baskets with lots of goodies inside to enjoy with your family and friends during the Live Auction on March 6th. An order form with more information can be found in last week's Friday Folder. Orders are due by Feb. 12th.



***Silent Online Auction: Feb. 20-March 4th *Live Online Auction: March 6th**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS HERE!

National Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated throughout our diocese and across the country from January 31st through February 6th. The Student Council, teachers, and staff have planned special dress days, activities, and even a few surprises to make the week a lot of fun! There are a few things that we need you to send in by January 27th. Please write your child's name on the back of each photo.

1. Baby picture of each student (Ages 1-3 years would be perfect, preferably a 4X6)
2. Family picture (preferably a 4X6 size photo)

The themes for the week include:

Sunday, January 31st: Celebrating our Parish

Monday, February 1st: Celebrating our Community

*Pajama Day—Students may wear pajamas, slippers, and robes, and bring a small stuffed animal to school. Bring tennis shoes for recess.

*Service project for Posey County Humane Society—We are collecting donations for the PCHS: dog toys and treats, cat toys and treats, dog collars, Lysol wipes, paper towels, Pine Sol, bleach spray cleaner, and large disposable gloves.

Tuesday, February 2nd: Celebrating our Students

*Neon Day—Students may wear neon colored shirts and sweatshirts with jeans or dress code bottoms.

*Game Day—Students may bring a board game or card game to school.

Wednesday, February 3rd: Celebrating our Nation

*Stars and Stripes Day—Students may wear patriotic attire with patriotic pants, jeans, or dress code bottoms.

Thursday, February 4th: Celebrating Vocations

*Regular Dress Code Day

*Mass at 8:15 a.m.

*Kindergarten Roundup and Open House from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 5th: Celebrating our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

*Decades Day—Students may wear decades attire or free dress

*Sock Hop with a Twist in the afternoon

Saturday, February 6th: Celebrating our Families



OPEN HOUSE & KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Mark your calendars and help us spread the word! Our annual Kindergarten Roundup and Open House for 2021-2022 will be on Thursday, February 4th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Because of COVID-19, we are asking families to contact the school in advance and make an appointment for that evening or another day/time that better meets their needs.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Several of the students wore jeans that were frayed or had holes or tears today. While this is the style right now, the handbook states that jeans should not be frayed or have holes or tears.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

The deadline to order a St. Matthew School yearbook for 2020-2021 is March 24th. For more information about how to place an order, please see the flyer in today's Friday Folder.

LUNCH MENU

Monday, February 1

Pepperoni Pizza or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Salad, Carrots with Ranch, Sweet Cherries, and Milk

Tuesday, February 2

Corn Dog or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Baked Beans, Broccoli, Strawberry Cup, and Milk

Wednesday, February 3

Breaded Pork Chop or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Baked Apples, and Milk

Thursday, February 4

Chicken Parmesan or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Salad, Peas, Mixed Berries, and Milk

Friday, February 5

Bosco Sticks or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Carrots with Ranch, Marinara, Blueberries, and Milk

