

November 17, 2017

Happy Friday Everyone,

Well there is less than one week until Thanksgiving! Amazing! I hope you are ready to enjoy some family time. This week, I am reminded how important your family really is and why it is so important to love each day and not take anything for granted. A former parent of mine passed away this past weekend suddenly. I taught 4 of his 5 children. His wife is very active with the Diocese of Buffalo and the Department of Education. Today was his funeral. As I stood in the back of church - standing room only in the church, vestibule, and choir loft - it was evident that this man and his family are loved. It is even more evident that his love of life was shared with those around him. This Thanksgiving, be sure to let people know how much you love them and how much they mean to you. Love every minute of your life - even the tough ones - because they teach you something. Life is so short and you never know when it may end. Don't sweat the small things, be like Elsa and let it go, and love as God loves us.

A few quick reminders:

Please collect & send in empty egg cartons (plastic or cardboard) & empty paper towel & toilet paper rolls. These items come in handy for class projects & are great for recycling efforts. We will collect these until our Dec. break.

Save the Date: The STREAM Expo is on Sunday, Dec. 3 at St. Joe's Collegiate High School from 12:00-3:00 pm. Our Science Scrimmage & Robotics students will be competing against students from other local schools but ALL are invited to attend to see the many STREAM projects that will be on display. There is not an entrance fee but all who attend are asked to bring a canned food item to support the St. Joe's Food Basket Drive. Please come out to support our students & school.

Tuesday is a dress down day because of the turkey trot. Remember that the school is providing lunch for all students and staff. If your child does not like turkey, please send them in with an alternate lunch. Our PT PK4 is invited from 11:30-12:30 to join us, just please let Mrs. Pascucci know if you are attending. Our PT PK3 is also able to stay past their 11:30 dismissal time and get picked up at 12:30 instead.

Today, your child (YOUNGEST AND ONLY) received a Save A Round book. This is an annual fundraiser. Though not required, your participation is appreciated! We make 50% profit on each book sold! The fundraising that we do helps to cover events like Catholic Schools Week, prizes for Turkey Trot, assemblies, etc. These are all very expensive, but fundraising helps to partially or in some cases, fully cover these events. The cost of the book is \$25. If you do not wish to purchase a book, please return the book by December 1st. If you do not return the book, you are asked to simply return FACTS sheet that came in the book and sign it so that the cost can be charged to your FACTS account. You may also order more books on the order form if you wish. These make handy little gifts for young adults, college students, families, etc. We appreciate your help!

On the flip side of the SAVE A ROUND order form is the flyer for the St. Andrew's Parish and School Cash Giveaway! Each \$20 ticket gives you a chance to win \$50 daily from December 1-24 and \$1000 on Christmas Day. Tickets can be purchased in the school, rectory, or during BINGO. Winners will be posted in the bulletin and prizes will be mailed home.

Remember there is no school Wednesday-Friday next week. There is also no AFTER SCHOOL CARE on Wednesday!

Have a great weekend!

Peace,

Mrs. P