

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is staying dry. I know that many families have been dealing with floods in their basements, attics, and other areas on their property. As you may know the kids have been in McNulty eating this week because the storm flooded our cafeteria as well. We had a service come in to clean and sanitize the cafeteria, so it is safe for all. Obviously, the roof is leaking, and we are doing all we can to contain that as well. The good news is that the roof will be replaced, so that will be a thing of the past when school begins again. The maintenance staff is working hard to keep things dry and to take care of preventing any other issues that may pop up. We are praying for some sun so things dry up!

For those of you that are going to the BISONS game tonight:

“If the game is rained out, the tickets will be good for any other game this season, excluding only July 3<sup>rd</sup> because tickets are more expensive that day because of the concert with the BPO.”

As to **the weather**, here is his comment at 10:00am today “Right now I am hearing there may be a window later for us to try and get the game in, so I don’t expect it to be called early as of right now.”

However, should you want **to stay on top of the situation** you can “Call 843-4373 (THE-HERD) to check for updates, and our Twitter is usually the fastest thing online that is updated with weather.”

Tomorrow, our 3rd graders make their First Communion. We are very excited for them and very proud of them! We cant wait to see them in their finest on the 12th for May Crowing!

Today was the end of Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers would like to thank HSA for their treats each day and the wonderful luncheon! It was great. The students and Father Matt gave them a special surprise at mass. The kids had told me all they loved about their teachers, and we gave the teachers awards for all the wonderful things they do. It was so sweet to see the children rally around their teacher, cheering and clapping. Father loved the looks on the teachers' faces when they heard the descriptions read and their names called. Teachers are the backbone of any school. They hold it up on their shoulders! FABULOUS JOB TO OUR AMAZING TEACHERS AND TEACHERS' AIDES!!

I am sure you have seen the newest fad in fidget toys - the spinner. The basis for the fidget cube was to help those students who needed something to literally fidget with to help with attention without causing disruption. The notion is that it has the same cathartic ability as clicking a pen, tapping a foot, rocking on a chair, etc., but quietly and without disturbing other classmates. Then the spinners came along. The basis was supposed to be the same. However, the students are using them as toys, not paying attention, and causing disruptions in the class rooms. In lunch the students are playing with them rather than eating. If a child is not using it for its intended purpose, they will be asked to put it away. At lunch, they must eat their lunch first before playing with it, or they will be asked to put it away, like any other toy. This affecting all grade levels.

From Mr. Bratek:

We need 5-7 track meet volunteers for May 15th. You must be VIRTUS trained. Please contact Mr. Bratek if you can help out at the Diocesan Track Meet!

FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. VINCENT dePAUL: Collection begins Monday, May 8th and ends Wednesday, June 7th. Items will be collected every Friday morning from classrooms by Geoffrey Johnston Jr. and some 5th grade friends. The food drive is being run as a service project for Tae Kwon Do! Kudos to Geoffry for thinking of this!

ARE YOU ABLE TO SAVE A LIFE: If a person near you stopped breathing, how would you respond. There is a new defibrillator in McNulty Hall near the entrance - can you use it? Everyone should learn lifesaving skills,

CPR and knowledge of how to use a defibrillator. Monday, May 8th, Dan Hartman will teach these important life saving skills. Presented by the Holy Name Society at St. Andrew's.

8th GRADERS - You are welcome to join the CYO meeting on May 7th at 6pm in the school cafeteria.

Our Lady of Fatima Home Visit program: We are looking for individuals and families to invite the Blessed Mother into their home for a week. Please contact Mary at 870-0238 or Liz at 380-6700 to book a visit. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

Just a reminder that next Friday is a half day, with dismissal at 11am. There is NO STARCAST Friday.

May Crowning is May 11th.

Hope Ribbon is May 19th.

Mark your calendars: June 15th will be a FAMILY FUN DAY at FANTASY ISLAND. Student costs will be covered. Parents, other family members will have to pay for their own ticket and lunch. We will have a catered pavilion for everyone to have lunch together with a choice of hamburgers or hot dogs. Parents will be able to come and get their child from school early, or meet them there. Parents may also chose to have one parent take a small group. Those children whose parents cannot attend or who are not being watched by another parent, will leave on the school bus at 1:45 pm to return to school. We will have a bus to take kids there, if needed, as well. PK3, PK4 and our newly graduated Kindergartners will be able to attend as well with their parents or a guardian and the students' tickets will be covered. . It should be a fun day! We will have more specifics as we get closer to the day. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

Stay dry and warm everyone!

Peace,

Mrs. P