



With Halloween falling on a Monday, there was no question that the students were moving a little slower by the end of this week. Certainly they had a great time trick or treating with their family and friends and had a nice evening! Of course the students began their Halloween fun with our annual St. Joan of Arc School Halloween Parade and small classroom parties. The variety of costumes were great and it was wonderful to see the whole school come together and enjoy this fun day together. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered to make this a special day for our students!

Things are a bustle at St. Joan of Arc School for the month of November! Our annual "Caring Wall of Food" is underway. All canned goods/boxed dinners/canned meats will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul to help those in need in our community. Last year, our school students brought in over 1600 items for our "Caring Wall". Donations can be brought into school until Thursday, November 13. This year we will build the "Caring Wall" on the first floor near the office for all to see! Thank you in advance for helping those in need this season.

A reminder that Parent/Teacher conferences are on Thursday, November 10. Please be prompt in coming to your scheduled time for your conference. If you are unable to make this conference date, please contact your child's teacher to make other arrangements. Report cards will be going home with the children in grades 4-8 only on Thursday, Nov. 10. Parents of students in grades 4-8 may schedule a conference with a teacher of their choice if they feel necessary. Parents of students in grades K-3 will be receiving their child's report cards at their scheduled conference. Parent access to rvsgradebook.com website will be closed Nov. 1 through Nov. 10. This blackout period gives teachers the opportunity to complete their grading process. If you need to contact a teacher in the interim, please call the school office or send a note directly to the teacher with your child.

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Calendar of Events for November:

- Fri. Nov. 4 – St. Joan of Arc Parish Fish Fry
- Tues. Nov. 8 – 7:00p.m. Advisory Board (all welcome!)
- Wed. Nov. 9 - \$1.00 Dress Down benefits the computer lab
- Thur. Nov. 10 - 12:20 Dismissal
  - 1:30-6:00p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fri. Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day/ No School
- Mon. Nov. 14 - 6:00p.m. Confirmation Retreat
  - Last day for donating \$2.00 to Light of Life Mission
- Tues. Nov. 15 - Trading Post for the St. Joseph Indian Orphanage
- Wed. Nov. 16 - Grade 8 visits Seton-LaSalle
- Thur. Nov. 17 - Last day for the "Caring Wall"
- Fri. Nov. 18 - Grades 4-8 Field Trip
- Fri. Nov. 21 - 7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation
- Wed. Nov. 23 - 9:00 Thanksgiving Prayer Service
  - 12:20 Dismissal
- Tues. Nov. 29 - School resumes
- \*Save the date! – Mon. Dec. 19 for the Christmas Program



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**Cafeteria Reminder - All students must have a ticket or cash to receive a lunch. If you forget your ticket or money, please see Mrs. Davis.**

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**Trading Post Day - On Tuesday,, November 15,, the first and second grade will have their annual Trading Post Day. Each student in these two classes will be selling used toys, books, jewelry, stuffed animals and videos. Food items will also be sold. Stuffed animals and videos will be \$.50 and all other items will be \$.25 or lower! A donation by the first and second grade from the profits will be given to the Saint Joseph Indian Orphanage as a Thanksgiving intention.**

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**Red Ribbon Week Winners - Congratulations to all our winners from our Red Ribbon Week contests! Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom for winning the door decorating contest. In the primary grades a coloring contest was held. Congratulations to the following students: K – Regis Manion, Grade 1- Noah Mitchell**

**Grade 2 - Kaitlyn Karrenbauer Grade 3- Zachary Lemansky**

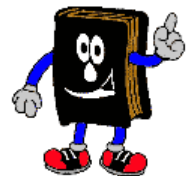
**All of the classes should be proud of the hard work they put forth in this contest. Our assembly with Office Tony was quite a learning experience. Thank you to Miss Tarasovic and the HOPS group for all their efforts in planning a fun and informative week!**

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**Legos – Have your children outgrown their Legos and you are tired of moving them from corner to corner? If so, the third graders would love to have them to use during indoor recess. Please drop off any donations to the school office. Thank you for making rainy/snowy days more enjoyable!**

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**Scholastic Book Fair Thank You – Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. We would like to thank all of our volunteer parents for helping with the fair. A special thank you to Mrs. Pat Jess for coordinating this event. We truly appreciate everyone’s support. Keep watching the “school thermometer” for total monies earned for our school. Along with the money, we also earn many book products for our classrooms and library.**



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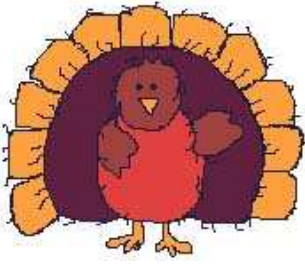


**A reminder that the Sarris Candy orders are due Thursday, November 10. Delivery arrives on Thursday,, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We have requested an early morning delivery to give parents an opportunity to pick up before school. Pick- ups are between 7:30a.m-3:30 p.m.**

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**Santa’s Workshop – Santa Claus is coming to town! Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? This year, Mrs. Luppe and her crew of elves, will be coordinating our Santa’s Workshop. This is a great way to let children “select something special” for someone special in their lives. The workshop will be open Thurs. Dec.8-9 when the students will go “shop” with their classes. The workshop will also be open on Saturday, Dec. 10 during the “Brunch with Santa”. Please stop by and fill up your stockings for Christmas.**





**Light of Life Thanksgiving Donation** – The H.O.P.S. group is asking for \$2.00 donation to benefit the Light of Life Rescue Mission. Your \$2.00 will provide a complete Thanksgiving meal for someone who is homeless, hungry, or in need of assistance. Please have your child bring his/her donation to Miss Tarasovic by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**School Pictures have arrived!** – Your child brought home their school picture on Wednesday, November 2. Interstate Photos will be here on Monday, November 21 for any families interested in re-taking their photo. If you are interested in re-takes, please return your pictures. A new order form can be obtained in the school office.

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**Forensics** – Our Forensic team, under the direction of Mrs. Kathy Moeslein, will be going to their first Tournament on Saturday, November 5 at St. Phillips in Crafton. Our team members for this school year are:

- Grade 8: Ty Brdar, Cory Dinkfelt, Steven Ennis, Kiersten Lewis
- Grade 7: Sophie Andrews, Emily Figliolia, Maria Gagetta, Tiffany Gwardzinski, Carlos Jess, Mary Kutschke, Cheyanne Sorochman, Arianna Yanovich
- Grade 6: Scott Ennis, Nic Minshall
- Grade 5: Clare Brdar, Jenna Dinkfelt, Megan Karrenbauer, Kendallyn Myers, Cassidy Zandier

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**Prayers** – Our eighth grade students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, November 21 at 7:00p.m. from Bishop Waltersheid. Please pray for our candidates and their families. Our school candidates are: Chester Bajkowski, Ty Brdar, Cory Dinkfelt, and Steven Ennis.

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**Weather Issues** – As the magic word “snow” has been on the newscast lately, please remember not to call the school office or the rectory. All delays/closings based on the South Park School District. All delays or closings are announced on KDKA, WTAE, and WPXI news. If there were to be a delay, please remember that we will open extended day at 9:00a.m. to help our working parents.



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**REMINDER:** Money and stubs for the Winter Weekend Getaway Raffle should be returned to school in an envelope Remind marked Winter Weekend Getaway c/o Kaitlyn Karrenbauer, 2nd grade by Wednesday, Nov. 9th. The winning ticket will be drawn on Nov. 10th. Good Luck to all who entered!

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**Baskets!!** – If anyone has any large wicker baskets, could you please consider donating them to our school? Our Christmas Chinese auction will be quickly upon us. Please drop them off in the school office. Thank you in advance!

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**SJA Tidbits:**

- *Instrumental Christmas Band Concert – Dec. 7, 2011 @ 7:00p.m. at Our Lady of Grace*
- *Only light-colored nail polish may be used by the intermediate girls. Nail polish remover is now in the office if the occasion arises.*
- *The “Deep Creek Raffle” will be pulled on Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> during conference time!*
- *Special thank you to Mrs. Battistone and her crew for a superb “Pre-game Chicken Dinner”!*
- *Our St. Joan of Arc Cook Book should be here for sales in late December. Thank you for entering your delicious family favorites!*
- *Next newsletter will be Tuesday, November 29, 2010.*

*St. Joan of Arc.....pray for us!*