



St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,



October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This is a good time to commit to praying the rosary together as a family, if not every day then at least several times a week. It is the best method of honoring the Blessed Mother.

Swimming

Malvern Prep grade school swim meet is on November 13, 2016 @ 12:30pm. All boys in grades 4-8 that go to St. Dorothy School are welcome to participate. Please email Donna McGann if your son is interested. dmfm427@verizon.net.

Drop-off and Pick-Up During Octoberfest – October 3-7

Because the fair equipment will be set up on Sunday night, the drop-off and pick-up procedure will be different. The fire lane will be the drop-off. You will not be able to park your car in the lot all week. I suggest your children walk, if possible, or you park in another location and walk to school to pick them up.

Veterans' Day Celebration

On Friday, November 11, St. Dorothy School students will honor veterans through prayer, food, and entertainment. If you have a veteran in your family, or you know a veteran, please invite him or her to our celebration. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a prayer service in Church. The veterans will be treated to breakfast in the gym. Following breakfast, the students will entertain the veterans.

Please e-mail me, or call the office, with the names of veterans you know who will be coming.

School Uniform

Since next week's weather prediction begins with Monday being in the 70s, the students may wear their summer uniform for another week.

Hot Lunch Program

The hot lunch program will begin on Monday, October 3.

Highly Effective Writing Workbook

All students in grades 4-8 received a copy of this workbook which provides clear ideas on how to write effectively. The book includes information on the writing process and guides students in developing an effective writing piece. This book is a valuable resource, one in which the students will be able to use not only in elementary school but also in high school. The students have been told the book is their "writing bible" and to take good care of it. At the end of the school year, the book will be passed on to the next grade for the students to use again.

Classroom Spotlight

In the 8th grade ELA classes, we have been reading *Of Mice and Men* and discussing the idea of sensory imagery in literature. Recently, we created our own “found” poems by taking a few lines or phrases from the novel that provide an example of sensory imagery and constructing a poem around those phrases using our own words. Below is only one example of the many wonderful poems our 8th graders created. The phrases taken from *Of Mice and Men* are underlined and in bold.

Our Steps Will Always Rhyme
by Daniel Teti

As your **footsteps die away**,
I’ve survived the dying of the light,
But I rage, rage at close of day.

Fate’s funny that way,
I was lonely each day,
While I walked along, looking for you.

I’ve known for a long time,
That our steps will always rhyme,
As I now sit, longing for you.

For heavy is my head,
Now that you’re dead,
As I sit alone, wishing for you.

I hope all returns someday,
But it won’t be the same way,
As I lay down, crying for you.

As I look to the sky,
I still don’t know why,
I now have to walk without you.

I will now say goodbye,
And I whisper to you for the last time,
That our steps will always rhyme.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
12:30-1:30
Parking Lot



A LOOK AT THE DAYS AHEAD

- 10/3 – 8 Octoberfest**
10/7 9:00 First Friday liturgy
10/13 6:30 High School Night – gym
10/14 1:15 Living Rosary
10/20 Grandparents/Special Persons’ Day – Grs. 5-8 No CARES
10/21 No School
10/26 3:45 Confirmation practice Gr. 6
10/28 1:00 Halloween Parade Grs. K-4
10/29 Trunk or Treat
10/30 Confirmation retreat – begins with 10:00 Mass
10/31 No School

Prayer Corner

We will be remembering the following families in our prayers next week:

- 10/3 Carfagno, Carter, Cavalli
10/4 Ciampitti, Cianciola, Ciarrocchi
10/5 Cincotta, Clark (Erin), Clark (Haley)
10/6 Clements, Coary, Colaberdino
10/7 Collins, Coneys, Connolly

Let’s pray, too, that we have no rain all next week!