



St. Margaret Catholic School

Viking Vine



"Be Who God Meant You to Be And You Will Set The World On Fire."

October 12, 2018

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Remember when our children were emerging from their infancy and were in the "terrible two's" category? One word they loved to use was "No" and child development experts told us that they were testing their sense of power in their world and were beginning to realize they have some control or choice over the situations they are in. We were told to respect our children's wishes some of the time, so that they could have a healthy experience of their own power. We were told that when they were teens, their earlier healthy experiences would enable them to make the right choice when their peers encouraged them to do something they may not want to do

In a similar way, we were told that parents who wanted to be their children's friend instead of their parent and never said "no" themselves, ran the risk of raising children who have a misguided sense that they are "all powerful". Their children think that their choices are always right and so they don't need to respect other people, especially adults or people of

authority.

Children need to be eased into decision making from an early age, because as they grow so do the number of choices they have to make; not only will the number grow, so will the complexity. Making a choice takes a balance of self-confidence and the mental stability to think through the consequences of the decision. As parents, we can model good choice-making skills and verbalize our decision making process, when appropriate, to illustrate to our children how to work through options and consequences. It is important that we teach our children to think well about the consequences of any choice, so the best choice can be made in the prevailing circumstances.

Helpful parenting will offer our children guidance rather than answers and will ask leading questions instead of giving directions. We might have to witness our children make mistakes but this can help them handle wrong choices in the future. Of course, in these circumstances we need to be compassionate and avoid belittling.

One important way to assist our children in good choice making is to encourage them to form positive friendships, because children are likely to make the

same choices as their closest friends make. This means that the friends our children have and the choices their friends make, will have quite an influence on our children's decision making. It would be most encouraging for us, as parents, to know that if we have skilled our own children well, they can be a positive influence on their friends.

As parents, we are constantly under observation by our children. Our children's ability to make good choices is in our hands.

Peace and Blessings,
Wendy L. Wicke

**IN LIFE, YOU HAVE
3 CHOICES
GIVE UP, GIVE IN, OR
GIVE IT YOUR ALL!**

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Events

Monday, October 15th

3:00-4:00 pm - Cheer Practice

Wednesday, October 17th

AR Points Due

7:00 pm - SMCS Football vs OLQH @ St. Louis

Thursday, October 18th

6:15 pm - Living Rosary on the Church

Friday, October 19th

End of the 1st Quarter

8:15 am - Mass

A Look Ahead

Monday, October 22nd -

Thursday, October 25th

Book Fair Week

Lunches

Monday, October 15th

Gr. Beef Soft Tacos, Pinto Beans, Corn on the Cob & Peach Slices

Tuesday, October 16th

Hamburger, Fries, Pear Slices & Cookie

Wednesday, October 17th

Chicken Alfredo with Pasta, Yam Patty, Salad Orange Smiles & Wheat Garlic Roll

Thursday, October 18th

Pork Roast/Rice/Gravy, Sweet Peas, Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce, Fruit & Wheat Roll

Friday, October 19th

Beef Finger Steaks, Broccoli with Dip, Glazed Carrots, Pineapple Tidbits & Wheat Roll

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

HALO

Our HALO this week was Mrs. Catherine Schram. Thank you Mrs. Schram for the care and love you give your students and for preparing them for Junior High.

Club Meetings

Wednesday, Oct. 17th
3:00 - 3:30 - Student Council
3:00 - 4:00 pm - Art Club
Thursday, Oct. 18th
Noon - Jr. Catholic Daughters

A Great Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to wear jeans on Wednesday, October 3rd. We were able to raise \$248.65 to help the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C. after Hurricane Florence.

Viking Lagniappe

Unveiling the Virtues

The month of October is being spent developing Habit #2 - Begin with the End in Mind and the Virtue of Prudence. Both of these go hand in hand because when we are cultivating these habits we want our children to think about the "end" and develop a plan of action on how to get to that "end". For example; "What would it take for me to complete my homework daily?" Our children should be able to verbalize the necessary steps to completing homework. Once the plan is verbalized, then it should be written. If homework is an issue at your house, then coming up with a written contractual agree between parent and child can help. This example is one way to teach our children virtuous living. Doing the right thing even when no one is looking or it is difficult is virtuous living.

Prudence - sound judgment - enables one to reason and to act rightly in any given situation - "right reason in action"

Good Counsel - seeking advice from a reasonable person - ask and listen

Good Judgment - thinking rightly about a decision - think

Command - directly acting upon a sound decision - act

Circumspection - careful consideration of circumstances and consequences

Docility - willingness to be taught

Foresight - consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead

Please add these words to your list of virtues and help us help your child cultivate these virtues.

Family Faith Formation

Food for Families: Do your children sometimes ask questions that are difficult to answer? Perhaps you have your own questions about the faith. Father Mike Schmitz has a series of short videos dealing with some of these questions. You might want to bookmark the following link and browse some of the topics Father Mike discusses, to help us as adults grow in our own faith as well as prepare us to answer our children's questions with more confidence. Have a blessed week.

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-presents/fr-mike-schmitz/>

ATTENTION PARENTS:

We have officially rolled out the STOPit online reporting tool to all students in grades 3-8 this week! Students will have access to the online version of STOPit during school hours via the computers in the library computer lab, student classroom computers, and/or chrome- books. Students may also access STOPit after school hours. All you have to do is download the app on any apple or android device free of charge! In order to make an anonymous report, the reporter will need to type in our school's access code: LetsGoSMSCS.

For more information on this online reporting tool, please visit my website and click on the links provided under the STOPit tab. You may also email me with any questions/concerns.

My email address is:
ahebert@stmcs.com.

~Ms. Hebert

"Trunk or Treat"

Sunday, October 28, 2018

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Church Parking Lot

Decorate your trunks and buy some yummy candy and join us for loads of fun.

Hamburger, Hot Dogs and Drinks will be available to purchase.

Presale papers will be sent home shortly through the students.

Book Fair will also be open this day from 1:30- 3:30 pm.

