



# St. Margaret Catholic School

## Viking Vine



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

**October 19, 2018**

### Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Now that China seems to be playing an important part in nations' prosperity or otherwise, perhaps we should become more familiar with Chinese proverbs, for example, this one: "We count our miseries carefully and accept our blessings without much thought." Now, proverbs are supposed to contain a message that is helpful for us to better understand life; could this proverb be suggesting that our lives are shaped by the way we perceive ourselves?

There is a story about a person who came upon an unbroken eagle's egg that had fallen from its nest. Unable to climb to the top of the tall tree, the person put the egg into the nest of a scrub turkey, where eventually it hatched. The fledgling eagle looked at the other scrub turkeys and did as they did; he accepted and imitated their daily routine. One day, an eagle flew over and the now ageing eagle looked up in awed admiration, as the great eagle soared through the sky. "What is that?" he gasped in astonishment. An old scrub turkey replied, "I've seen one

of those before. It's an eagle, the strongest and most magnificent of all the birds. But don't get ideas that you could be like that. You're like the rest of us, a scrub turkey." So, shackled with this belief, the eagle lived and died thinking he was a scrub turkey.

Human beings are blessed with being able to break from the shackles of inappropriate beliefs and alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind. Our attitudes not only determine how we choose to regard ourselves, but how other human beings will treat us. Our attitudes and the choices that we make today will be our lives tomorrow, for our reactions can take us forward or take us down.

A wise person, probably a gardener, tells us that, "Some people grumble because roses have thorns; I am thankful that the thorns have roses." This wise person, still probably a gardener, might go on to point out to us that, if our attitude towards ourselves is negative, then, our capacity to love is greatly diminished. If we have a poor self-image, all our attention is directed to self-pity and leaves us little freedom to reach out to others with love and affection. If we have poor self-image, we are no longer able to recognize and

appreciate the gifts that God has given us that enable us to be our unique self. And if we as parents have poor self-image, and as a consequence, grumble about how hard life is and blame our circumstance on the doings of others, then, how will this assist our children and their chances of having a positive self-image? Children are natural mimics; they learn much about life from watching their parents.

"When I say you hang up my first painting on the refrigerator, I want to paint you another one. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat and I thought it was good to be kind to animals. When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night and I knew I was loved. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be. When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer and I believed there was a God that I could always talk to. "Author Unknown

Peace and Blessings,  
Wendy L. Wicke

### Events

Monday, October 22nd - Friday, October 26th

"Pumpkin Patch Book Fair" - 7:30 am - 3:30 pm Daily

Tuesday, October 23rd

8:00 am - 3:00 PM - PK 3 & 4 to CM Farms

Wednesday, October 24th

6:30 pm - Family Movie Night in the East Room

Thursday, October 25th

Free Dress for October Birthdays

7:45 am - 1:45 pm - 6th Grade to Chem Expo

Friday, October 26th

8:15 am - School Wide Rosary

Report Cards Distributed

9:30 am - 2:00 pm - K & 1st to Banners at McNeese

Sunday, Oct. 28th

See 2nd Page for Details

### Lunches

Monday, October 22nd

Corn Dog, Tator Tots or Fries, Mexican Beans, Fruit & Dessert

Tuesday, October 23rd

Meat Balls/Rice/Gravy, Broccoli, Yam Patty, Fruit & Wheat Roll

Wednesday, October 24th

Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Baby Carrots, Cherry Tomatoes, Celery Sticks with Dip & Pear Slices

Thursday, October 25th

Baked Chicken, Brown Rice, Lima Beans, Glazed Carrots, Applesauce & Wheat Roll

Friday, October 26th

Gr. Beef & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Apple Wedges & Wheat Cinnamon Roll

Choice of Milk Daily

### **Things to Remember**

#### **HALO**

Our HALO this week was Mrs. Suzanne Hinton. We thank Mrs. Hinton for going that extra mile to help out so many SMCS students.

#### Club Meetings

Tuesday, October 23rd

Noon - BETA Club

Thursday, October 25th

3:00 - 4:00 Chess Club

Friday, October 26th

Noon - Spanish Club

#### PAYMENTS

ALL Tuition, Lunches, EDC, etc., must be paid in order for your child to receive his/her report card on Friday, Oct. 26th. Please take care of these as soon as possible.

# 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

Should Catholics Celebrate Halloween?

Many Catholics wonder if it is okay to celebrate Halloween. As Bishop Barron's *Word on Fire* website reminds us, Halloween has deep Catholic roots. Halloween comes from the word, "All Hallows Eve." It is the eve of the great holy day, All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church. Going back to our Jewish roots, our Church begins the celebration of holy days the evening

before. An example of this would be the celebration of Sunday beginning on Saturday evening with the vigil Mass. The vigil Mass for All Saints Day is celebrated on the evening of October 31.

All Saints Day, a day when we celebrate all of the saints in heaven, not just those with a particular feast day during the year, is followed by All Souls Day on November 2. On this day we offer special prayers for the souls of those who have died. These days are special times to remember the Communion of Saints, that is, the Church Triumphant in heaven, the Church Suffering in Purgatory and the Church Militant still here on earth. We are truly connected with one another.

All Hallows Eve was a time of kindness and prayers, a type of "Fall Caroling," when people would offer prayers and services for others in the community. This was often done in exchange for cookies or scones. We can see here the beginnings of our tradition of "trick or treating."

Finally, this was a time for offering prayers for the dead, a practice we continue in a special way throughout the month of November, remembering that this life is not it. We were made for eternal life in heaven.

## A Great Big THANKS!!

THANK YOU to everyone that participated in **Red Ribbon Week!** We had another very successful week and learned a lot about bullying and being drug free!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU also goes out to Mrs. Jessen for her awesome haunted house sign... "SMCS says "BOO" to Bullying and Drugs!"

A very special **CONGRATULATIONS** to our poster contest winners:

1st place: Ellie Fuselier

2nd place: Scarlet Winegeart

3rd place: Ava Suire

Amanda Hebert

School Counselor

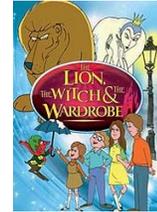
## *Family Movie Night*

*October 24*

*6:30 p.m. in the East Room*

*Chronicles of Narnia*

*"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"*



*Free admission and popcorn*

## "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 have been sent home with the students.

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

