



St. Margaret Catholic School

Viking Vine



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

October 26, 2018

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Would you like to hear some consoling words? You would! Then here they are: "There is no such thing as the 'Perfect Parent!'" Thank heavens for that! The reason for this bold statement is that being a parent is one of humankind's most difficult tasks. Of course, there are many pleasures and rewards but parenting can be demanding, challenging, exhausting - and there's no time off.

What makes it challenging and demanding is that every day we act as a model for our children. Every day they are watching and learning from us; they learn from our actions and conversations, they absorb our attitudes and copy our expressions. They are doing this mostly without us being aware that it is taking place.

Parents are somewhat like a honeybee that has a life purpose to pollinate plants; the bee keeps life going on earth. However, when the bee sets out from the hive each day, she doesn't do it to pollinate plants, she does it to collect nectar to make honey. Likewise, we parents set out each day to lead our own lives and

because we have invited our children to share our lives, we incorporate them into the routines of our daily activities. Inadvertently, we also act as an example to our children as they see us deal with frustrations, settle disagreements and cope with not being able to have the things we want.

Our family is the first school for our children and we parents are powerful models. What we say and do, is recorded by our children and possibly used as evidence against us, if we are seen to be inconsistent in our expectations of them, yet fail to have an equal expectation of ourselves. Because we are the main caregivers, we provide the major influence on our children's lives. We constantly demand respect from our children but it is not something that we should take for granted. Like most things of real value, respect has to be earned. The best way for us to earn respect is to give respect.

Our children, want to see us express real feelings in a healthy way, they want to see us handle anger in an appropriate way, they like to see us making healthy choices about our lifestyle, they like to hear us speaking positively about other people, they like to observe us showing respect when it comes to alcohol, prescription drugs and gambling. They like to

witness positive reinforcements as to how they would like their life to be.

The Chinese have a saying that, "A young branch takes all the bends you can give it". There is no doubt that our children will, in their adult life, be most appreciative of our parenting, if they bear no mental scars or character distortions because of our good intentions as their nurturing parents.

It is not easy to be a model for another human being but it is a big part of every parent's role. There is a saying that, "Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been". Hopefully that will be the explanation for our wrinkles as our turn of role model gives way to our children making their own grown-up choices and, perhaps, taking upon themselves the mantle of role model.

God, our Father, You have gifted us with parenthood. Strengthen us when we have feelings of inadequacy and are fearful of our own failings. Give us courage when we underestimate our own capabilities. Encourage us to open our hearts fully to the working of Your Spirit in our lives. Amen.

Peace and Blessings,
Wendy L. Wicke

Events

Sunday, October 28th

2:00 - 4:00 pm - "Trunk or Treat" in Church Parking Lot (Book Fair 1:30 - 3:00 pm)

Monday, October 29th

Banner Roll Free Dress

Honor Roll Extra Spirit Shirt Day

9:45 am - 2:00 pm - 8th gr. To Civic Center

1:00 pm - PK-3 thru 3rd grade Harvey Rabbit Presentation

3:00 - 4:30 pm - Cheer Practice

Tuesday, October 30th

5:30 pm - SMCS vs OLS @ St. Louis

Wednesday, October 31st

8:15 am - Prayer Service/All Saints Parade & Family Group Activity

Thursday, November 1st

NO SCHOOL - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, November 2nd

8:15 am Mass/Adoration

Lunches

Monday, October 29th

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Gr. Beans, Salad, Pineapple Tidbits & Wheat Garlic Roll

Tuesday, October 30th

Cheeseburger, Fries, & Orange Slices

Wednesday, October 31st

Chicken Stew/Rice Gravy, Red Beans, Yam Patty, Apple Wedges & Halloween Dessert

Thursday, November 1st

NO SCHOOL - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, November 2nd

Toasted Grilled Cheese, Baby Carrots/Broccoli with Dip, Fruit & Dessert

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

HALO

Our HALO this week was Mrs. Wendy Wicke. We thank Mrs. Wicke for her love and compassion for every student and her unending passion to make sure every student receives a top notch education.

Club Meetings

Wednesday, Oct. 31st - Noon - BETA Club and 3:00 - 3:30 pm - Student Council

Friday, Oct. 2nd - Noon - Spanish Club

There will no School on Thursday, November 1st.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation!!

School will resume on Friday, November 2nd

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Unveiling the Virtues

We are finishing up with Habit #2 - Begin with the END IN MIND, and the virtue of Prudence - sound judgement. Hopefully over the last month your child has learned that to cultivate a virtuous life one must start with a goal, develop a plan, and then put that plan into action. When making a goal, one must put into practice Prudential Acts-seeking out Good Counsel (ask and listen), using Good judgement (Think) and finally taking Command (Act). When we practice Habit #2 we also use the virtues of circumspection (Careful consideration of circumstances and consequences), docility (willingness to be taught), and foresight (consideration of the consequences of one's actions, think ahead).

The months of November and December will be spent working on Habit #3 - Put FIRST things FIRST and the virtue of Justice. The Cardinal Virtue of Justice has 13 related virtues. Those virtues are: Affability, Courtesy, Generosity, Gratitude, Kindness, Loyalty, Obedience, Patriotism, Prayerfulness, Respect, Responsibility, Sincerity, and Trustworthiness. Throughout the next two months we will spend time learning about each of these virtues and ways in which we can cultivate them in our lives.

Family Faith Formation

As we come to the end of the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary, I want to share with you an excerpt from Pope Saint John Paul II's Apostolic Letter on the Rosary of the Virgin Mary...

41. As a prayer for peace, the Rosary is also, and always has been, a prayer of and for the family. At one time this prayer was particularly dear to Christian families, and it certainly brought them closer together. It is important not to lose this precious inheritance. We need to return to the practice of family prayer and prayer for families, continuing to use the Rosary...

The family that prays together stays

together. The Holy Rosary, by age-old tradition, has shown itself particularly effective as a prayer which brings the family together. Individual family members, in turning their eyes towards Jesus, also regain the ability to look one another in the eye, to communicate, to show solidarity, to forgive one another and to see their covenant of love renewed in the Spirit of God.

Many of the problems facing contemporary families, especially in economically developed societies, result from their increasing difficulty in communicating. Families seldom manage to come together, and the rare occasions when they do are often taken up with watching television. To return to the recitation of the family Rosary means filling daily life with very different images, images of the mystery of salvation: the image of the Redeemer, the image of his most Blessed Mother. The family that recites the Rosary together reproduces something of the atmosphere of the household of Nazareth: its members place Jesus at the centre, they share his joys and sorrows, they place their needs and their plans in his hands, they draw from him the hope and the strength to go on.

This letter in its entirety can be found online: *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*

"Coats For Kids"



We will again be participating with the Kiwanis "Coats For Kids" project this year. There is great need for gently used coats for kids as well as adults. Last year Kiwanis collected 1,165 coats for kids and adults alike.

Direct beneficiaries of our community projects are: Potter's House, ETC Harbor House, The Lord's Place, Boy and Girls Village, Oasis Women's Shelter, CPSB Title 10-Assistance to Homeless Children, Solomon's Porch, Care Help of Sulphur, Abraham's Tent and DeWanna's Closet.

Please consider sending your coats of any size to school! There is a box located outside of the school office. The last pick up day will be Friday, November 16th.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following Jr. High students who were selected for the District 5 Middle School Honor Chorus: Michaela LaFleur, Dylan Freeman, Megan Ughowwa and Sarah Lumpkin.



"Trunk or Treat"

Sunday, October 28, 2018

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Church Parking Lot

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Drinks will be available to purchase.

Pumpkin Patch Book Fair will be open from 1:30 - 3:00 in the school library.

