



St. Margaret Catholic School

Viking Vine



"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." Nov. 13, 2020

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Fancy a little humor? Well, try this: Standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand, the C.E.O. said, "Listen, this is a very sensitive and important document and my secretary has finished for the day. Can you make this thing work?" "Certainly," said the young executive. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper and pressed the start button. "Excellent, Excellent!" said the C.E.O. as his paper disappeared inside the shredder machine. "I just need one copy." Perhaps the moral from this slightly dark incident might be that not being aware can be costly sometimes.

Parenting can be a tough and thankless job. Often, we say that we need to be aware of everything that's going on in our children's lives but sometimes our lack of awareness can be costly to our children. Here is an old riddle: five frogs were sitting on a log. Four decided to jump off. How many were left? Answer: Five. Why? because there's a difference between deciding and doing.

To be "aware" parents and maintain harmony within our family, we need to have a proper set of family rules, understandings or expectations that are based on our family values. For example, if one of our expectations is for our children to maintain good results in school, we need to have what could be called preventative rules such as

completing daily homework, limits on T.V. and Internet access time, balance of sporting, cultural and social activities with study time. For our part, we need to maintain regular contact with teachers to monitor progress rather than wait till the end of a whole semester.

If we set rules and create a structure that assists children along the way, it maximizes their chances for success. For us, it allows us to be involved so that we can be aware of problems early and resolve them before they become overwhelming. Of course, the hardest yet most important thing for parents to do is to be consistent. If our rules or understandings are not enforced, it's the same as not having them at all and can undermine the effectiveness and structure of our family. Our children need to know that they can count on us to be consistent and dependable. They need to know that we are still not sitting on the log. Letting things slide until they become big things will create confusion and resentment in our children. We need to consistently follow through on what we have said, for only then will our rules and understandings be consistently followed.

Quite often we fail to give our children, particularly if they are in their teens, guidelines and boundaries because we are afraid of confrontation. However, we cannot afford to shirk our responsibilities, be log sitters, simply for the sake of keeping the peace. Topics such as sexual behavior, underage drinking, drugs, group violence and other uncomfortable subjects that we might choose to ignore or make light of, hoping that such issues will not

affect our family. The consequences of these issues can be frightening, devastating even deadly. Just as the "important and sensitive document" was swallowed by the shredder, because of "unawareness", so too, can our children be lost to us and deprived of their future if we are afraid to move out of our comfort zone and be proactive parents.

"God, our Father, help us to have the courage of Your Son, Jesus, when we are confronted by the difficult aspects of parenting. As with Your Son, we know that the reward will be great if we accept the responsibilities that are ours alone. Please be with us all the way. Amen."

Peace and Blessings,

Wendy L. Wicke

Events

Monday, November 16th
8:15 Mass for Jr. High at ICCS

At this time we are asking that parents not attend any of the Masses due to Covid and since we are so displaced during this trying time. Hopefully once all of the students are back on campus we will be able to have a schoolwide Mass with parents being able to attend. You will be notified via School Messenger when this is possible.

Lunches

Jr. High Lunch Schedule at ICCS

Monday, November 16th
Soft Tacos, Pinto Beans, Corn & Peach Slices

Tuesday, November 17th
Hamburger, Fries, Pear Slices & Cookie

Wednesday, November 18th
Chicken Alfredo, Yam Patty, Salad, Orange Smiles * Wheat Garlic Roll

Thursday, November 19th
Meatballs/Rice/Gravy, Sweet Peas, Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce & Spiced Apple Slices

Friday, November 20th
Cheese Pizza, Broccoli, Baby Carrots with Vegetable Dip & Pineapple Tidbits

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

Library News

Don't forget to save your scans from Community Coffee, Coca Cola (end of the box and on the bottle caps. We can use either code) and Box Tops for Education, as well as the scan

on your grocery receipts. If you have an question you can contact Ms. Guidry in the Jo Self Library.

November Faculty & Staff Birthdays

Mrs. Sarah Hill, Mr. Charlie Ritter, Mrs. April Nash, & Mrs. Pam Soileau.

Viking Lagniappe

Student, Faculty & Staff Birthday for August, September, October and November

August

Trey Guy, III, Ava Firmin, Mrs. Calre Blackwell, Ethan Nguyen, Mrs. Laura Hebert, Wyatt Basone, Clay Williams, Camilla Johnson, Devyn Leger, Kaleah Isaac, Sophia Moore, Luke Alley, Paul Adams, Niko Willard, Aubrey Weideman, Isabelle Griepsma, Mrs. Tori Craddock, Rose McGrady, Santana Hunt, Kullen Mitchell, Vera Trahan, Brennan McNabb, & Mrs. Alice Adams.

September

Brooklyn Miller, Briana Wimberly, Christian Garcia, Lucas Garcia, Malaja Captain, Vaitlin Nguyen, Mrs. Sharon Torres, Ryder McCormick, Abigail Viney, Mrs. Summer Flanders, Liam Antee, Mrs. Mary Cuccio, Elliot Weaver, Elliot Jessen, Hunter Griepsma, Christian Theriot, Graham Casey, Adalyn Pike, Tayler Leger, Oliver Barnett, Hailey Semien, Angelle Lacy, Emerson Pradia, Ellie Clanton, Landon Brignac, Mrs. Heather House, Sophia Dalovisio, Lily Fazzio, Adele Sov, Abby Alcock, Harper Legendre, Amaya Lawrence, Zachary Simon, Rayleigh Johnson, Alex Mathis, Brooklyn Benavidez, Bleu Vines, McKinsey Thomas, Brody Darbonne & Kate David

October

Sebastian Brantley, Ms. Hannah Harless, Shyla Cox, Rayleigh Chapman, Mrs. Judy Reeves, Bayleigh Vincent, Mrs. Audrey Pousson, Abla Khoury, Jack Ange, Emily Leach, Demoine

Mercer, Eleanor McNally, Gram Jessen, Ali Firmin, Jerry Stevens, Ben Bertrand, Addisyn Mire, Everett Johnson, Grey Duri, Kohen Stout, Mrs. Catherine Schram, Morgan Flanders & Khloe Mitchell.

November

Tatum Smith, Mrs. Sarah Hill, Mr. Charlie Ritter, Cooper Livingston, Hetrajsinh Mahida, Caroline Broussard, Collin O'Blanc, Ava Darbonne, Mallie Rouse, Jared Williams, Mary Catherine Cutrera, Mrs. April Nash, Mrs. Pam Soileau, William Segura, Henry Stelly, Abbie Mire, Penelope Fontenot, & Cydnee Harris