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## Our New Virtue of Gentleness

Every year we work on a few specific virtues, as you can see on our prayer tree by the main entrance, which lists the virtues we have tried to cultivate over the past six years. This is part of our commitment to virtue and restorative practices, called VBRD (Virtue Based Restorative Discipline). For the first time we asked students to choose a personal virtue to work on the first quarter and this has gone very well.

Hopefully your family has also chosen a personal virtue in which to grow. At my house we are working on the virtue of thankfulness and remembering to express all those things for which we are thankful. The second quarter, which begins on October 23, we will be working on gentleness. One of the activities we have planned that relates to the virtue of gentleness is our blessing of the pets on October

4th, (more details on page 2.) Please join us in promoting gentleness with pets, siblings and friends, especially gentleness in words and expressions. Committing to growth in gentleness as a family is also a great way to practice gentleness. May God bless all our efforts to make this a holier world!

## Parent Circles

To help parents understand some of the basic concepts behind restorative practices and to build community in our school, we invite parents to join us for monthly circles. This coming Saturday, September 30 at 8:00am we have invited several preschool parents to join us as we discuss two-year old children and their spiritual needs. Childcare will be available.

Several parents and teachers from the school are working with others to develop a preschool home

visit program, similar to Parents as teachers. This program, called Faith, (Faith alive in the home), should be ready to pilot in early 2018. We are looking for input this Saturday on what you need as parents to bring your faith alive. Thank you for helping us develop this resource. In the near future we will also be looking for people of faith to become part of the program and make the home visits. If this interests you please call school and let us know!

The following week, on Saturday, October 7, we invite parents of eighth and second grade students to join us for circles and donuts. We will begin at 8:00am and be finished by 9:00. Students will lead these circles so it should be a lot of fun!



## Blessing of the Pets on October 4

At Holy Trinity Catholic School we celebrate the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi with a special blessing of pets at the end of our school day. This feast day celebration is on **Wednesday, October 4, immediately before our dismissal.**

Any pet may be brought in for a blessing; we have had all kinds of animals in the past. In order to keep the peace with such a

variety of animals, **we ask that all pets be securely leashed or caged.**

Adults are asked to bring the pets at the end of the day and you should go directly to Early Childhood field. We do not have the facilities to keep the animals all day.

If you can not bring your pets to the Blessing we encourage the students to bring a picture of their pet

to be blessed as a “stand-in”.

In case of rain we will have a shortened version of the Pet Blessing in the school cafeteria; please join us in praying for good weather!

We thank our full-time Director of Religious Education, Deacon George Watson, who will bless our pets.

## Book Fair: October 30 through November 2

We are so excited to have the Book Fair back at Holy Trinity School. **This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents or friends to purchase books for Christmas.**

The Book Fair will be open in the Music Room on Monday, Oct. 30 through Thurs., Nov. 2.

We still need helpers to sell books!

Early in the week students will be given the opportunity to look

through the Book Fair and make a wish list, which will go home to you.

Teachers will also make up a wish list that will be posted at the Book Fair if you want to buy something for the classroom.

I want to thank our Home & School officers who give an amazing amount of time and love to our school.

Please think about becoming a Parent Volunteer for our Book Fair. The Home & School allows a \$5.00 per hour credit in books for helping. Without you we could not hold this great event for our students!

Book Fair will be open before school, during conferences and on Grandparent's Day.

## Right S.T.A.R.T.

Our eighth grade students will participate in the Right S.T.A.R.T. on December 5, 6 and 7. This wonderful pro-life program is sponsored by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Our eighth grade students will learn about life

choices, the development of a fetus and have the opportunity to discuss issues that will help them develop pro-life attitudes.

The **important parent only presentation** on Right START will be held

on October 4 at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart in Florissant.

It begins at 7:00 pm. If you have not yet seen the presentation we invite you to do so.

## Student Council Activities (SC)

Mr. Owen Dabek, our Student Council (SC) Moderator, is doing a wonderful job of helping our 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council Members develop activities throughout the school year. **Student Council Members** for the 2017-18 school year.  
President: **Alex Rodriguez**  
Vice-president: **Will Gloriod**  
Secretary: **Chris Romero**  
Treasurer: **Eli Smith**  
VBRD reps: **Ruth Davis**  
Com. of Religion: **Mya Cates**  
Com. of Publicity: **Lexi Hahn**

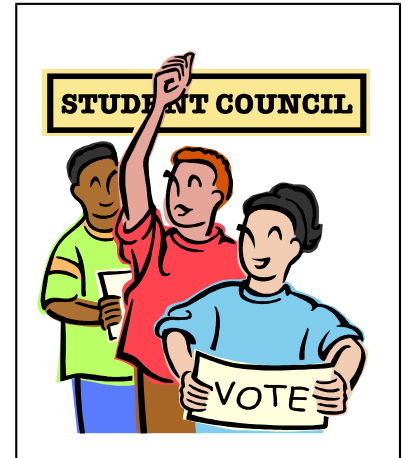
Com. of Art: **Javion Swan and Sierra Elking**

**Members:** 8th Michael Murillo, Julissa Munoz, Roddell Bryant, Diego Romero, Adanael Zarate-Garcia, Senaid Ferhatbegovic, Monica Shupe, Katherine Macdonald, Olivia Reyes, Jonathan Gallardo 7th: Ben Hopcraft, Katie Pizzo 6th: Michael Larkin, Eva Rodriguez, A J Davis, Ethan Shupe, Gonzalo Avalos, Cameryn Neumann 5th: Alex Neumann, Elliott Bowley, Ethan Tucker, Elizabeth Sanchez-Rodriguez

**During the month of October** Mya Cates, will say a **decade of the rosary over the intercom at 12:30 every day.**

The Student Council has also planned a prayer Partner Activity in October which you will hear more about. Finally, with the help of Deacon George Watson, the students are planning a beautiful tribute to our Veterans and active military personnel at 8:00 AM on November 10.

Thank you, SC members, for helping us celebrate, enjoy activities and grow closer to God!



## Medication Update

Just a reminder that all Catholic schools may now administer the following medications to students **without parent permission:**  
Hydrogen Peroxide may be used to cleanse a wound if there is no sign of infection,  
Antibiotic ointment may be applied topically to a wound if there is no sign of infection,  
Calamine lotion may be applied topically to a non-contagious rash and  
1% Hydrocortisone Cream may be applied topically to an insect sting.

All of these products will be used according to manufacturer's directions.

**If there is some reason that you do not want us to use any of the medications previously listed on your child, please contact the school.**

**If your child has an asthma plan please make sure that he/she carries their inhaler at school!**

When a child is injured we do our best to contact

parents and share information. Please make sure that our Emergency Contact numbers are up to date. It is very important that you share any changes in your contact information in a timely matter.

Children may bring and carry cough drops and an inhaler at school. All other medication must be dispensed according to the guidelines in the Student/Parent Handbook.



## Please Keep Saving:

Please help our school by saving **Big G Box Tops.** **Campbell's Soup Labels.** **are being phased out in December, but we can take them up to that time.**

Please ask everyone you know to save them for us as well. Big G Box Tops gives us hundreds of dollars each year to spend on extras here at school. Send them in when you have them! We thank Shea Duncan who

created an Emoji Box Top collector for our Box Tops. It is sitting on the secretary's window. Please be sure and put them in a baggie with your child's name so they can be entered in our monthly contest for **Target Gift cards!**

We continue to collect **paper, magazines** etc. outside in the green and yellow bins. We are asked not to put any

paper products from food in the bins, and no heavy cardboard, but every other kind of paper is recycleable.

Visit our website at [holytrinity-stann.org/](http://holytrinity-stann.org/)

## SLUH Boys to Help at School

The 200th anniversary of Saint Louis University High School is in 2018 and to celebrate, they are relieving all the students from classes in order to do service on October 20.

They have asked if we would like to be one of the service facilities, where a crew of 20 to 30 SLUH boys will come to school for 2-3 hours and clean,

paint, plan activities and do service in the school. We are looking forward to their help and presence here at Holy Trinity.

## Bookmobile

Don't forget your books and Library cards on **October 18,** Bookmobile!

## Room parent requesting \$10.00 for Parties

You should have received a request from each room parent in grades K-8 for \$10.00 to cover the three parties that we have each school year.

We are heading towards our first party and I wanted to send a reminder about the fee. Each party includes lunch, decorations and some type of game or craft, so \$3.33 per party is a very nominal fee.

At the Room Parent Meeting in August it was suggested that parents might also be asked to send in soda, chips or some part of the lunch to stretch the money in that way. Please respond to this request and volunteer to send in something as our first party nears.

If the \$10.00 per child is a concern please call Ms. Ahle, the principal, and we will see how we can help.

Thank you for your generosity!



## Grandparents' Visit November 2

All of our students are encouraged to invite grandparents or other visitors to join us for a special morning prayer service at 8:00AM, breakfast and a classroom visit. Our Grandparents' Day, (or special friends if grandparents are not available), is **Thursday, November 2.**

\*Families should sit together in church. To do this with grandchildren in various classrooms please go to the youngest child's classroom when they leave the cafeteria and let the teacher know who else will need to sit with you. We will get families together in church.

\* After Mass students move either to the classroom for a visit or to the cafeteria to eat. Families with students in preschool, Kindergarten, first, second, third and fourth grade will move into the cafeteria for breakfast and then go to their classrooms for a visit. **Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade will move right to their classrooms after the prayer service for a visit.** Around 9:35 we will call this group to the cafeteria while the younger students move to the classroom for a visit.

\*If grandparents are visiting more than one grandchild they may eat

together in the cafeteria and split the classroom visits as they are able. **We ask that students not eat twice.**

\* The Home & School Association will be **taking pictures** with the students and their grandparents or special visitors so be sure and get a picture!

**The Book Fair will be open!**

**Invite your grandparents or friends early!**

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## Halloween Parties on October 14 and 31

As we head into October the children begin to think about Halloween and parties. We have two exciting parties scheduled for Holy Trinity School. Three year old preschool through eighth grade students will have a class party on **Tuesday, October 31.** For preschool, the children may wear the costumes when they come or change into them here. All other students may wear costumes **to the party only.** Please be sure that students can get into costumes by themselves.

**We ask that no weapons be part of the costumes.**

For those in our K-8 program parties will begin at 12:00 and will include a party lunch. **We have a 1:30 dismissal on Tuesday, October 31. Preschool students coming to Extended Care will need to bring a lunch.**

The **Home & School** will also be hosting an exciting **Halloween party at Holy Trinity Parish Center on Saturday, October 14, 6:00 -8:00.** The admission fee is one bag of candy

per child, which our Home & School is asking that you bring ahead of time.

**More information about the Home & School Halloween Party will be sent in mid October.**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will create a **Haunted Hallway** as a fund-raiser for \$1.00 on the 14th.

Food will also be for sale for a nominal fee, such as hot dogs, nachos etc.



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## Parent Conferences Set for November

Please mark your calendars for our student/parent/teacher conferences set for November 1 and 2 from 3:30 until 7:15 each day. School will be dismissed at the regular time, 3:00.

Parents are asked to sign up for the conferences on a first-come, first-served

basis. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the main hall on Monday, October 23. If parents are not available to come into the school to sign up please call Pat or Elizabeth in the school office (314 426-8966 ext 10) and they will help get you signed up. We are hoping that every school parent will be able

to attend the conferences, but teachers will be happy to set another time to meet with anyone who is not available these two days. We have no school on Nov. 3 because of the conferences.

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## Catholic High Schools Has a new Application Process

### Catholic High School Applications are now available only on-line.

Parents are encouraged to consult with Mrs. Delleville, Mrs. Schweitzer or Ms. Ahle about any concerns they have about high school

requirements; they can go over standardized test scores and end-of-year grades and give families a good idea about how a student might fit in a particular high school.

Anyone who is considering a Catholic High School and needs help with the on-line process may call school and we will set up a time to help.

Just a reminder that **Oct. 13 is the last day that students may wear shorts** as their uniform.

Students may continue to wear the shorts for PE but they will need to change in and out of them at school. Students may also choose to wear the PE sweatpants, which can be worn all day on PE days by all grades.