

# Parent News November

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## We are celebrating the virtue of Gentleness

Our Restorative Discipline Program revolves around teaching and practicing virtue. It is a way to focus on how we should act, rather than mistakes we might make, as we learn and grow here at school. This second quarter we are working on the virtue of gentleness in our thoughts, words and actions.

In our modern world, gentleness is seldom seen as a virtue. Movies and TV programs celebrate

such things as pay back, and revenge. Gentleness reminds us that we are supposed to view the world through the eyes of Jesus, and practice those virtues that help us become more loving.

Our home activity with this virtue is a "Snap Chat" family picture, with a post about how your family understands or practices the virtue of gentleness. The frames will go home with the children

sometime during the quarter and we ask that you snap and post that evening and then return the frames. Please post the picture to one of our **Facebook pages**.

The Hispanic address is Iglesia Sta. Trinidad de St. Ann, MO

The English address is: Holy Trinity Home & School

Please hashtag the picture **#htgentleness**

## Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Please plan on attending our preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade **Parent/Student/Teacher** conferences scheduled for **November 1 and 2**. The conferences will be held from **3:30 - 7:15 pm** on both days. Both days are a 3:00 dismissal, with some time for teachers to prepare for their conferences. We are off of school on Friday, Nov.3.

**Conferences for grades K-8 are set** by parents signing up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board across from the

principal's office.

**Conference sign-ups are first come, first served** so it is helpful to sign up early to get a time that works best for you, especially if you have more than one child in school. If you can not sign up personally you can call the school office and Ms. Pat or Ms. Elizabeth will sign up for you at any open time.

We ask that parents of departmental students sign up **with the homeroom teacher only**

**unless you have a concern.**

We are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with everyone at conferences.

The **Book Fair** will also be open during conferences, so be sure to stop in.

Conference sign-ups will be posted on the Parent Bulletin Board beginning Monday, 10/23.



## Honoring those in the military

Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, is a day to honor those who serve and protect our country. This year we are planning a patriotic prayer service on Friday, November 10 at 8:00 am. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

**We invite all veterans and their families to join us for this prayer service and a small breakfast after the ceremony.** If you know of

anyone in your family or the parish who is a Veteran please invite them for us. It would help our planning if you would call the school at 426-8966 if anyone you know will be attending. We will also be praying during the month of November for those in active service and would **appreciate their names and or pictures.** Some of the students want to write letters to send active

military as well, so an APO address would be helpful.

To all our veterans and active military personnel, we send our thanks for your service to our country and our prayers during this month of November!

If you send a picture, please put your name on back for an easy return.

## Christmas Giving program

Our yearly Christmas Giving Program through our Angel Tree begins in November and continues through December 8.

**If you know of a school family in need of help this Christmas please let us know at school as soon as possible.** We will be contacting families that we know might have trouble giving children a full Christmas to invite

them to participate in the program.

On November 8 a note will go home in the Wednesday envelope asking if you would like to donate to our Christmas Giving Program, called the Angel Tree. If you would like your child to participate, just return the note and indicate the amount you would like to give (\$5.00 gift, \$10.00 gift or \$20.00 -and above)

The Angel tree goes up on Friday, November 17 so

we are ready for students to choose a gift on Monday, November 20. That way you have the chance to buy something over the Thanksgiving holiday if you wish.

Thank you so much for your generosity for those in need, and especially those in our school community who might not have a Christmas without you.

## All Saints Day Celebration, November 1



It is our tradition here at Holy Trinity School to hold a special prayer service to celebrate All Saints Day. This year the service will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday morning, after our All School Mass that begins at 9:00.

The first grade students will talk about their favorite saint and hold up a symbol that represents their saint. All first grade parents are invited to attend the All Saints Prayer Service, followed by a little refreshment in the cafeteria.

This is a beautiful tradition that the first grade keeps alive and always signals the start of our Thanksgiving season.

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## SAVE Foundation Washers and Beer

Holy Trinity School is hosting a fun event on Friday evening, **November 3 from 6:00 -9:00 called "Washers and Beer"**. As you can tell from the name, this event is for adults only. The cost is \$10.00 and includes a washers tournament, some great craft beers and card playing for those who prefer that activity to washers.

The SAVE Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting virtue and restorative practices in the community. Our name,

SAVE, stands for Social Action and Virtue Education. We are working with a grant from CCHD, (Catholic Campaign for Human Development), and fundraising activities such as the washers tournament, to promote peace in our families and communities.

Please join us for this fun activity and to promote this great cause!

Tickets are available in the school office.

## Prayers for the Dead

Throughout the month of November we remember in a special way all those who have died. We have a special Memorial Book, which will be displayed in the School Chapel the entire month and a special "Day of the Dead" altar set for November 2 with photos of the deceased.

All students and parents are invited to send the names of any deceased relatives or friends who will then be listed in our Memorial Book and a picture of the deceased, if possible. You may also join us for Mass any time during November. The school community will be praying for all those listed in the Memorial Book at every Mass during the month of November.

This year we will be praying in a special way for grandparents who have died over the past year.

## Home & School Book Fair

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 Thursday, Nov. 2. Early in the week students will be given the opportunity to look through the Book Fair and will make a **Wish List**. If parents wish to purchase books for a child they may just send a check with the wish list indicating which

of the books you want to purchase or they may come up and purchase surprise books.

**Teachers will also make up a wish list** that will be posted at the Book Fair. This wish list can be used to purchase something for the classroom or for a Christmas present for the teacher.

I want to thank our Home & School officers who will be heading the Book Fair. All of these women give an amazing amount of time and love to our

school in order to give us the extra fun things that make school exciting.

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 during Grandparent's Day and during conferences!



## Catholic High School Applications



Eighth grade Catholic High School Applications **are an on-line only process this school year.**

**The process opens on November 1 and closes November 15.** To apply, go to [archstl.org/education](http://archstl.org/education) and you will find the application. Parents may

apply only once as the system will not allow a second application.

**High School Open Houses this year** are on Sunday, November 5.

If you have any questions about the choice of a good fit for high school our eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Lindsey Schweitzer, will be glad to help.

## Home & School Meet., 7:00 pm Nov 14



Please join us at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 14 for our November Home & School Meeting. **Every child in the classroom with the highest percentage of parents attending will earn a free dress day!** In addition, parents who stay through the entire meeting will

earn a free **dress coupon for each of their children for Wed., Nov. 15, Thurs. Nov. 16 or Friday, Nov. 17.**

Come for a chance to learn about upcoming Home & School Activities and plan on an interesting

evening with other parents.

Free babysitting will be provided.

## Student Council Activities

The Student Council has planned four activities for the upcoming months! The first will be on **Monday, October 30!** **Students may wear a Halloween shirt or Halloween colors with their uniform,** just to keep us in the fun Halloween spirit.

The second activity is on November 10, they are organizing and hosting the

**Veterans Prayer Service and Breakfast.**

The third activity is a **Food Drive for canned goods,** to be delivered by the eighth grade students to a city food pantry. Our Food Drive is on **Thursday, November 16!**

Their fourth fun activity is in December and is a **movie afternoon with Prayer Partners.** This is scheduled for **Friday,**

**December 1.** The Student Council is providing popcorn and juice with the money they have earned for fun dress days. **We are all going to be watching "A Christmas Carol".**

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## Thanksgiving Mass, food drive and Thanksgiving Holidays

Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Mass and food drive at 10:00am on Thursday, November 16. This Mass will be led by the eighth grade students who will be **collecting canned goods for the poor**. We are hoping that every child in grades Kindergarten through eight can bring **two or more canned**

### **good products to the Prayer Service.**

During December the eighth grade will bring the collected canned goods to a food pantry in the city of Saint Louis. The students will have a chance to speak to workers at the center who will share something concerning the life of the poor who live in the area. Our eighth grade students will learn and grow in service from this activity.

## Parent Circle, Donuts and Coffee

November 18 at 8:00 am we invite 7th and first grade students to participate in a parent circle. Seventh grade students will lead the circle and any first grade students and their parents will participate. We will be finished by 9:00am so that your Saturday has an amazing start and you can go on to other activities.

## Grandparents Day

All of our students are encouraged to invite **grandparents or other visitors** to join us for a special morning prayer service at 8:00am, followed by 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 the prayer service students move to the cafeteria to eat and then

go to their classrooms for a visit.

### **Invite your grandparents or friends today!**

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!**

## Holy Trinity Parish Mission, Nov. 5-8

**November 5-8** Holy Trinity Parish is hosting a Parish Mission from 7:00 -8:30 every evening. Students will not be given homework on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday so that they may participate.

Fr. Gregg Schmidt will be speaking to people who prefer English and Fr. Patrick Keys will be speaking to those who prefer Spanish.

Join us! The theme of the Mission is "United in our Diversity"



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## December Updates

Dec. 1 is our **Student Council Movie Day**. students may wear sweats or other comfy clothes, (not PJ's)

**Santa's Workshop** is scheduled for **December 4-8** here at school.

**First Reconciliation is Dec. 5** for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

### **Please Keep Saving!**

Please save:  
**Big G Box Tops** (we have a basket raffle every month for the student who brings in the most!)

**The final opportunity to turn in Campbell's**

We will be collecting for our **Christmas Giving Program** through December 8.

On **December 8 we will carol our way to the Heritage House** and then come back for hot chocolate and donuts provided by the local Knights of Columbus. We invite all our parents to join us if they can.

**Soup labels is the end of November. The Campbell's labels for Education Program will close this December and we will not be able to obtain any more PE**

**Santa's breakfast** is scheduled for Saturday, **December 9** here at school, from 8:00 to 11:00.

**2,3,4 grade Musical is Dec. 13** with practice at the Parish Center in the morning.

**Happy Birthday Jesus parties** are December 19.