



The Principal's Communicator



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Request for Report Card Conference

Although the First Trimester Marking Period will not end until Monday, November 30, we begin the preparations for the Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences today.

Report Cards are issued in Trimesters, thus your child receives a major grade three times during the school year. Each Trimester grade carries 33 1/3% of the Final Grade for the year. In order to help parents make sure the importance of the grades for the First Trimester is fully realized by the students, a report card conference is scheduled before the First Trimester has concluded. Since Parent Access to Power School is not available, this year's conferences are vital for families to track the progress of their child(ren).

All families are required to attend a formal conference with your child's homeroom teacher upon the completion of the first half of the First Trimester. No mid-term report card will be distributed unless a conference is scheduled. Conferences will be held on Thursday & Friday, October 23rd & 24th.

Conferences will be scheduled in 10 minute intervals. Conferences with any of your child's other teachers, they need to be scheduled after the two conference dates listed above.

In order to keep the waiting time for conferences to a minimum, families are asked to complete the form accompanying today's Communicator and return it to your oldest child's homeroom teacher by Tuesday, October 14.

Please complete only one form per family.

Teachers will meet on October 15th to coordinate the schedules for families having more than one child in our school. Every effort will be made to schedule your conference on the day/time you request. However, many families request similar days and sometimes families have to be scheduled on a different day than requested. Your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher(s) will send home a confirmation of your scheduled day and time for the Report Card Conference on Friday, October 17th.

It is very important to return your Report Card Conference Form by Tuesday, October 14. If your form is not returned on time, you will be assigned a time and day after all Conference Request Forms have been filled.

Conference time is important to help create a vital link between home and school. Please take a few minutes to complete your Conference Request Form today. Thank you for your cooperation.

Grandparents' Day

Don't forget our first Grandparents' Day will be held on Friday, October 24.

All Grandparents (and their helpers) are invited to arrive at school between 8:30 – 9:00AM in the Open Area (Cafeteria). Grandparents can visit the homerooms of their grandchild(ren) from 9:00 – 10:45AM. They may stay with their grandchild(ren) for as long as they wish to visit and take part in the classroom activities or return to the Open Area for refreshments.

Students and Grandparents will be called to Church for the 11AM Prayer Service. Grandparents not picking up their grandchild(ren) at dismissal will be able to leave school after the prayer service (around 11:40AM).

Odds and Ends

... St. Matthew School will be closed on Friday, October 10 for the Diocesan Professional Development Day for all Catholic Schools and again on Monday, October 13, for Columbus Day

... Parents of 2nd Graders will have a special conference day and time with our 2nd Grade teacher Mrs. Raymond. Please look in your Communicator envelope for an additional letter.

... The HSA would like to send out a BIG thank you to the Horne family for the use of their moon bounce at the Parish Picnic. Thank You Horne Family, we trully appreciate it!

... HSA has extended the deadline to reserve your tickets for the Hayride at Carousel Farms until Friday, October 17. If you have not sent in your form to the Office, please do so today.

... My apologies to Madalin Jones (K) for leaving her off last week's Communicator when I congratulated the sisters of Ryan Jones, the newest member of the Jones family. Ryan is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jones, our Chapter 1 teacher.

... All Fire Safety Posters/Essays are due Thursday, Oct. 16 for students in Kindergarten – Grade 8.