



**Weekly Message from the Principal,
Mary Ann McQueen**

October 29, 2015

Reminders:

PAC Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:45 AM in the school library! All are welcome!

There will be no liturgical choir practice on Friday, October 30, 2015 due to Halloween festivities.

There will be Homework Club!

There will not be Mandarin language classes

There will not be Spanish language after school classes.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL PARENT MEETING: Wednesday, November 4, 2015

There are only a few opportunities to share with parents in a personal way the “state” of the school including trends, school finances, initiatives and opportunities for parent involvement on committees and task forces. School Board officers will welcome and address the parents as well as some representatives of PAC. PAC will be providing a lovely reception, as well!

So, please plan to attend this Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 6:30 PM. There will be about a one hour program followed by a reception.

As principal, and on behalf of the faculty, I hope to see you all there. This is a great way to support the school and to find out more about what is happening in and beyond the classroom!

Thanks so much to the 120 people who have already responded to the invitation. Please let us know so that we can plan for chairs, refreshments, etc.

There will be childcare from 6:15 PM until 8:30 PM for the first thirty children enrolled!

HALLOWEEN PARADE, 2015:

Halloween is such fun at St. Mark School! Here is the timeline for your information and some advice about costumes, safety and parking:

1. 7:25-7:45 – Regular drop-off time. Parents who would like to assist with carline to free up our teachers who want to wait for the big “reveal” of the faculty costumes are welcome to assist.
2. 7:55-8:25 – Set up for the parade. We could use some parent assistance so please join us if you are available to assist in setting up the yard. Room parents will be setting up for recess treats at the grade tables as well at this time.
3. 7:45 – Students will line up by class and then will proceed to their classrooms.

4. 8:30 – Students will begin to process outside for the parade
5. 9:05 – Grade level Halloween parties at the lunch tables
6. 9:20 – Parents who would like to sign their children out at this time are free to do so and should check out carefully with the teachers.
7. 9:20 – 9:45 lower grade recess (TK-3)
8. 9:45 – 10:10 – recess grades 4-8
9. 10:15 – At this time students will drop off their backpacks/belongings at the carline area for their class, line up in their church families and proceed to the parish hall for a movie.

10.12:15 - Students will return to carline for dismissal.

**There is Homework Club on Friday, October 30 - FYI
Homework club form attached**

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS/NEW CLUBS:

The two opportunities below are below the result of student leadership and resourcefulness! *Congratulations to our student leaders! Eliza Peters, Charlie Walter, Lincoln Wallace and Phelan Gilmore!*

BOOK WORMS:

This is a reading group/club open to students who want to read and discuss books together. The first meeting will take place on Friday, October 30 at the times listed below. Typically these times will follow liturgical choir but there is no liturgical choir tomorrow. Students who want to participate and who are currently in the 3-4 grade will meet in the 8th grade classroom from 1:50-2:30. Students in grades 5-6 will meet at 2:30 – 3:10 in the 8th grade classroom. This means that you can go home, have lunch and change clothes and then come back for the session. (due to Halloween festivities)

Ms. Robin Miskolcze (mother of Eliza Peters) will be moderating the club with Eliza and this first meeting is designed to discuss general goals and guidelines. We look forward to having many students share in this exciting reading opportunity!

BOOK WRITING/COMIC BOOK MAKING CLUB:

This club is open to all students, grades 3-8, who are interested and the meetings will take place on Monday at lunch in the 3rd grade classroom. Students participating should plan to bring their lunch on Mondays to avoid any delays to the meeting start time.

FINGERPRINTING:

St. Monica has fingerprinting on Nov. 10. Call [310-566-1500](tel:310-566-1500) to make an appointment. We are doing such a great job of getting all of our parents fingerprinted. Please arrange to complete this process at St. Monica if you have done so already. There are still appointments available!

Thanks to Judy Girard, Director of Religious Education and Helene Hickey, Chair of the Parish Safety Committee, for arranging for fingerprinting, volunteering on that day, and supporting the school in this important way! When you see them please thank them!

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

Monday, Nov 2nd PAC meeting in the library at 7:45 am

Wednesday, Nov 4th State of the School Meeting at the Parish Hall from 6:30 – 8:30PM

Friday, Nov 6th Picture make-up Day (if you are not happy with your pictures bring the packet back to school and re-take a new one.)

Wednesday, Nov 11th Admissions out-reach from 8-10 am

Friday, Nov 13th Veteran's day prayer mass at the 8:00 am mass

Tuesday, Nov 17th Liturgy Mass & potluck for grades 3 & 4th

Wednesday, Nov 25th – Nov 27th NO SCHOOL for Thanksgiving