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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the middle of October! During this Month of the Rosary, our students have been praying together and participating in this beautiful Catholic tradition. Last week, our first- and eighth-grade students celebrated a wonderful Buddy Ceremony and prayer service. What a special school tradition, and we are so happy to share it with another group of students! Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a memorable morning.

In just a few weeks, our school community will enjoy some of our favorite Halloween traditions. Our PreK and Kindergarten students will have a pumpkin patch event, the Book Fair is scheduled for October 27 and 28, and the Halloween Party on Friday, October 30, from 6:00–8:00 PM. Please refer to the HSA flyer for event details. Tickets must be purchased in advance, as no tickets will be sold at the door. The dedicated HSA volunteers have been busy preparing for these events and many more!

Our in-school Halloween celebrations will also take place on Friday, October 30, with the Halloween Parade beginning at 10:30 AM and dismissal at 11:30 AM. Grade-level parties are being coordinated by our Grade Level Parents. Please note that we are unable to accommodate individual requests for early dismissal following classroom Halloween parties. All students will follow the scheduled 11:30 AM dismissal, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain an orderly and safe dismissal process.

Looking ahead, our annual Basket Raffle will take place on November 20. This is one of our school's major fundraisers, and the success of this event depends on the generosity and involvement of our school community. Volunteers and donations are needed, and I strongly encourage you to participate in whatever way you can. Once tickets go on sale, be sure to purchase them early, as this popular event traditionally sells out quickly!

For additional information about these and other activities, visit the HSA section of our school website.

Our school community typically gathers for Mass each Friday at 10:00 AM. On Monday, November 2, all students in Grades K–8 will attend Mass in observance of All Saints and All Souls Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. Due to space limitations, only the families of the class hosting a particular Mass are invited to attend. If you would like to join us when your child's class hosts Mass, please contact your child's teacher for the tentative schedule. As we continue to prioritize the safety and security of our school community, all parents and guardians attending Mass will be asked to present identification before entering the church. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

As mentioned in my previous letter, we have passed the midpoint of the first marking period. Parents and guardians of students in Grade 1 and above are encouraged to check

PowerSchool regularly to monitor academic progress and ensure that all assignments have been submitted. Please remember that PreK and Kindergarten students do not receive report cards for the first marking period.

The first marking period concludes on Friday, November 6, and report cards will be available for viewing on November 17. Teachers will be scheduling parent-teacher conferences during the week of November 8–13. To allow sufficient time for these important conversations, school will have early dismissal on November 12 and 13. Families with children in PreK3 through Grade 5 will meet with their child's homeroom teacher. Middle school families will have the opportunity to meet with two teachers who work with their child's grade level. Teachers will be reaching out soon with additional information and to schedule conferences. These conferences are an important opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, discuss areas for growth, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. We look forward to connecting with you!

As the weather gets cooler, please take a moment to label your child's outerwear, sweaters, and sweatshirts with an indelible marker. We are already seeing an increase in items left behind, particularly uniform sweaters and vests. A clearly labeled item makes it much easier to reunite lost belongings with their owners. Thank you for helping us keep our lost-and-found collection manageable!

We also ask for your continued cooperation in supervising children closely after dismissal. Once students have been dismissed to their parents or guardians, they should not be left unattended in the parking lot, playing in landscaped areas, or climbing trees. These areas are not designed for play, and active adult supervision is essential to maintaining a safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your attention to this important safety reminder.

As we continue through this beautiful Month of the Rosary, may we be inspired by Mary's example of faith, love, and trust in God. Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to love, educate, and inspire our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Wishing you and your family a blessed and joyful Month of the Rosary!

God bless,
Mrs. Theresa Craig, M.Ed.
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