



OCTOBER

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Dear Parents,

St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

It was great seeing so many of you at the Open House. We could really use some more help, especially for Art, playground and serving breakfast. Maybe there is a job you can do that we haven't thought of. Share with us please.

The members of the school staff are dedicated to the goal of having each child feel successful this year. In this spirit we ask that you, more than ever before, make a special gift to your child - a gift of your time. We know that, busy as you are, it will not be easy; but we know also what a wonderful gift it can be. Take time to listen. Take time to shower love and support. Eating a meal together is the best!

The years of childhood go by swiftly. We give lip service to the idea that each individual is precious, but often we are so pressured by the demands of daily living that we forget the real purpose of living.

To see God in each child and to reflect the love of God for each child is surely the way to make and to be successful human beings. With that said we have a very busy month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Soccer Season

Soccer Season is off to a good start. Thank you to Joe Giordano and Chris Leerkes for coaching the 6-8 team. Thank you to Mrs. Dromgool, Mrs. Romaca, and Mrs. Quesnel-Jones for coaching the 3-5 team.

October 1 and 2

Mrs. Jennifer Facteau will be attending a Math Workshop.

October 4

Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the animals in grades PreK-4 at 2 P.M. Bring a stuffed animal to be blessed.

October 5

Friday Mass at 9:00 A.M. for grades K-8. Please join us.

October 8

No School. Columbus Day observed.

October 9

Youth Empowerment Summit – 8th grade will be attending this event at Plattsburgh State University. The vision of the summit is to educate student groups on kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Students will leave St. Mary's at 7:15 A.M.

October 12

Bishop LaValley will say Mass at 10 A.M. today and then visit the school. Please join us.

Fire Prevention/Safety Presentations starting at 12:30, Pre K – 5th.

- October 13 **Crop Walk** starts at 1:00 p.m. at the Heritage Museum by the park. Please see Sr. Suanne for sign-up sheet. All families are invited to “Walk Against Hunger”.
- October 15-18 **Test of Cognitive Skills** will be administered in grades 3,5,7. The test results will provide a useful profile of instructional strengths and weaknesses to help determine if students are working up to their potential.
- October 18 **Kindergarten and 1st grade** to visit Billy Bob’s Orchard at 10:15
Pre K to visit Billy Bob’s Orchard at 9:00.
- October 19 **No School** at St. Mary’s. Superintendent’s Day in Lake Placid for all staff members. All Catholic School Teachers and Principals in our Diocese attend.
- October 23 **Mrs. Karen Donohue**, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, will visit St. Mary’s to observe the classrooms.
- October 25 **Kindergarten Bake Sale** to benefit their end of year field trip.
Family Breakfast. Pancakes, sausage, juice, fruit and coffee. Adults \$3 and students \$1.
- October 26 **Virtues Assembly** 2:00
- October 29 **Laser Light Show** at 8:30 in the school gym.
- October 31 **Name the Saint Day** - Today at 1:00 p.m., the 5th - 8th grade students of St. Mary’s School will be celebrating “Name That Saint”. Each student will research and write about a Saint throughout the month of October for both Religion and English classes. Today there will be an **all school assembly** where the “Saints” will give clues to the lower grades and let them guess their identities. Students will dress in costumes that represent the Saints they are portraying. Parents and the St. Mary’s community are welcome to attend! Grades 5-8 will enjoy cider and donuts after the assembly. Casual Dress Day. Pre K-4 will have parties in their rooms.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! Have a fun time Trick or Treating!

COMING EVENTS:

Craft Fair, Nov. 3 & 4, Saturday and Sunday We need workers and bakers to make this a success. Everyone is invited to help, not just St. Mary’s families. We need people to set up on Friday afternoon. We need kitchen helpers and cooks. Can you volunteer some time to help your school? We hope so. We set up the Book Fair in Kindergarten, Baskets in Pre K, vendor tables in the gym and 1st grade and café tables in Pre K. Craft tables are still available at this time. **Sign-up sheet is attached.**

Basket Raffle - We ask each family to make up a gift basket for the raffle. We would like to have the baskets in by Oct. 26, Friday, so we can have them ready to show at the Craft Fair. **See attached flyer.**

Operation Christmas Child Boxes – November 1 – 14. More information to follow.

Winners’ Cards Have you sold yours yet? Lost those tickets? Stop and get another set. If we sell our 900 tickets, we could make \$14,500. That is 1/4 of the money we have to raise in fundraising this year to meet our budget. We can do this if everyone does his part. We will be calling you if you have not sold yours yet.

Collecting - We are still collecting Box Tops for Education (each one is worth 10 cents), pennies for the playground, ink cartridges, and returnable cans and bottles (leave in the school collection bin by garage).

Thank You to all who have paid their supply fee and first month's tuition. The supply fee of \$30 per student for grades 1-8 was due September 30. Pre K and Kindergarten supply fee of \$30 is due on Sept. 30 and Feb. 15. Why not get caught up before the snow flies and the fuel bills roll in? Everyone must contribute something and participate in fundraising.

Bike Raffle - Our school will be raffling off a Schwinn bicycle. Tickets are to be sold for \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. The drawing will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 4, 2018 at our Annual Craft Fair. We are asking each family to sell a total of 12 tickets for a donation of \$10.00 per family. More tickets will be available throughout the raffle period. The student selling the most raffle tickets will win a prize of \$25.00 cash. For a student to get credit for selling the tickets they must be returned to school with the donation, in a clearly marked sealed envelope with the child's name on it. Please feel free to contact the office for more tickets and as always, we thank you for your support!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We welcome back all the families whose children were enrolled in our school last year, and we extend a sincere welcome to all those children just entering our school community. We are beginning another year of shared responsibility in building Christian values and educational skills in the people God has placed in our care.

The unique partnership developed between parents and school staff has been a fundamental reason for the success of our school program. We appreciate your ideas, your cooperation in helping with many activities, and your support. As role models for our students, you are far more important than you may have realized.

We adults are "on stage" much of the time, and the way we respond to a situation certainly affects our children. How do we react when another driver cuts in front of our car? What do we do or say when we are delayed in the grocery store checkout line? Do we take responsibility for our mistakes? Does our language when we talk to or about others reflect the love Christ expects of us?

Those of you who can take an active part in our home-school partnership by volunteering become role models for other students as well as your own children. Whether you can be available a few hours each week or only occasionally, there are many opportunities for you to share in our activities. Please talk to your child's teacher or come to the school office. You are vital members of our school community.

Yours in Christ,