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St. Mark's News

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Children should not be playing at the annex playground after school. Once your child is dismissed for the day, please leave the playground.

Half day of School - Friday, October 3. Dress Down for Hunger – Bring in breakfast items – cereal, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, instant oatmeal, and breakfast bars. Last month, 152 pounds of pasta, rice and several cans of other food were brought to the Westchester Food Bank. Well done, St. Mark's!

NO SCHOOL - There will be no school on **Monday, October 13** in celebration of Columbus Day.

SPIRIT DAY - Oct. 31 - Orange and Black Day - Students may dress out of uniform but only in the colors of orange and black!

SAFETY – For the safety of our children, please do not drive quickly onto the parking lot. When you pull into a parking space, please pull all the way into the spot. Do not park or stop in the turn around lane and get out of your car. This blocks the traffic behind you. Only stop in the turn around if your child is getting out of the car on their own.

CHAPEL - The classes will sing at the Wed. chapel services at 8:30 as follows:

Oct. 1 – no class sings

Oct. 8 – 3rd-6th

Oct. 15 - 7th/8th

Oct. 22 - 1st-2nd

Oct. 31 (Fri) – no class sings

SUNDAY SINGING - Each class sings at one Sunday morning church service. The services begin at 10:00 AM. The schedule for the year is as follows:

November 2nd – 3rd-6th
February 1st – 1st/2nd
May 3rd - Kindergarten

December 7th – 7th/8th
March 1st – Pre-K 4
June 7 – PreK 3

"Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

HOT LUNCH: Forms go home on Monday. Completed forms and money are due by Friday for the following week. Please get these in on time so accurate counts can be done. The counts are done on Friday afternoons for the following week.

BOX TOPS and CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS are collected at St. Mark's. We do receive money back. Keep sending them in!!!

We also participate in the **Stop and Shop A+ Rewards**. A portion of your total bill is given to St. Mark's. You do nothing other than to register your Stop and Shop card. This can be done on line on their website – www.stopandshop.com/aplus or you may send in your card number and last name and we can do it for you. If you registered your number last year, you do not need to re-register.

Terranova Testing begins October 14 for grades 2-8. Children do not study for these tests. They are based on what they have already learned. The best way you can prepare your child is to ensure that they get a good night's sleep each night and eat breakfast.

Oktoberfest – Saturday, the 26th from 1 PM to 7 PM. Sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Women's Missionary League. More info to follow.

Reminder: **October tuition is due.** You have until October 10 to pay before a late fee is added.

PTL News

Book Fair:

Thank you to everyone for making the Book Fair a huge success! We sold around 600 books! That's hours of reading for our students. It also helped to raise funds the PTL will use throughout the year for programming. Thank you to Miss Cave and her Pre K 4 parents and students for hosting the storyteller, Jonathan Kruk, and for providing milk and cookies. The evening was well attended and a lot of fun!

PTL Meeting

October 8 at 7pm in the St. Mark's Gym

Please join us for a PTL meeting on Wednesday October 8. We will report on the Book Fair, as well as discuss upcoming events, such as the Halloween Dance and Christmas Boutique.

Halloween Dance and Celebration **Friday October 24 at 6pm**

Save the date for the Halloween Dance and Celebration. There will be snacks and drinks, along with music for dancing. Admission will be \$5 per person/\$20 per family. We will also have a silent auction of scarecrows that each class created. Please come and bid on your class's scarecrow and vote for the most creative.

Looking ahead:

½ Day of School – November 14

Spirit Day – November 21 – Pajama Day

We will have a pajama collection for the needy during the month of November. New, children's pajamas – all sizes - will be collected. More info to follow.

Parent Teacher Conferences – November 25 and 26

Thanksgiving Chapel Service – November 25 – Bring in canned or boxed goods to replenish the Yonkers Food Pantry after Thanksgiving.

Christmas Boutique – Children shop on Thursday, December 4 and the Christmas Party and Shopping Event is on Friday, December 5.

Christmas Carol Sing – December 17 at 4:00 PM (Pre-K 3 – Pre-K 4) and 5:30 PM (Kindergarten – Grade 8)

Christmas Boutique

Shopping, caroling from the School Chorus, food to buy, visit from Santa Claus.

VENDORS NEEDED! Friday, December 5 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Contact the school office if you or someone you know would like to be a vendor at this year's Christmas Boutique. We are looking for people to sell jewelry, toys, pocketbooks, homemade items, Christmas crafts, candles, etc.