



Welcome October!

The trees are beginning to change the landscape in such a beautiful way!!

Praise God!

Here at St. Matthew School we are slowly getting into the school day routine! Our Back-to-School Nights and our first HSA General School Meeting were a success and we are looking forward to conferences in November. You should be getting a progress report from your child's teacher/s very soon. If you have any questions and/ or concerns, please do not hesitate to email the teacher.

To continue our theme of "Committed to Community", we will have Prayer Pods once a month. This a group of students from all different grade levels coming together and praying and reflecting on the Sunday Gospel. We have 10 prayer pods and are very excited to have our first session this coming Friday!!

We have fun things planned for October in the next couple of weeks. The Safety Trailer will be here to speak to the younger grades. HSA is also planning some very fun evenings with the Lobster Fest this weekend and the Halloween Party on October 26th. Please be sure to see the flyers coming home and see where you can help out!

As always, please use SCRIP, SCRIP, and SCRIP. This is a great fundraiser for our school. If you have any questions about using this system, please do not hesitate to call the school. We will certainly give you a tutorial!! ☺

We have already had our Dress Down Day for **Operation Christmas Child** earning \$530.00 to defer shipping coasts—THANK YOU so much for your generosity!! We will begin collecting items for the boxes soon, please look for information coming your way through your class parent. Our goal this year is to go beyond 250 boxes. Thank you Ms. B and Mrs. Annik Chamberlin for once again spearheading this wonderful service project!

A reminder when dropping your students off in the morning that the child should get out of the car on the sidewalk side. This is a safety issue. Also, please do not park in the drop off line. Please pull all the way up and then park if you need to go into the school. Also, when picking your child up from band, please do not block the space where the entrance to the gym is. The GAP Program needs that space available for quick pick-ups. Thank you so much for your consideration with these issues.

Finally, as the weather gets cooler, please send your child in wearing a sweater or sweatshirt that is labelled. The weather gets nicer as the day goes on, but the mornings are very chilly. *We will change over to winter uniforms on November 1st.*

Enjoy the weekends with your family outside. We can only thank the Lord for such wonderful weather and healthy family and friends!

God Bless,

Helen Treacy, Principal