St. Columba Sentinel

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IMPORTANT DATES

10/2/2020 (Friday)	First Friday/8:15 Mass/Half Day/ Faculty Meeting
10/5/2020 (Monday)	8th Gr. ZOOM Parent Meeting/7:00 p.m.
10/12/2020 (Monday)	SCHOOL CLOSED/Columbus Day
10/15,10/16, 10/19/20 (Thursday, Friday, Monday)	Mad Science Materials Pick Up (gr. 3-8)
10/20/2020 (Tuesday)	Lower Wing Materials Pick Up
10/20-10/21/20 (Tues-Wed)	Mad Science Virtual Field Trips
10/29/20 (Thursday)	End of 1st Quarter
10/30/2020 (Friday)	SCHOOL CLOSED/Faculty Collaboration Day
10/31/2020 (Saturday)	Socially Distant Halloween Parade (TBD)

LOOKING AHEAD:

11/3/2020 (Tuesday)	Lower Wing Materials Pick Up
11/6/2020 (Friday)	First Friday/8:15 Mass/Half Day/Faculty Meeting/Report Cards Released (gr. 1-8)
11/11/2020 (Wednesday)	SCHOOL CLOSED/Conference Day
11/25-11/27/2020 (Wed-Fri)	SCHOOL CLOSED/Thanksgiving Break

Financial Reminders from Mrs. Vickers

If you have any questions regarding your TADS tuition account, please contact Mrs. Vickers @ext. 4/vickersn@stccatholic.org. Please note that all accounts must be current otherwise records, including Rediker access, may be withheld.

*2020-2021 ADW financial aid applications are now being accepted!!! Click **here**!*

Message from HSA President

As we mentioned at the previous HSA General Body meeting, we will be disclosing all expenses from our Activity Funds. For August/September 2020 we spent $140.00 on Math Software for the Upper Wing Students and $104.00 for 2nd Grade's Owl Prowl. This amount will be deducted from our School Programs' budget allotment of $2,000.00.

From the desk of Mrs. Patton....

Happy fall, y'all!

October brings so many changes - cooler weather, daylight savings, and beautiful fall colors.

It's hard to believe we've just completed our first five weeks of virtual learning. September was quite a busy month - we had everything from virtual field trips to high school visits...we have all been busy! Our students and teachers are becoming pros at distance learning, and it's wonderful to see our students so engaged in their lessons. I enjoy popping into their Zoom meetings to say hello and spend time in the virtual classrooms. A huge thank you must go to Mrs. Cobleigh for arranging the Mad Science virtual field trips for the entire school, and I hope everyone enjoyed the experience. I can't wait to see what our next one later this month will be all about!

It has been wonderful to see so many of you joining me in the morning for our Prayer, Pledge and announcements. Thank you to all the 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders who submitted the biographies to help us celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

Please be on the lookout for a survey this month, as we are in the process of reassessing our distance learning plan and will be asking for your input.

Finally, be sure to check out the rest of our newsletter to read about all the wonderful happenings around school!

Peace and blessings,

Mrs. Patton

Date Change!

Please note that the Lower Wing material pick up date that was originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 has been moved to Monday, October 19. Please update your calendars accordingly!

Around Our School

2nd Grade News from Mrs. Galbreath...

September went by very smoothly. 'Owl' students have adjusted nicely to the new distance learning routine. As we enter the beautiful season of autumn, we will discuss rural, urban, and suburban communities. The colorful masterpieces of fall leaves will be explored through art and experience. Perhaps we may even see or hear some owls!

We certainly learned a lot about these amazing birds through our investigation of owl facts. Mrs. Cobleigh arranged a program hosted by the Accokeek Foundation. Information about owls was shared and the host facilitated our dissection of an owl pellet. Each student had their own pellet at home. We were 'owl' amazed to uncover the contents! Thank you, Mrs. Cobleigh, for arranging this Owl Prowl. We ended the month with an investigation into kitchen chemistry. Through "Mad Science", we learned about physical and chemical changes that occur in the kitchen. We also had a brief introduction to how our digestive system works. The Mad Science man was very cool!

4th Grade News from Mr. DiPalma...

4th grade is glad to be back!

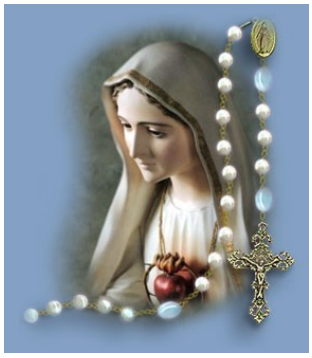
Even though things have definitely changed from the normal start of the school year, we are excited to have the students back together in some form. It has taken some adapting, but we are gearing off to a very interesting year as students will be participating in new activities and lessons created specifically to enhance learning from home. We hope to continue to have a fun and productive school year, in whatever form it takes!

Morning Prayers

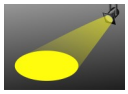
We encourage ALL of our students and families to join us for morning prayers and the pledge of allegiance! We have noticed several siblings logging in from separate computers - please do not do this, we have a very limited capacity in our Zoom meeting room and we don't want anyone denied access because the room is full! :-)

Prayer of the Month

October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary. Mary is our mother in Heaven. The prayers and meditations of the Rosary praise God and ask for Mary's intercession. We will learn more about the life of Jesus through the twenty mysteries of the Rosary. We also discuss angels, Saint Francis of Assisi, and Saint Therese Little Flower this month. We pray that we may grow in our faith and closer to Jesus by always following his path.



Spotlight Students of the Month



Our Spotlight Student of the Month for the Lower Wing is Aiden Graham (2nd grade). He is eager to participate in Zoom lessons, is very attentive, and always completes his assignments in a timely fashion. One Friday, he treated his class to his lovely violin rendition of Jesus Remember Me. Aiden is 'owl'ways cheerful and a joy to work with each day!

Our Spotlight Student of the Month for the Upper Wing is Trinity Brantley (6th grade). Trinity is a wonderful addition to our Saint Columba School community. She is enthusiastic and active in class discussions. She shares her ideas and questions, and is highly motivated to learn. Welcome to Saint Columba, Trinity, and thank you for being an enthusiastic learner!

We have several October birthdays to celebrate! Happy birthday to Daniel D., Kameren R., Julia P., Kellan R., Adrian C., Giorgio N., Devin B., and Gemma S.!!!

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