

Bits and Pieces  
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## *The News to Read!*

*HOME OF THE ST. MARY'S BLUE KNIGHTS!!*

*Virtue of the Month: Friendship*

**\*Reminder—You must be VIRTUS trained to be with children. See training opportunities listed in this newsletter**

### **VIRTUE OF THE MONTH-**

Our Virtue for the month of September is FRIENDSHIP. We will be talking about what it means to be a good friend to each other.

### **SAD TO SAY GOOD-BYE**

We are very sad to have to say good-bye to Mrs. Sandy Vinette, who will be relocating with her family to the North country. All of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents have been contacted by myself. The hiring committee and I will be sure to hire someone who is qualified and shares our mission of Catholic Education. We thank Mrs. Vinette for her many years of service to the Syracuse Diocese and our school and will miss her very much. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

### **PTA MEETING**

Our first PTA meeting of the year will be held on **Thursday, October 5th from 630-8**. The meeting will take place in the Gathering Space at church. We would love to have many people involved and attend! We can not put on activities for the kids without your help. Consider joining us to see what you can do!

### **HARVEST COLOR RUN!!!**

This is our first family activity sponsored in part by Parent's Club! Please see the sheet coming home in your child's backpack today. A family picnic will follow. Information on the picnic will be coming home.

## **MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION UPDATE**

A Middle States Accreditation update will be coming home today. Outlined in this communication are our achieved academic goals as well as new goals for academic achievement for this school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION-**

Calling for all box tops! Each year, we collect box tops here at the Academy. You can send them in with your child in a bag labeled with your child's name and grade. We submit them and receive money for our school! It's easy and very rewarding!! Our first box top submission is upon us. The class with the most box top submissions will a pizza lunch!. All box tops must be submitted by the end of October. Continue to save those box tops because we will have another submission and contest in the spring.

## **GYM SHORTS AND SPIRIT WEAR**

Students in grades 3-6 need to have a pair of gym uniform shorts. The shorts are in. Please send a note with your child's size along with a check for \$12. The gym shirt can be any SMA spirit wear t-shirt. ( I have ordered more t-shirts and I will alert you when those come in!)

## **UNIFORMS**

Just as a reminder, **Please remember to order spirit wear through the office as well as gym uniforms and ties.** Please use Flynn and O'Hara or Land's End for uniform purchases. Both of these companies have our desired dress code on file. Uniforms purchases from any other place do not match our uniform policy and a violation reminder will be sent home . **In your child's backpack today, is a list of boys AND girls gently used uniforms that are available for the asking! We have many items of many different sizes! Check to see if you need anything!**

**VIRTUS TRAINING-** If you are interested in helping out in your child's class this school year, you need to have the 3 hour VIRTUS training. To register, go to [Syracusediocese.org](http://Syracusediocese.org) and click under "Child and Youth Protection" to find a training session that fits your schedule or to register for a training session below:

### **3 HOUR CERTIFICATION CLASSES**

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM  
St Rose of Lima School, N. Syracuse

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
St Ann Parish, Manlius

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Syracuse

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
St Rose of Lima School, N. Syracuse

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
Divine Mercy Parish, Central Square

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM  
Trinity Catholic School, Oswego

### **1 HOUR RE-CERTIFICATION CLASSES**

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM  
Sacred Heart Church, Cicero

Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
St Ann Church, Manlius

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
St James Church (Our Lady of Hope), Syracuse

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Syracuse (All Purpose Room)

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:45 AM  
Pope John XXIII Church, Liverpool

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
St Rose of Lima School, N. Syracuse

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
St Mary's of the Lake Church, Skaneateles

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
St Joseph Church, Oswego

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
Divine Mercy Parish, Central Square

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**Forms-** Please remember to turn in all of your forms to the office by September 15<sup>th</sup> if you have not already done so. Parent/Student handbooks will be given out at Meet the Teacher Night. Please read your parent/student handbook and then rip out and sign the last page and send it in to your child's teacher.

**Nurse's News-** To avoid interruption of your child's education, please get your child's physical **and immunization records** in to the nurse as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Honsinger.

**Arrival Time-** Please note that the school bell rings at 7:55. To limit classroom and special area disruption, please make every effort to have your children to school on time. **The school doors open at 7:30 AM. Also, please remember not to walk your child to his or her classroom. If they need assistance, I will be happy to walk them down. If you need to speak to the teacher, you may e-mail her or leave her a message in the office.**

**Open House/Curriculum Night-** Our Open House is scheduled for **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. This is for parents only. We will begin at 6:30 in the Gathering Space. You will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet your child's teacher.

**PARKING LOT SAFETY-** This is a reminder to follow our parking lot drop off and dismissal procedures so that all of our students are safe when arriving and departing from school. **Please share this information with anyone who will be picking up your child(ren).**

1. At drop-off, please **DO NOT** let your child out of the car until you reach the overhang. Too many students are getting let out too far down the parking lot and then cars are going around other cars, creating a potentially hazardous situation.
2. Please **DO NOT** drive down the South Drive entrance of the church. Please either use Downer St. and turn left onto Meadow St. and left into the second entrance of our parking lot **OR** use Grove St., turn right onto Meadow St. and then right into the first entrance of our parking lot. Please observe the entrance and exit signs into the parking lot. An organized flow of traffic will prohibit accidents from occurring.
3. If you park in the parking lot, please accompany your children into school. Do not allow them to run across the parking lot by themselves.
4. If you want to come into the building to pick up your child, please do so after all the cars have left.

5. **PLEASE** observe the signs and cones, especially if you are picking your child up from aftercare. Going around the signs and cones is extremely dangerous as children are playing in the parking lot area. **Also, please do not pass other cars in line unless directed to do so. We may see things that you are unable to see so we ask that you are patient and observe this very important safety rule.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS/IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>September 20</b>	Bellucci Basketball camp begins (9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25)
<b>September 22</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade student council letters due
<b>September 28</b>	Meet the Teacher Night 6:30 PM..begins in the Gathering Space
<b>October 4</b>	Blessing of the Pets-under the overhang at 8 AM
<b>October 6</b>	First Friday Mass-hosted by grade 5. Formal Uniforms required
<b>October 9</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL- COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY</b>
<b>October 13</b>	Fall Harvest Color Run at Lysander Park ( <b>information will be coming home</b> ) <b>Raindate 10/20</b>
<b>October 18</b>	Progress Reports Come Home
<b>October 19</b>	Picture Day!! “Dress Up” day (make-up day will be 11/16)
<b>October 27</b>	Halloween Dance 6:30 PM. More information to follow.
<b>October 31</b>	<b>½ DAY OF SCHOOL- TEACHER INSERVICE DAY</b>
<b>October 31</b>	Truck or Treat, Halloween parade and classroom parties. More information to follow.