

Greetings St. Ethelreda Family,

November is the month for giving thanks. Have you ever thought about what type of life you would be living without some of the blessings God has given you? It is easy to get caught up in our daily routines and just take our blessings for granted. We begin to think that God is “suppose” to wake us up everyday. He is suppose to supply our every need. He is suppose to work out our problems. He is suppose to make a way out of no way for us. But, how many times have we told Him thank you for being the God that He is, a loving Father, a wonderful Counselor, a lawyer, a doctor and a provider when we need one. He gives us strength and courage when we are faced with challenges. He is the ONLY one who loves unconditionally. Even though we may not thank Him often, He still forgives us for neglecting Him and keeps on blessing us. Let’s make this November Thanksgiving Month.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Parent Teacher Conferences notes were sent home Wednesday. You must meet with your child’s teacher the first and third marking periods. Make this a priority to ensure your child’s success. Conferences are scheduled every fifteen minutes beginning at 9:00 on Friday, November 9.
- All parents who have a child enrolled in the Title I Program are asked to attend a meeting on Friday, November 9 at 10:00 in Room 11. You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and to gain understanding of the program.
- Carson Community Day Coupon Books are sale. You pay \$5.00 and receive 8 coupons for 20% off and a \$10.00 coupon. Community Day coupons are good for Saturday, November 10.
- ABC Bank is hosting a seminar “Identity Theft” on Saturday, November 10 and Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 until 10:00. The seminar is free and will provide you with valuable information to prevent this from happening to you.
- The sixth grade students are the lectors for this month’s Family Mass on November 11 at St. Kilian Church.
- There is NO SCHOOL on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16! The teachers must attend the OCS Catechetical Conference at the Donald A Stephens Convention Center. The topic for this in service is “Encountering the Living Christ.” NOTE: THIS DATE WAS SCHEDULED AFTER THE CALENDAR WAS PRINTED.
- The Booster Club’s Walk-A-Thon was a huge success thanks to all of you. Pictures of this event are posted on the website. The \$2200.00 donated to the school will help to pay for a video surveillance camera and buzzer system for our new doors.

- Check the calendar for extra curricular activity meeting dates and times. Basketball practice begins this month with practice on Tuesday and Thursday after school for boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade. There is a separate schedule for practice dates and times at Ada Park.
- Our Eagle Explosion Science Club is off to a great start with the First Lego League Project. They will be in competition with 15 other schools on December 8 at IIT. Look for more information later.
- We have a newly formed Math Club for the junior high students. It meets on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Mrs. Pass is the moderator.
- Our annual fruit sale orders are due on November 30. Last year was the first time we had the fruit sale and it was a huge success. The fruit was delicious and made excellent gifts for the holidays. Pick up date is December 14.

MEET THE AUTHORLUCAS L. JOHNSON

This year we have begun a “Book of the Month for St. Ethelreda School.” Our first selection is “Finding the Good.” As a young journalist, Johnson was assigned to write a story about the Alex Haley Museum in Henning, Tennessee. There he met Fred Montgomery, an 87-year-old former sharecropper whose stories of the segregated South captivated Johnson. Their friendship would become a life-changing experience for both men. On Friday, November 30, St. Ethelreda School will host its first “Meet the Author” book discussion in the school hall. Books will be autographed at the conclusion of the dialogue. All junior high students are required to read this book. Books are available for purchase at the school. Parents, please read the book, even if your child is not in junior high and join us on this day. Prior to the book discussion, we are going to dedicate and name our school hall the “Harold Washington Assembly Hall”. We have invited politicians and other dignitaries to join us on this special occasion. Twenty-five years ago, Harold Washington was elected the first African American mayor of this city. This year marks the 20th year since his death. Let us not forget our history. We are going to make this an event that our children will never forget!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING MONTH