

# **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

## **Greetings Parents,**

The first month of school is over and we are just as excited as we were on the first day of school. The students are applying themselves to their school work, especially after the Progress Reports were sent home. Remember, you can always contact your child's teacher to discuss academic progress and/or behavior at any time. Also, I strongly encourage you to visit the classroom during school if necessary.

Thank you to all who sent sympathy cards and donations to the Horton Family on behalf of Mrs. Shirley Horton, who passed on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Horton had served as our Food Services Professional for 37 years. She had just retired from this position on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We pray that God strengthens her family in the days yet to come.

Each month you will receive a calendar and a Newsletter. Beginning in November, our goal is to send this information home on the last Wednesday of the month and to post it on our website.

When you registered your child at St. Ethelreda School, one of our requests was to attend Family Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Mass begins at 11:00 at St. Kilian Church located on 87<sup>th</sup> and May. The students, parents and teachers all sit together. The family (including school family) that prays together, stays together.

## **October Highlights**

- The Student Council is sponsoring its annual Taffy Apple sale this month. This fund raiser helps to pay for the Honors' Luncheon, a luncheon and program sponsored by the Student Council for all students who were on the Honor Roll or Principal's List for at least three quarters. A case of Taffy Apples is \$20.00, individual apples cost \$1.00. Money and orders are due October 16; pickup on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Booster Club is sponsoring its 2<sup>nd</sup> Walkathon. Proceeds from this all school activity help to purchase new physical education equipment and sports equipment. All students walk and we need parent volunteers. The younger children take a short route that will give them an opportunity to participate. Everyone wears BLUE and GOLD on this day, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The classroom that turns in the most money will win a pizza and ice cream party.

- Market Day is having a special fund raiser, Silver Bells. You should have received a catalog last week. The order forms and money are due on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Market Day proceeds always helps us to buy items that we badly need as well. We didn't raise tuition this year and our fund raisers are NOT MANDATORY. However, everything that you do benefits our students and helps to keep tuition down.
- Pink Day...wear something pink to support "Breast Cancer Awareness". Sponsored by the Student Council, students are asked to pay .50 October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The girls in grades 5-8 will play volleyball against other schools beginning October 11. All games are on Saturdays at St. Margaret of Scotland's gym on 99<sup>th</sup> and Throop.
- Representatives from all of the local Catholic High Schools will speak to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Parents are invited to attend and meet with the reps. The students have a schedule of times and schools.
- The Booster Club is sponsoring a Football Homecoming sock hop on the 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00 in the Harold Washington Assembly Hall. This is for the 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Food will be sold and parent volunteers are needed. The football game is at 8:30A.M. at Luther South High School, 87<sup>th</sup> and Kedzie. GO EAGLES.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent meeting 6:30p.m. on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- All medical physical and dental forms are due on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- School Picture Day is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Notices regarding attire and payment will be sent home.
- The teachers have two Professional Development Workshops on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>. There is no school for Kindergarden through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The preschool is open for regular hours and all day care is available. Everyone must bring a lunch on these two days. There is a \$10.00 charge for all day care if your child is not enrolled in the Before/After School Care program. The hours for all day care are 6:30a.m. until 6:00p.m. Please see Mrs. Hawthorne to sign up for this service.
- Remember to pick up your Taffy Apples on the 29<sup>th</sup> after 3:00p.m.
- Our first all school skating party is planned for Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, which is Halloween. The Student Council began a tradition of wearing Orange and Black to school for Halloween. This works out well because students don't have to bring Halloween costumes to school. The teachers have something special planned for the students at the skating rink.

Thank you for all that you do, Parents, to make St. Ethelreda the best school on the Southside.

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