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Dear Parents,

There is a time for every season and now we can truly see God's work during this season of fall as the leaves turn colors and drop off the trees. Did you ever wonder how the leaves know when to change colors? There is no one pushing a button or waving a magic wand to paint the leaves in a variety of colors. That is the wonder of an awesome God.

During the month of November, we should take time to thank God for all He has done in our lives. One of my favorite sayings is "If the only prayer you say today is 'thank you', then you have said enough".

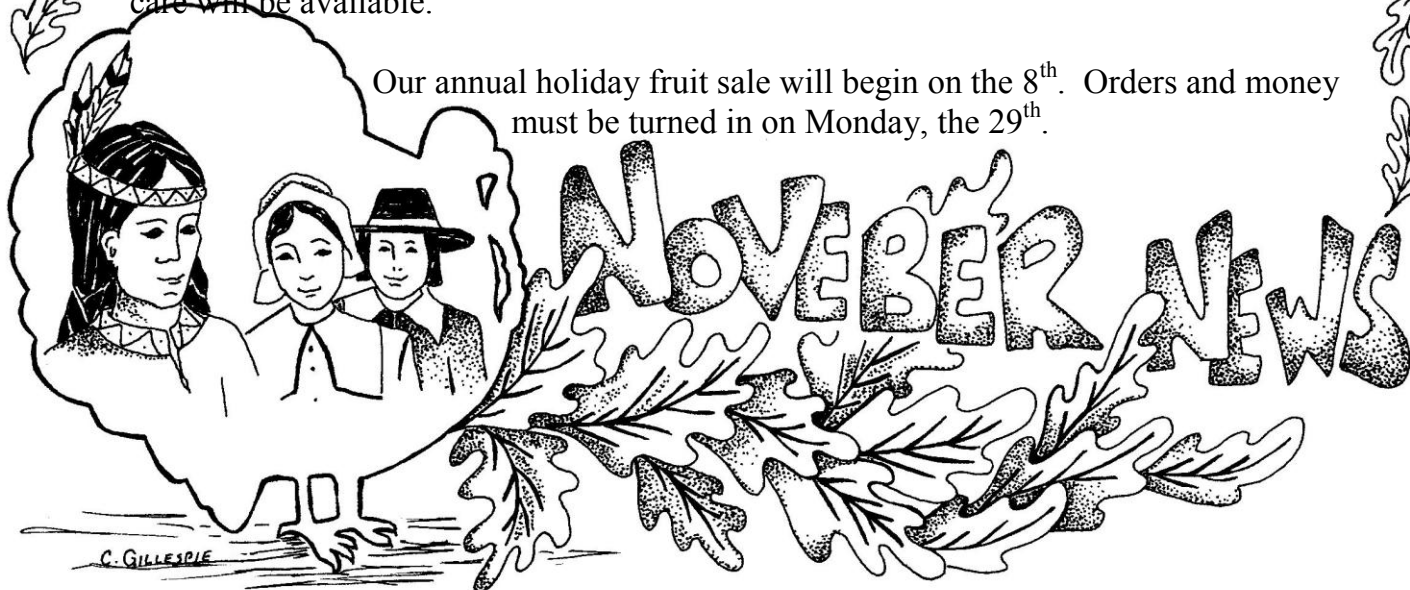
Thank you to all who participated in Family Read Night. We had a great time! Look for your pictures and story on the website next week. And, those boo-tiful Halloween costumes will be posted for your delight. We had some really cute and creative costumes.

November's Highlights

Through the generosity of Big Shoulders, all students in first through eighth grade will have their vision tested and the first, second and third grades will also have a hearing screening. Both of these programs are FREE of charge to you. Teachers will have the results at the Parent-Teacher-Child conference this Friday.

There is no school for Kindergarten through eighth grade this Friday. However, children should be present for the conference. The preschool will be open and all day care will be available.

Our annual holiday fruit sale will begin on the 8th. Orders and money must be turned in on Monday, the 29th.



Family Mass . . . Family Mass . . . where are you? All students and parents are expected to attend Family Mass at 10:00 on the second Sunday of each month at St. Kilian Church, 87th and May. You will have special time with the Lord, something money can't buy. The sixth grade class is in charge of this month's Mass.

Attendance Interruption begins on the 18th. No one can be more than 30 days delinquent. When you come for conferences this Friday, you will have to see me before going to your child's classroom. I will have passes for EVERYONE. We will discuss your current status and make arrangements to bring your account current, if necessary. Payments may be made to the school at this time and I will post it to your account. Everyone will receive their report cards this first quarter. However, Attendance Interruption will be strictly enforced on the 18th.

Come to the Holiday Bazaar on the 20th from 11:00 until 4:00 and shop early for those special presents.

Some students are tardy every single day. Why is this? St. Ethelreda has a policy for excessive tardiness. When a child is tardy more than three times in a month, a \$5.00 fee will be assessed for every tardy after the third one. By bringing/sending your child late on a regular basis, you are training them to be late for every occasion that occurs in their life. The pattern is being set at an early age. The teachers will have letters for those whom this applies to for September and October.

School will be closed on the 24, 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving. May God bless all of our St. Ethelreda families abundantly, Amen.

BIG NEWS! BIG NEWS!! BIG NEWS!!!

**St. Ethelreda All Class Reunion
Saturday, November 6 at 3:00pm until.....**

Join us for a stroll down memory lane, Mass, food, refreshments,
“Late Night Catechism” (a hilarious play about “real” Catholic School education)
And fun, fun, fun!

*The reunion is for all former students, parents, employees and Alumni of
St. Ethelreda School.
Cost: \$20.00*

Once again, thank you and I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving celebration.

*Denise Spells
Principal*