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Read Sunday's Gospel- MT 22: 15-21 "...repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



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Looking Ahead

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- 24 - End of 1st Quarter/Early Release
- 29 – Kind. & Gr. 3 Field Trip
- 30 – Last Day for Shorts
- 31 – Gr. 3 Field Trip

November

- 3 – Report Cards Sent Home
- 5 - Conferences
- 9 – Parish Turkey Dinner
- 11 – Veteran's Day/No School
- 12 – Spiritwear Day
- 13 – Conferences

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Not only is October a month for praying to our Blessed Mother Mary and for Halloween, it seems to have become a popular month for travel. We have seen an influx of families planning their family vacations in early fall. While we know there are many benefits to family vacations, both emotionally and educationally, we ask parents to do their best to avoid removing students from entire weeks of school. Some students never completely catch up from the instruction missed over a five-day period and others see their grades impacted by assignments never completed.

Some families are very conscientious about requesting work and materials for the duration of the trip. When the child returns from vacation, they return to school with a large stack of completed work. This may be helpful in preventing a child from falling behind, but it leads to other challenges. From the teachers' viewpoint, it is very difficult to plan and prepare thirty hours of lessons a week or two in advance. Not only is it difficult to predict exactly where the entire class will be in each content area, the option of having large amounts of work copied by volunteer is not available and teachers find themselves trying to review and carefully select activities intended to allow practice, but not necessarily introducing new skills. Unfortunately, many teachers have had the experience of preparing vacation work in advance for several children in a family only to discover none has been completed at all during the trip. Teachers typically spend every possible moment reviewing missed concepts for several days or even weeks upon the student's return.

We are asking our families to *please do everything in your power to avoid scheduling family vacations during the first full week of October. For all schools in many states, including Ohio, our funding is determined by student attendance during that five day period.* Even if the overall enrollment is greater, our funds are driven by student attendance taken during that first, full week of October. Please help us by planning vacations around that single week and by trying to avoid making work requests for more than a day or two in advance.



Fire Prevention Contest

Winners! The following students won prizes in the Annual Harrison Fire Department coloring contest. Their beautiful artwork can be seen outside the school office.

Kindergarten – Leah Schoster

1st – Reese Majors

2nd – Juliana Vogelsang

3rd – Jessica Forbeck

4th – Gigi Winter

5th – Ashley Enginger

STJB BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!

If your child is interested in playing basketball this season, please go to the STJB Athletics site to register. The registration window for boys' basketball (grades 2-8) will be open from October 16, 2014 to October 24, 2014. Please register soon. The registration window for the girls (grades 3-8) will be open from October 16, 2014 to December 1, 2014. A separate registration time will be available for 2nd grade girls who are interested in playing.

Message from Mrs. Meymann Cont'd...

We are also noticing an increasing number of students arriving at school, unprepared. They arrive in homeroom, without completed homework, planning to finish five or ten minutes before the start of the day. Using every available moment to finish tasks is a valuable skill; however the problem is many are seeking answers from the other students who did their work the night before. Copying answers is not encouraged as it takes away the learning and practicing of new skills associated with homework assignments, not to mention the ethics of representing someone else's work as their own. If your child truly is a "morning person" and works more efficiently on homework in the morning than in the evening, please adjust bedtimes and wake up times so homework may be completed before arriving at school!

Enjoy a blessed weekend with your children.

Susan Meymann

Congratulations to the New Student Council

Members for 2014/2015! They campaigned and worked hard to gain their classmates vote and the winners are:

Homeroom Reps:

1st – Tucker Ward and Gabby DiPuccio

2nd – Abby Montgomery and Maddie Montgomery

3rd – Hannah Mayer and Leah Marx

4th – Ben Armbrust and Jessie Roell

5th – Ellie Cornett

6th – Ethan Connors and Lydia Winter

7th – Griffin Rogers

8th – Nick Barth

Officers:

President/Vice President – William McAlister/Sam Heffron

Secretary – Sam McAlister

Treasurer – Kelly Albrinck

Sergeant at Arms – Megan Roell

Athletic Association News:

Anyone interested in learning more about the new Archdiocese Youth Athletics Charter and contributing to the new Athletic Association By-Laws is invited to meet on **Monday, October 20 at 7:00** in the Community Room.

Conference signup sheets were sent home with the oldest child last week. Please make sure they are returned no later than **October 27** with the oldest child to ensure teachers have enough time to coordinate scheduling to accommodate everyone. Thanks!

Reminder the last day to order for Market Day is this **Friday, October 17**. Pick up is on Wednesday, October 22nd at 3:30 pm in the Cafeteria. Please remember that any manual orders need to be dropped in the office by this Friday at 3:30 pm. This includes Bonus Cookie Day orders with accompanying check for payment.



Lotto Winners - CONGRATULATIONS to the weekly Lotto winner! Jesse Ward won \$100 for the week of 10/13. The winning ticket was sold by The Ward Family. It was pulled by Joy Gemperline & Angie Land.

The Daughters of Isabella are having their Annual Fall Bake Sale held on the weekend of October 25 & 26. Items will be available for sale after every Mass except 7pm Sunday, October 26. Our Bake Sales help support St. John the Baptist School Library. Please help make this sale another huge success. Members, if you are baking items, please label your items if they have nuts or are sugar-free. Thank you!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER
 & VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW**
 Sunday, November 9th, 2014
 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Dine-in or Carry-out
 Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Children \$5, Under 6 Free!
 Vendor/Craft Show Hours:
 12:00 PM - 5:00PM
 509 Harrison Ave, Harrison, OH | 513-367-9086

HAPPY FALL!!!!



St. John the Baptist Fall Festival Turkey Dinner On Sunday, November 9, 2014

Join us for fellowship and help make our Turkey Dinner a success! Let us know how you can help.

Cooking Turkey: _____ phone number: _____

Pick up at St. John's on Thursday, November 6th from 3 PM – 6 PM

Return to St. John's on Saturday, November 8th from 8 AM – 12 PM

Set Up Cafeteria: _____ phone number: _____

Saturday, November 8th from 9 AM – 11 AM

Receive Turkeys: _____ phone number: _____

Saturday, November 8th from 8 AM – 12 PM

Cook Dinner: _____ phone number: _____

Sunday, November 9th – Please circle what shift you'd like to work

9 AM – 12 PM 12 PM – 3 PM 3 PM – 6 PM

Serve Dinner: _____ phone number: _____

Sunday, November 9th – Please circle what shift you'd like to work

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM 1 PM – 4 PM 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Dish Washer: _____ phone number: _____

Sunday, November 9th – Please circle what shift you'd like to work

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Clean Up: _____ phone number: _____

Sunday, November 9th from 6 PM – 8 PM

Questions? Call Beth Roell @ 513-218-7292. Return your completed form in the collection basket or email your availability to eroell@cinci.rr.com. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

8th grade boys

Learn what makes La Salle a leader. 8th grade boys looking to create their own unique path of success and experience can learn how La Salle is crafting brilliant minds. Take advantage of this opportunity to follow a current La Salle student throughout his daily schedule. Students can expect a REALISTIC school day focusing on academics, faith, discipline and development of each student. You can sign up at www.FUTURELANCERS.com or by contacting Jake Pucci at [513-741-2365](tel:513-741-2365) or jpucci@lasallehs.net.

La Salle Admissions Nights October 21 and November 19, 2014 - Admissions Information Night from 7:00pm-8:00pm in La Salle's Media Center. Come learn about La Salle High School's admissions process, meet the Admissions Office, learn about scholarship and financial aid, and how La Salle can provide your son numerous opportunities for his personal and professional development. Details at futurelancers.com Click on important class of 2019 timeline for more details.

Youth Wrestling At La Salle High School

- **WHO:** Anyone Ages 5-12 (K – 6th Grade)
- **WHERE:** LaSalle HS Wrestling Room
- De La Salle Annex (Behind La Salle HS) 3091 North Bend Rd Cincinnati, OH 45239-7696
- **WHEN:** Practice starts Wed, Nov. 5th and continues through February
- Every Wednesday 6:30 – 8:00 pm and every Friday 6:30 – 8:00p.
- **COST:** \$125 *Checks payable to: Golden Cross Academy
- includes league fee, insurance, shorts, t-shirt, singlet, two tournaments, as much as 70 hours of mat time and an award for finishing the season. There is a discount for multiple children in the same family (each additional child \$80).

How to join: Signups are:

Oct 21st 6:00 – 7:00 PM

In La Salle HS wrestling room (DeLaSalle Annex)

Or Online at

www.GoldenCrossWrestling.com (click on Academy tab)