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Upcoming Events

October 26

Trunk or Treat 6:30 – 8:00 pm

October 30

Jeanne D'Arc Banking Day

November 1

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE -

School Mass 8:15 AM – All Saints Day, followed by Gr. 2 Saints Parade. All are welcome to attend.

TRUNK OR TREAT on October 26th – Trunks are still needed!!!

Trunks are still needed for this awesome event! If you volunteer to have a trunk at the event, your child/ren will receive a Dress Down Day coupon for Friday, November 2nd. If you are doing a trunk, we need to know NOW! (By Wednesday at the latest). Please contact Kerry DeMattia for more information! kerrydemattia1@verizon.net. We are also in need of candy donations in case people run out. If you can donate a bag of candy, please send to the school office. Thank you for your help!!

WALK FOR EDUCATION

Our Walk for Education was a complete success!! Students raised over \$10,000 for St. Monica School and so now we will have Easter Monday off! A sincere "Thank You" to Mrs. Sylvia and Mrs. Bower for organizing this wonderful event. The children had a great time as you can see if you "Like" our Facebook page (St. Monica School Methuen) ! We had three students who raised over \$301! Megan Martocchio, Gr. 3; Alli Sullivan, Gr. 3, and Joey Squatrito, Gr. 6. They will be treated to a lunch out by Mrs. Henderson. There was no class that had all their donations in on time, so no one will get extra recess. The students who raised over \$50 will receive their dress down day coupons shortly. Great job by all our students and their families!!!

ST. MONICA SCHOOL 60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA – SAVE THE DATE – MAY 17TH

We are looking for parents to help with our 60th Anniversary Gala that will be held on May 17th. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Henderson at school, or email her at principal@methuencatholic.org. We will have a committee meeting in the near future.

WORLD SERIES FEVER!

Please see the attached flyer for information on some **dress down days!**

Important Announcement

There will be **NO HOMEWORK CLUB** on the following Tuesdays-- October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 31. Mrs. Castagna will be teaching the High School Placement Test Math Class for Grade 8.

October 26, Friday - **NO BUSES AT DISMISSAL**

Tuesday, November 6th there will be **NO BUSES** in the morning or at dismissal.

Always check the school calendar for up-to-date events!

ST. MONICA CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are seeking volunteers to work at our Christmas Fair (Please contact Mrs. Tully or send back the form we will be sending home). You may work all day, part of the day, a couple hours. We will need people for set-up, clean-up, the kitchen, or we will have games. We need to cover all events all day, so any time you can give would be great! Mrs. Henderson is working on a list of events, games, etc. and we will schedule your time when we get that straightened out. Your support is appreciated. It is going to be a fun day, especially for your children. Maybe you could give a few hours while your children are attending the event, or you cannot come during the day, but you may be able to give a few hours in the morning for set-up or a few hours in the evening for clean-up. We are also looking for donations of gift certificates, toys or baskets for our Penny Raffles. Both Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Tully would appreciate anything you can do!

RENWEB STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM HAS A NEW NAME – FACTS Student Information System

Please make sure you log on to the FACTS Student Information System to make sure all of your information is correct. All of the log in information is on our website. www.methuencatholic.org/school

SNOW DAYS

St. Monica School follows Methuen Public Schools for Snow Days so if school is called off for Methuen, St. Monica will not have school. We will also announce it with an email home as soon as we know, and on our Facebook page (St. Monica School Methuen). **We will no longer be using the Blackboard Connect program for Snow Days.**

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES for Grades 1-8

Report Card Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 8th. There is an 11:00AM dismissal for all grades that day. Today we will be sending out conference sign-up sheets. Please fill out and return as we schedule conferences on a first-come, first-served basis. Conferences will be from 12-2PM and from 5-8PM and are ten minutes long. Students are not allowed to attend these conferences. If you cannot make this conference day, you may schedule another day after November 8th with your child's teacher. Please just indicate that on the form. Thank you. Extended Day will be available from 11-6PM.

CAR LINE 2 (the parking lot behind the Church)

We have been receiving complaints that it is not running smoothly out there in Car Line 2. We will be monitoring the situation and if it does not improve, we will not be allowing students out that door and parents will be required to pick up children from the front parking lot. There will now be cones blocking the entrance to Car Line 2 at 2:00 PM. No car/bus will be allowed to enter after the cones are placed. Parents who are parking in Car Line 2 at the end of the day MUST wait until the teacher on duty removes the cones to move their car. You must stay parked and not moving until the cones are removed. Mrs. Tully will be out there today monitoring the situation and we will also be communicating with the teacher on duty to see how things are going. Also, no parent should be dropping off their child from that parking lot in the morning.

STUDENTS WHO ARE LATE TO SCHOOL

We have a number of students who are late to school whose parents do not sign them in. Students are late if they come into the building when the "Please Sign In" sign is up on the front door (or after 7:50 AM for preschool). That is our policy and we require every student who is late, to be signed in. That includes preschool students who come in after 7:50 AM who are dropped off in the office. This is a safety issue and is a policy in our student handbook that all parents signed. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thank to one of our dads, Chris Berard, for coordinating and coaching our Jr. High Girls Volleyball team (Grades 6-8). It is a short season, but such valuable exposure to the sport! We are really "digging" it!!

MORE UPCOMING DATES – Please also check the school calendar at www.methuencatholic.org/school

November 5 – PTO Meeting 6:00 PM in school hall

November 7 – Alumni Open House 6:30 – 8:30 PM (If you are an alumni or know anyone who is, please let them know!)

November 8 – Veteran's Day Program 9:00 AM in school hall. The Freedom Wall dedication by the Methuen Exchange Club will also take place at that time.

November 8 – 11:00 AM Dismissal. Report Card conferences for Grades 1-8 from 11:15AM-2PM and 5:00 – 8:00 PM by appointment only. Appointment sign-ups will be coming home soon. Extended Day is available from 11AM-6PM.

November 9 – NO SCHOOL, Faculty Meeting

November 12 – NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day

November 16 – Spirit Day

November 17 – School Christmas Fair 9AM to 6PM. It is going to be amazing!!! Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Tully are heading it up. Please call Mrs. Tully if you are interested in volunteering. We need all the help we can get!!

November 21 – 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass. All are invited.

November 21 – 11AM dismissal for Thanksgiving break. NO EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM.

November 22 and 23 – Thanksgiving Break