

October 16, 2018

Mrs. Catherine Zagola
Principal

Principal's Reflection

The autumn equinox which began on September 22nd marked the beginning of a period of change. As we watch leaves falling to the ground, we are reminded that nature's cycles sometimes are mirrored in our own lives. Autumn is a time of letting go (like the trees) and releasing things that have been a burden. Let the Holy Spirit take charge of our lives & our burdens.

Fall also is a time to balance the light and darkness within us. Do not fear the darkness but use it to look inward and nurture ourselves without the glare of the T.V. or computer. Use the diminished hours of light to truly see God's beauty in our world and each other. Enjoy the season of Fall!

Spirituality

Recitation of the Rosary

On the next two Fridays, October 19th and October 26th at 2:00 PM, Grades K-8 will pray the Rosary for the special intentions of our school families. Please complete the enclosed form and your intention will be remembered during this special shared prayer moment.

In addition, our Rosary Club members meet every Tuesday afternoon to pray together.

Preparation for Confirmation

Parents of Students receiving Confirmation should attend a meeting on Thursday, October 18th at 6:30 PM in Bogdan Hall. Information will be given to you about the student requirements to prepare for this important sacrament.

On Sunday, October 21st at the 11:30 AM mass the Confirmation candidates will sign their contracts before their parents and the parishioners of Corpus Christi to show they are committed to the necessary preparations for this sacrament. May the Holy Spirit be with them.

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Congratulations Corner

Color Walk-a-thon Winners

Congratulations to the four families who raised the most money to support Pope John Paul II Regional School during our first Color Walk-a-thon:

1 st Place	Marte/Menendez	\$500.00
2 nd Place	Schmidt	\$310.00
3 rd Place	Montes	\$211.00
4 th Place	Cambronero	\$200.00

Congratulations to our 3rd and 4th grades for having 100% class participation. The school spirit that was shown this day was amazing and appreciated! Thank-you.

Orton-Gillingham Training

Four of PJP II School's teachers attended a week long training session over the summer: Mrs. Wood (Gr.K), Mrs. Colville (Gr.2), Mrs. Bacon (Gr.4) and Mrs. Pugh (Gr.6). Orton-Gillingham is an instructional approach primarily for use with students who have difficulty with reading, spelling and writing. These teachers have been using their new skills in the classroom already. Mrs. Colville and Mrs. Pugh are continuing their training.

Saints Athletics

Forms for basketball were sent home two weeks ago to interested boys in grades 4-8 who would like to play for PJP II this season. These forms are due October 19th. We thank Mr. Tremayne Wood who will continue to coach boys varsity team and Mr. Raphael Montes who will assume the position of Junior Varsity coach. We are excited about the upcoming season. More details to follow. Let's go Saints!

Upcoming Events

Fire Prevention Presentation

On October 19th the Willingboro Fire Department will review fire safety rules with grades PreK - 4 in the morning. Students also will have the opportunity to see the different parts of the fire truck and meet the fire people. We can't wait to thank them for protecting our community.

Upcoming Events Continued.....

Red Ribbon Week

During the week of October 22 - 26 the students of PJP II will focus their attention on celebrating living a drug free life and thanking God for the gift of our healthy bodies. The origin of Red Ribbon Week began in the 1980's and today is a U.S. initiative for the education and prevention of drugs, tobacco and alcohol abuse. Our students will listen to a presentation by the Willingboro Police Dept. and K-9 Unit on October 25th. Students may dress down that day in jeans and a red shirt to show their support of the message "Life is sweet without drugs".

Halloween Celebrations

On October 31st, PreK and K students will dress in Halloween costumes for our annual PJP II Costume Parade at 11:00 AM. Leading them this year will be 6 fourth grade students dressed as Saints to remind our students to get ready for the great feast day of All Saints Day on November 1st. If it is nice weather the parade will take place outdoors. If the weather is not good, parade will take place inside the cafeteria for parents and in the hallways for the students. In the afternoon, all students will have a class celebration provided and planned by homeroom parents and teachers.

Honor Society Washington Trip

On October 23rd, 25 of our honor students will visit Washington, D.C. as a reward for their academic performance last year. These students will visit the museums of the Smithsonian Institute, the Holocaust Museum and the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. We are very proud of these students and their accomplishments.

Rosary Intentions

Intention for: _____

Please return to the office by October 18th.