**THURSDAY TIMES**

**PRINCE OF PEACE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

**A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL…**

**Please read the attached sheet to the newsletter. This is a friendly reminder that school will be closed on Friday, October 8th for our Professional Development Day for staff. Staff will be participating in First Aid & CPR Training as well as on-going curriculum development.**

**THE MUM AND PUMPKIN SALE/PICK UP WAS A BIG SUCCCESS! We want to thank all of the volunteers who helped unload and organize on Friday morning and the large number of volunteers who worked on Saturday morning! We apologize if we had any confusion on mum colors etc. as this is a large undertaking on the order side as well as the fulfillment, with Kinman farms. Kinman Farms does a wonderful job serving our needs and we will be visiting with them again around the Christmas Holiday! Stay tuned for more information. If you have any extra time on your hands, visit Kinman Farms during the October/Fall season for a fun family day. They have tours, pumpkin activities, food, fruits and vegetables for sale and it is a lovely family -oriented farm. They are located in Burlington, Kentucky.**

**SACRED MUSIC CONCERT**

**We have also attached a flyer highlighting a Musical Concert to be held at Mother of God Church, located in Covington, Ky. On Thursday, October 21, 2021. Our Music teacher, Ms. Rebecca Wells is encouraging all parents to attend with your children. This is free and open to the public. It is entitled, “Ave Maria through the Ages.” It begins at 7:00 p.m. We will continue to promote any program that is appropriate for our children and parents.**

**PICTURE DAY REMINDER: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH! We are sending home new order forms for your convenience, in case you have misplace the original one. Please mark your selection and return it to your child’s homeroom teacher. Children may be out of uniform for the day!**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VISITED SKYLINE LAST WEEK! OUR NEXT SKYLINE DAY IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH. FLYERS WILL COME HOME CLOSER TO THE DATE!**

**THE UNIFORM CLOSET IS BURSTING WITH NEW MERCHANDISE! We have had an abundance of donations from in-house parents and old parents who have dropped off several items. We have received MANY boy’s pants and shirts. We have received jumpers and skirts for the older girls. Please let Mrs. Middendorf know if your child is in need and we can surely make a visit during school hours. The room remains open at all times and any parent is welcome to visit at drop off or pick up during the school day. All items are washed upon arrival and we have restrooms and an empty office that you may use to try items on if needed. We will most likely make a donation in January of pants and plain shirts if not claimed and used. Please come help yourself!!**

**VIRTUS UPDATES: If you are new to the school and interested in becoming Virtus Trained in order to volunteer or assist with the children or coach at any given time, you must complete all the steps. We have had numerous parents complete the steps and we have gained many more volunteers…THANK YOU!! There are new classes that have been scheduled for 10/21/21 at Thomas More University in Crestview Hills, KY. and a class at The Curia Building (Main Diocese office) for October 19, 2021. Please sign up quickly as the spaces fill. This has the capacity of 80 participants. Visit the Virtus website and follow the prompts. You must complete a background check as well. There is also paperwork (2 sheets) that must be filled out that you will receive from the office. Once, all 4 steps are completed, you will be 100% ready and will begin receiving the monthly bulletins in your email in-box. Complete the short reading monthly and answer one question and this will keep you current.**

**\*\*A special note to some returning parents or parents who have had their account suspended. We had a recent audit and all accounts were reviewed. If you have been suspended, you may need a new background check or have many bulletins to read to become current. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Middendorf in the school office, she serves as our School Coordinator for Virtus.**

**FISH FRY UPDATE: As many of you know, Prince of Peace has held one of the most successful Fish Fry’s in the area during the six weeks of Lent. Because of the COVID restrictions, we have had to cancel 10 of them in the past year and a half. This is very devastating to the Parent Association Budget. The Parent Association supports our school in many ways through fundraisers etc. and the FISH FRY is the biggest money maker.**

**This year the Parent Association has voted to conduct a Carryout/Drive Thru version of the Fish Fry! Yes, the planning starts now! The Fish Fry Fridays will be held from March 4th – April 8th. We need COMMITMENT. We are sending home a Volunteer Sign Up Survey to get an idea of how many people will commit to help. You will see by the form that we need 6 weeks of help. We estimate that it takes almost 30 people per night to make this a successful endeavor. \*There is no FISH FRY on Good Friday! We realize this is months away but the planning and execution starts now. Please sign up for as many weeks as possible. More information will follow in coming months. Please return the sheet in your red folder. Thank you very much for your consideration of time and commitment.**

**OPEN HOUSE IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH. We will be giving tours of the school and all staff will be present to discuss program etc. Informational folders will also be available. We have had more interest in our Pre-Primary program for this year as well. If you know any family member, neighbors etc. please mention our date and time for their convenience. The hours are 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. We must have secured enrollments in order to open our second Pre-Primary room in January 2022. All children must be 3 years of age and completely potty-trained to attend the program. \*This program includes 3, 4 and 5-year-old children who have missed the cut off date for Kindergarten or are looking to transfer into Kindergarten for the remainder of the year. All other inquiries may be sent to the office. \*If any parent would like the opportunity to volunteer to be at Open House to greet parents and talk to prospective parents, please notify Claire Therese or Mrs. Middendorf.**

**BASKETBALL SIGN UP IS COMPLETE AND ALL CHILDREN HAVE BEEN PLACED ON A TEAM. A huge thank you to Tina Feldman from Holy Cross who spends hours as a volunteer making sure all the children at POP, St. Augustine, Holy Cross, Holy Family, St. Anthony and St. Cecelia get to play ball if they so desire. The coaches will be reaching out to secure contact information and inform us what league and school they will play at. This league is usually ready to go by Thanksgiving and runs through February with tournaments at the end of the season.**