Family Connection Newsletter
November 9 – November 13

1. Grades 5-8 will be traveling to Frankfort, KY on Wednesday, November 11th to tour the Old State Capital and learn about Kentucky Inventors and Kentucky History. Students are allowed to wear jeans or pants (no sweatpants, no leggings, no pajama pants) with Spirit Wear (everyone has a ¼ zip pullover). Gym shoes or comfortable shoes are recommended as there will be a lot of walking! Everyone needs to pack lunch in a disposable bag and students can get a bagged lunch from school if they wish. **We will leave at 8:00 AM in the morning but the bus will not be back until 3:30 PM so please make arrangements for pick up that day accordingly.**

2. As we get into a stretch of cooler weather with highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s over the next few weeks, I want to remind everyone about the dress code. Boys and Girls may wear NAVY BLUE PANTS (no shorts) with WHITE and NAVY BLUE shirts (short or long sleeve). Sweaters or sweatshirts must be NAVY BLUE – no grey or light blue. No hoodies or coats are permitted to be worn during school hours. **NO BOOTS of any kind may be worn in school (this includes PRE-K and K) – they scuff the floor and there are scuff marks from this school year we can't erase from the hall floors, classroom floors, or the gym floor. Students can wear boots into school but they can't wear them during the day.** If you need help with obtaining items that conform to the dress code, please email myself or Mrs. Middendorf.

3. We are doing a campaign through the diocese for Giving Tuesday. For those of you that aren't familiar with Giving Tuesday, it's a national day of giving after Thanksgiving. We are trying to raise funds to start Lego League teams for our elementary and junior high students. I will post a weekly announcement on our Facebook page about it. Anyone can give to the campaign so I am asking you to share our weekly Facebook posts on your pages (I put one up yesterday). You may have friends, family, or acquaintances who are looking to make a charitable tax donation before the end of the year as a write-off or know someone who wants to fund STEM learning. This is a great way for them to do so and help us at the same time. Our goal is lofty – $10,000 to spend over three years – but it can be reached if you spread the word and encourage people to give!

4. We will be putting out information in the next week or so about how to make a donation to our Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). This is an outgrowth of the national school choice legislation that was passed in Congress and the state of Kentucky. Tax payers who owe money to the government may designate up to $1,700 of that tax amount to be given to our SGO to help us fund tuition. If you are a married couple, each person may give up to $1,700, which would work out to $3,400 per couple. The person designating the money does not have to be a parent of the school or a member of the parishes – anyone can designate their money to us. As I said, more information to follow next week!

5. Upcoming Important Dates

    a. November 11th – Grades 5-8 Field Trip to the State Capitol
    b. November 17th – Cyclones Education Field Day trip (9:15am-1:30pm)
    c. November 19th – Progress Reports Sent Home
    d. November 24th– Spirit Day; Last Day before Thanksgiving Break
    e. November 25th-27th – School is closed for Thanksgiving Break
    f. November 30th – First day back from Thanksgiving Break

Santa Secret Shop Items

Gift Donation Ideas - Suggested Gift Value: $1-$5 per item

Dads & Grandpas

Mini Flashlights • Tape Measures • Work Gloves • Playing Cards • Phone Stands
Car Accessories • Grilling Tools • BBQ seasonings, rubs, or sauces • Socks • Mugs
Bottle Openers • Puzzles • Key Chains

Moms & Grandmas

Fuzzy Socks • Bracelets • Mugs • Picture Frames • Ornaments • Compact Mirrors • Trinket Dishes • Candles • Tote Bags • Lip Balm • Jewelry • Hair Clips • Hand Sanitizer

Brothers & Sisters

Small Toys • Fidgets • Mini-Cars • Small Bouncy Balls • Slime • Craft Kits • Plush Toys • Scrunchies • Stickers • Card Games • Books • Art Supplies

Dogs & Cats

Tennis Balls • Rope Toys • Squeaky Toys • Pet Bandanas • Catnip Toys • Toy Mice • Cat Wands