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 **September 15, 2023**

**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

## Grandparents Day was a wonderful celebration of our biggest supporters – our Grandparents! Thank you to our readers & their grandparents – Lily Sherman, Evan May, Willow Miller, and Graeme Lupino. Thank you to Maria Corriveau and her team (Nancy & Ashley Nasser, Tracy Sherman, Arianna Ulak, Colleen Moniz, Elizabeth DeRita, Judy Paplauskas, Katie Hevey, Meghan & Erin Clark, for making sure our celebration back at school was perfect! Thank you to Ron Pagliarini for the beautiful centerpieces, Marissa Hughes for the donation of “Miss Debi’s flowers, Melissa Gambardelli for the hay and those of you who were so generous in your donations! We could not have done this without all your help!

**Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 PM. This is a mandatory meeting for all parents! Please join us in the gym at 6:00 – we will have a short presentation followed by a visit to your child’s classroom. We will have candy bars available for you to take and sell (more info at the meeting).**

**Our Meadow Farms fundraiser has started – the deadline to order is October 10 so we will have delivery in time for Thanksgiving. Order forms and catalogues will come home on Monday (there was a mix-up) -the online catalogue is open now.**

**Tuesday, September 19 is also Picture Day – this photo is in school uniform.**

**Please return your child’s Emergency Care cards as soon as possible.**

**“Tiger Time” is returning this year. (See attached flyer) Our first Tiger Time is scheduled for Friday, September 22 to benefit Maui.**

**Dismissal lines changed on Monday, September 11. Dismissal lines are as follows: PreK- Grade 4 will exit via the front door, Grades 5-8 will exit the back door into the parking lot. If your child is in Grades 5-8, please park in the back parking lot and not on Vallone Drive. The students should be getting in the cars in the parking lot and not in the streets. Parents of students being dismissed out the front door need a place to park! Again, this year if you have siblings – the older child will be dismissed via the door with the younger child.**

**Grades 7 & 8 meet with Ms. Ricci for class once a week. For this year both classes decided to focus their energies on a specific topic. Grade 8 is focusing on Service Projects and Grade 7 is focusing on our Virtues of the Month. The first project Grade 8 is doing is a Food Drive scheduled for the end of the month (See attached flyer). St. Mary’s School does have a “Food Pantry managed by Grade 8. Grade 7 is busy planning a week at the end of the month focused on our Virtue for September – Respect. Please look for a flyer in next week’s memo.**

**Reminder:**

**If your child is absent, please send in a note the day he/she returns. This is a state law. Students absent for three or more days need a doctor’s note to return to school.**

**SAVE the DATE:**

**9/27 PTG Meeting 6:00 PM**

**10/19 Pizzera Uno – Dine Out**

**Drop off is in the circle in front of the school. Please pull into the circle as far down as you can go – we will be outside to greet you and take the students out of the car. Please wait in the line – for safety reasons do not pull around another car. If you would like to walk your child to the door, please park either in the back parking lot or on the street and walk to the front door. Please do not walk your child to the classroom.**

**We still have gym uniforms in the office that need to be picked up. Please contact the office.**

**Attached are the flyers for our Annual Funny for Funds night – one of our biggest Fundraisers! It’s a great night out! There are three flyers attached – one is a Sponsorship form (you will receive 50% towards your fundraising fee), one is to purchase tickets and one is a letter for a request for donations – we are always looking for donations to use in our auctions or basket raffles on the night of the event.**

**The parking situation is still a source of concern as there is no easy solution. Please be respectful of our neighbors and do not block their driveways or turn around in their driveways. Speed is also a concern – please be mindful that this is a school area and there are many little children walking around.**

**No peanut/tree nut items will be served as we are a Peanut/Tree Nut Free School. Please be sure your child’s lunch is peanut/tree nut free.**

**As in the past, we will not allow food to be brought in for birthday celebrations.** With the many children who suffer from a variety of allergies, we are trying to be as careful as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Again, this school year – students may come out of uniform on their birthday. If the student’s birthday falls on a weekend, holiday, or school vacation he/she may dress down on the previous Friday.

Enjoy the weekend!

Respectfully,

Ms. Lepore

**St. Mary’s School lives the Gospel Values of Faith, Hope and Love through our kind thoughts, words, and deeds.**