



SVMS MISSION STATEMENT

St. Vincent Martyr School is a catholic parish elementary school dedicated to developing a strong spiritual and academic foundation for all students.

Recognizing God's importance in the education process, caring teachers provide a nurturing environment where each individual is respected, loved and challenged to achieve his/her potential.

October 21, 2018

Dear Parents,

As I write this message, we are over the half way point in a very busy month at SVMS. October brings the beautiful fall colors and also marks the time when the weather cools down and our children put the summer uniforms away until next April.

The uniform exchange closet was the place to be this past week as we changed into the winter uniforms. If you are in need of any uniform items, please take time to visit this closet either before school or immediately after school as there are a variety of uniforms available. The complete uniform dress code is on the web site. Just a reminder, all uniforms must be purchased from Flynn and O'Hara with the exception of the middle school gym uniform. A few years ago we retired the middle school navy blue vest with white piping and lettering. It's no longer available at Flynn and O'Hara, but sometimes it sneaks into the uniform exchange closet. All students in grades 1-8 must wear the same vest from Flynn and O'Hara, navy blue with gold lettering. Do not forget to sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's badge before going back stage if you're visiting the closet.

Last Friday, Science and Math came together with a great learning experience for the students in grades 1A and 1B. Using pumpkins the students explored physical properties and life cycle as well as circumference and counting skills. All was a buzz with gooey hands and lots of smiles!

Thank you to the SVMS families who grabbed their sneakers and participated in the Hunger Walk in support of the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center. Participants helped raise funds while also learning about hunger in our community. Thank you to the SVMS service committee for organizing our participation. It was a great day as we supported our neighbors in need!

Wee Wednesdays, which is free fun for tots, began this past week with a visit from Mother Goose. Mother Goose performed magic tricks based upon children's nursery rhymes. The program was well attended and enjoyed by all. This coming Wednesday, October 24, Super Bubble Fun Time will be held at 9:00 am in the community room for toddlers and their care givers. What a great way to have visitors see our pre-school and kindergarten wing in action. Thank you, Mrs. Collins, for making this happen at SVMS!

Happy Birthday Fr. George! Tomorrow, October 22nd, is Fr. George's birthday. We all wish him a great day and a wonderful year ahead. I hope he takes some time off to enjoy his special day.

Tomorrow, SVMS will recognize Fire Prevention Month. Our kindergarten and pre-k classes will learn all about the fire trucks in the school parking lot. Students in grades 1-8 will take part in grade level presentations from Captain Ed Nunn and members of the Madison Fire Department throughout the morning in the community room.

All who volunteer with our children as class moms, chaperones on field trips, service opportunities, and coaching must complete the Virtus training and the Stirling Background check. The next training session being held at St. Vincent's is tomorrow evening, October 22nd at 7:00 pm in the library. You must go to the website, Virtus.org, drop down to St. Vincent Martyr, and register. No one is permitted to participate without registering on line prior to the session. Contact Mary McGuire in the front office with questions at extension 202.

Any students participating in after school programs will be dismissed by the instructor outside the front doors of the school. We ask you to not ring the bell to wait in the building. Homework pick up is only until 3:30 pm. Please do not ask for access after 3:30 pm, as front office personnel will be gone by this time. Thank you so much for your anticipated cooperation.

Do you have your team registered? **Hoops for Hope** will be held on Thursday evening, Nov. 8, with doors opening at 5:30 pm and games beginning at 6:00 pm. Come and support our Student Council efforts towards Breast Cancer Awareness. Any questions see Mr. Higgins, Miss Fuchs, or any member of our student council. All teams must be registered by October 25th.

The countdown is on! Halloween is coming very soon and the excitement is growing. Pre-K3 and Pre-K 4 classes will begin their day with a parade beginning at 8:30 am in the driveway on Green Village Road. They will parade the children around several times with plenty of time for pictures. After the parade different activities will take place in each of their classrooms. All details for this fun day can be found in the pre-school newsletters.

Our celebration on Halloween Day for grades K-8 has three parts: the outdoor parade (weather permitting), the indoor parade in the gym, and the class parties in the classrooms. Our parade will begin at 1:00 pm, (1:15 pm if raining). We will be following the same route as last year:

- Exit out the school doors where the statue is located on Green Village Road. (Pre-School doors)

- Turn left onto the sidewalk and left again at the corner of Green Village Rd. and Wilmer St. and walk into the front doors of the school, and into the gym.
- After the parade, students will go to their classrooms for their parties.

When selecting a Halloween costume, please keep the following in mind:

- Students will be changing into their costumes on their own and it should be an appropriate costume for a school setting.
- Safety is important! Masks or anything that obstructs a child's view are discouraged. Also, items that might make your child trip and fall will not be allowed.
- No fake weapons or violent themes. We have younger children in the school who are easily scared.

In closing, just a reminder that October is a month dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the praying of the rosary. Join us each Friday morning as we pray the rosary before morning prayers.

Sincerely,
Anne Marie Gisoldi
Vice Principal