



November 8, 2020

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of November. I hope you enjoyed the extra hour of sleep you gained with Daylight Savings time ending. It was a great first week of November! The weather has been amazing - especially finally seeing the sunshine! With the temperatures predicted for this weekend, I hope you had some time to enjoy the outside.

- On behalf of all of us at SVMS, I want to extend my gratitude and appreciation for the generosity and support with our Thanksgiving Outreach Collection. We collected over \$3,000.00 in donations, which will be used by families in need to enjoy their Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you again.
- It will be a pleasure to host the 8th grade Pinning Ceremony tomorrow morning in the gym. The gym is set up for mass every Sunday abiding by social distancing guidelines. The classes and their parents will gather as a whole and the students will receive their class pins. We hope this will be the first event of many for the Class of 2021.
- This coming Wednesday we honor and thank our Veterans and all those who continue to serve our country in any way. Last week, our students made cards for our Veterans in gratitude for what they have done for us. In addition, a tag day will be held on November 16th and 19th in place of our annual collection of candy and toiletries. Free will donations will be used to help make those purchases, and to honor our Veterans. Wear your red, white and blue!
- Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 17th and 18th. School will be dismissed at 12:20 pm each day. All conferences will be held virtually or by phone. Teachers in grades K-3 will schedule their homeroom classes and contact the parent(s) with the information needed to participate in the conference. Due to large numbers of students in the departmentalized schedule, the teachers will arrange conferences with specific parent(s) in grades 4-8. All parents in grades K-8 will be notified on Wed., Nov.

11 with the details for their conference. If you have not received an email with any details and would like a conference with a specific teacher in grades 4-8, please email that teacher after next Wednesday, Nov. 11th.

- As we approach the holiday season, it is important that everyone follow the guidelines if traveling to any of the hot spots or hosting a large gathering of family and friends at your home during this time. If you do travel to any of the hot spots, you must quarantine upon your return before coming back to school. Individual gatherings involving many people not wearing masks and not social distancing can also cause the virus to spread. Do not risk putting others in jeopardy. Make good choices that will allow all of us to return to SVMS safely to learn.
- Dress code on tag days must be followed. Students may not wear old, faded, ripped or very tight jeans, and/or short shorts. Leggings and/or yoga pants with a short top/shirt is also not allowed. However, leggings and/or yoga pants can be worn with shirts and sweaters that are mid-thigh in length.
- Just a reminder that visitors may enter the building for urgent matters only and will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Any forgotten items, including lunch, cannot be dropped off during the school day. The school will have emergency lunch items available for those children who forget lunch. In addition, there will be no early dismissal. If you are unable to schedule an appointment outside school hours, your child/children will have to attend remote learning for the day. Please inform the nurse and teacher in advance.

We thank all of those who continue to serve our country in any way. We pray for our leaders and our nation in the days ahead. God bless America!

Sincerely,
Anne Marie Gisoldi
Vice-Principal