

Dear Parents,

As a reminder, school will be closed this Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school Mass this week. Wayne Trace closed to allow students and staff to attend the funeral of Perry Sinn. Perry was a Wayne Trace school board member and parishioner of Divine Mercy. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Conference times are filling up fast. If you haven't reserved your times please use the teacher links below. Included in this newsletter (and coming home as a paper form) is a school summary of our fall MAP testing scores. Our scores are very good. Most are higher than the Diocesan average; which is higher than the national averages. On the MAP handout you'll notice three breakdowns.

**Local** (our school scores)

**Dioc** (Diocese of Toledo averages)

**Natl** (National averages)

If we're going to be testing our students, we better be looking at the results from those tests to help them grow. During your conference times, please ask your student's teacher to show you the MAP Student Profile report. This report will point out student strengths and areas of focus.

Next week begins Red Ribbon Week. A big thanks goes to Mrs. Mumma for helping to plan many of these events. We're looking forward to a great week of fun and learning!

Mr. Linder

## Important Dates:

### October

- Fri. 10/20 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- Fri. 10/20 – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 23-27 – Red Ribbon Week Activities
- Wed. 10/25 – Grade cards posted to Progress Book  
– Visit to Our Lady of Consolation National Shrine in Carey
- Fri. 10/27 – Mass @ 9:15
- Oct. 30 – Nov. 7 – Fall Book Fair
- Tues. 10/31 – Book Fair Guest Lunch

### November

- Wed. 11/1 – NO SCHOOL – Parent Teacher conferences
- Thur. 11/2 – NO SCHOOL – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Fri. 11/3 – NO SCHOOL
- Tues. 11/7 – School Council Meeting
- Fri. 11/10 – Mass @ 9:15
- Sat. 11/11 – Apple Pie Making Day
- Thur. 11/16 – Christmas For Kids  
- Geography Bee First Round
- Fri. 11/17 – Mass @ 9:15  
- Geography Bee Final Round
- Nov. 22-24 – NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK
- Wed. 11/29 – Second Quarter Midterms
- Thur. 11/30 – Mass @ 9:15

### December

- Fri. 12/1 – 2 hr delay – Teacher In-Service

## Forms Coming Home:

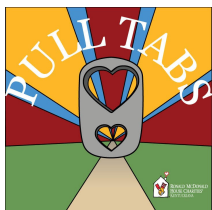
- Book Fair Guest Lunch
- Fall MAP score summary

- ❖ Mark your calendar for our **Reconciliation Parent meeting (for Catholic 2<sup>nd</sup> graders) – Sunday, October 22 at 7 PM at the Educational Center in Paulding. At least one parent needs to attend this meeting.** It will last about 1 hour. If you cannot come that evening, please call Mrs. Conley or Mr. Linder as possible to set up another time to meet. Students do not need to attend, but if you need to bring your child(ren), please bring something for them to work on during the meeting.
- ❖ Our trip to Our Lady of Consolation is next Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. **PLEASE SEND A SACK LUNCH** WITH YOUR STUDENT THAT DAY. Any student in grades 2 and below will also need to have a booster seat brought to school. Maybe think about dropping it off the night before???



- ❖ We are looking for a boys 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade coach this year, and a girls coach. I've already checked with recently fired Louisville coach, Rick Pitino, and he declined ☺ So if you're interested please let Mr. Linder know.

- ❖ If anyone would like to be in charge of collecting aluminum cans to raise funds for the basketball teams please let me know. Last year we asked local bars to donate cans, and Michele Daeger picked them up and turned them in for scrap. Last year we raised \$400 that went to pay for the new girls uniforms.



Please keep collecting pull tabs and Box Tops. Send them into the school office.



**Monday night's PTA notes can be found at the end of the newsletter.**

It's that time again! The 5th Annual Divine Mercy Apple Pie Sale! The date to make pies has been set for **Saturday, November 11th**. If you're still wanting to volunteer to work, let us know ASAP. We are always thankful for all parent, aunt/uncle, and grandparent volunteers. Due to all the food preparation:

**ONLY 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS OR OLDER CAN VOLUNTEER – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The cost of the pies are \$10.00 each. **It will be your responsibility to collect the money for the pies at the time of the order and deliver them to your customers, or they can pick them up themselves** in the Payne church hall from 10 am – 2 pm., on the 11th. Please read through the Apple Pie forms that are coming home today.

**Please let us know if you'd be willing to donate sloppy joes/buns/paper products/chips/cookies/water to feed the apple pie workers on 11-11-17.**

**\*\* With the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter this Friday, students are not to wear shorts to school until the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.**

- ❖ Parent Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching. This year our conferences are on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Conferences are also offered on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **We are using an online sign up form this year.** You will receive a confirmation paper with your conference time(s).

Mrs. Mumma: <https://goo.gl/forms/ATs7LTBo99LYj9P2>

Miss Sullivan: <https://goo.gl/forms/v5BXJ5mXWFODx0e73>

Mrs. Gideon: <https://goo.gl/forms/HHP2CW5vxl2xJhfC2>

Mr. Grant: <https://goo.gl/forms/uCYdLoZZrNMfnHOq2>

Mrs. Gerardot: <https://goo.gl/forms/aKY3jJMcdZ0kDMrV2>



## Classroom Spotlight

We are studying early Ohio history in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade this year, and the students were offered an extra credit project to make a diorama depicting a scene from early Ohio. Many students made one, and they are displayed in the hallway. Great job kids!



# DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## PTA AGENDA

OCTOBER 16, 2017

### Financial Report

- Profit from All American Fundraiser
  - The school raised \$4,059 during the fall fundraiser leaving a final balance of \$13,658.35.

### Mr. Linder

- Basketball Season - 16 boys signed up for 2 teams
  - physicals
  - all games have been moved to Saturday's
    - Still in the process of trying to move them
  - need a Girls' coach
    - 8 girls have signed up
  - concession workers
- Aluminum cans – will we be collecting this year? Donations will go to the athletic fund (Current balance is \$1200). All cans must be crushed before we turn them in. It appears that we have people already saving cans.
- Parent Teacher Conferences- November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - reserve time for your conference online (links for each teacher in last week's newsletter email)
  - selected times will be sent home as a reminder
  - at conferences teachers will show you your student's fall MAP test results/goals to work towards
- Spirit Wear online ordering
  - new items this year
  - last year's coat option still available (Judy and Patrice)
  - online orders due by Sunday night, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Products should arrive at school by November 13<sup>th</sup>
- Grade Cards ready next week
  - if you're still not on Progress Book let the school know ASAP
  - there will be no paper grade cards sent home, you can look online
    - Grade Cards will be up and ready to view after Friday.

### Fundraisers

- Apple Pie Fundraiser:
  - Donations/Volunteers Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>; donations for lunch (sloppy joes/buns/paper products/chips/cookies/water etc.) Priscilla will be heading up the effort to coordinate dinner for the volunteers
  - Kimra called Orchard, we are good to go there, First picks \$24 a bushel, Seconds \$12 a bushel as of now 50 bushel are on reserve
  - Dry ingredients and apples are being donated again this year

- Patty is talking to Kent about pie crusts
- Van Wert Nursing Home is donating 200 pie boxes and we have the stickers and instructions from last year.
- Volunteers to help with pies should be 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and older

### **Upcoming Events**

- Book Fair is October 30<sup>th</sup>-November 7<sup>th</sup>
- Guest Lunch Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Christmas for Kids Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Meal Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> – Geography Bee also that afternoon
  - Need volunteers to help with Thanksgiving meal.
- Holiday Shop December 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Prices to be between \$.50 and \$5
- Update on school dance April 7th- Matthew O'Shaughnessey??
  - Looking at Western theme
  - Could the kids work on square dancing in gym if we go with this theme?

### **Dates to keep in mind**

- Christmas Program/Cookie Walk December 19th : start freezing cookies now
- Next meeting Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

### **Teachers Concerns/Suggestions**

- Times are filling up fast