

Dear Parents,

Today marked the halfway point of our first quarter. By now you should be able to log onto your Progress Book account to check your student's grades. In the past, we've sent home paper copies of midterms. Now, with the ability to check your student's grades at any time, we will NOT be sending home paper interim reports. If a teacher has a concern about how a student is doing, they will contact you and set up a time to meet. Likewise, if you have a concern about something you are noticing please contact your student's teacher to set up a time to meet. All staff members have email accounts that can be found by going to the school website's staff page:

<http://divinemercycatholic.com/school/staff/>

The teachers have put in MANY hours learning the new online gradebook system, and some components are still being sorted out by Progress Book. The goal for us, and for Progress Book is to have all the "bugs" worked out by the first quarter grade cards.

The drivers are all set for next month's visit to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. All drivers should have received an email yesterday from Mrs. Kuhn. If you didn't get that email, please let us know. On the day of the trip please come into school and we'll use the intercom system to call your group down to meet you by the office window. Attached to this email is the agenda for the OLC trip. I am very thankful to Mr. Gerber for allowing us this opportunity.

Have a great week, and like Father always tells my kids after Sunday Mass – Be Holy!

Mr. Linder

## Important Dates:

### September

- Fri. 9/29 - School Mass @ 9:15

### October

- Sun. 10/1 - Alpha @ Paulding Ed Center
- Tues. 10/3 - Pet Blessing @ 2:00
- Fri. 10/6 - Mass and Food Pantry
- Thur. 10/12 – Mass @ 9:15
- Fri. 10/13 - 2 Hour Delay – Teacher In-Service
- Fri. 10/13 – Fundraiser Dance Party @ 1:30 in Hall
- Mon. 10/16 – Fundraiser items delivered to school
- Mon. 10/16 – PTA meeting @ 6:30 in Mr. Grant's room
- Fri. 10/20 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- Fri. 10/20 – Mass @ 9:15
- Wed. 10/25 – 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

## Forms:

- **Our Lady of Consolation Agenda-trip to Carey (electronic)**
- **October lunch menu**



- ❖ Parents, thank you to all who gave permission to have your son serve at school and weekend Masses this year. This year we had 13 boys sign up to be altar servers. Father held a training session recently, and I sent home the weekly schedule last week. It should come as no surprise that the number one ministry in the Church that contributes to priestly vocations is altar serving.
- ❖ On Tuesday, October 3rd, Father Poggemeyer will once again have a blessing for pets. Like last year, you can bring in your family pets, and Father will bless them. The blessing will begin at 2:00 directly behind the school in the grass area. Also, you may take your student home from school as soon as the blessing ends.
- ❖ On Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we are very fortunate to have Mr. Michael Schweinsberg coming to our gym to host a first ever 6<sup>th</sup> grade (and our 5<sup>th</sup> graders too) science day. This day is part of the 4-H National Youth Science Day. Payne Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be joining us for the day too. Here's a little bit more about the program:

## 4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY



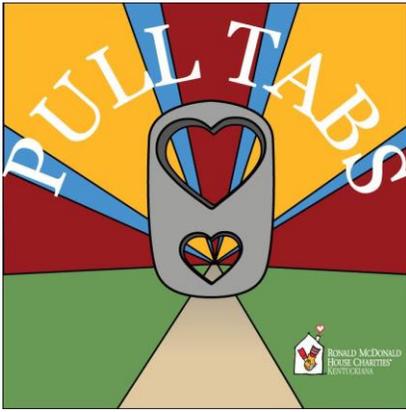
## 4-H NYSD 2017 - Incredible Wearables

We are pleased to introduce the 2017 4-H National Youth Science Day challenge: Incredible Wearables.

Developed by the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, the Incredible Wearables kit is a fun way for kids to build wearable fitness trackers.

The kit is perfect for classrooms, clubs and at-home use. The 70 to 90-minute hands-on project is suitable for 4th to 12th graders. Each low-cost kit can serve 4 - 8 kids at a time and is reusable.





Starting immediately, we will be collecting pull tabs to send to the Louisville Ronald McDonald House in December. One of our students, KatieAnna Baumle, will be having back surgery this December, and she and her family will be staying at a Ronald McDonald House when they go. They wanted to do something to support them, and this is a great way for our school to get involved. Collecting pull-tabs is an excellent way to raise awareness about Ronald McDonald House Charities. Every time you pull a tab off, it gives you the opportunity to explain to those around you why you save those little pieces of aluminum. And for us Christians, we can say a prayer for KatieAnna each time we collect a pull tab.

## Classroom Spotlight

On Friday, the pre-school had fun recreating one of God's colorful creations by tearing tissue paper in small pieces and gluing the different shapes, colors, and sizes to a picture of a tree. What a great way to welcome Fall!

Everyday we learn a letter of the alphabet by recognizing it and how each one sounds. The class is very busy learning new songs along with the motions.

Have a blessed day!

