

Good evening! Please see below for this week's newsletter:

Important Dates coming up this week:

- **September 28** ~ Jeans Day – students must pay \$1 if they want to wear blue jeans
- **September 28** ~ Ice Cream will be sold for \$1 for each item
- **September 28** ~ 5th Graders home from Camp Kappe
- **September 29** ~ Catholic Daughters' Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Dance
- **October 1** ~ **Lion Fund appeal letter will be sent home**
- **October 2** ~ **Cub Scouts meet in classrooms at 6:30 P.M.**
- **October 3** ~ Lifetouch individual and group photos for the yearbook. Don't forget to order your pictures on line!!!
- **October 4** ~ **Blessing of the Animals**
- **Monday, October 8** ~ No school but the teachers will be at an all-day In-Service

On Lifetouch Picture Day (Wednesday, October 3), all students will have individual photos taken for the yearbook. We will also have group photos taken of each class. A couple of things to remember are:

- Pictures must be paid for in advance.
- K3 & K4 students must wear a plain white top (plain white t-shirts or polos are fine) and dark bottoms (Navy blue or black).
- We will begin taking the K3 & K4 pictures while the rest of the school is attending Mass.
- Once Mass is concluded, we will begin taking photos of K5 through 8th grade.
- If your child is ill, please do not send them to school just to have their picture taken. Please don't risk infecting other students or the staff. We will take their photos on re-take day in November.

You only have a few days left to order your **Wreaths Across America t-shirt** to support our 1st Grade September service project. Please click https://www.customink.com/fundraising/wreaths-across-america-houston-national-cemetery?share=491536950795479&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=wreaths-across-america-houston-national-cemetery&utm_campaign=desktop-post-launch-v2&ref=facebook_social_desktop-post-launch-v2&side=front&type=1&zoom=false to help us meet our goal of 50 shirts sold. Thank you!

Myrna Canavati, one of our wonderful parents, has offered to donate a bicycle again this year to a student who has perfect attendance. All students who go the entire year with perfect attendance (no absences or tardies) will have their names placed in a container. One name will be drawn out and that deserving student will be presented with a **brand new bike!** Last year's winner was Ishanna Gama. Good luck to everyone this year!

On Thursday, **October 4**, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with our annual **Blessing of the Animals**. The blessing will begin promptly at **7:45 A.M. in the open field by the parish office**. Students attending the blessing with their pets must be in their classrooms when the 8:00 A.M. bell rings. Parents, please remember that all pets must be leashed or caged. The animals need to be returned home at the end of the blessing. No animals will be allowed in the school.

Help Wanted!!!

- Coach Walsh is looking for someone to coach the 5th & 6th grade soccer team. If you are VIRTUS trained and want to help out, please contact him ASAP at twalsh@smmcs.org.
- The parish has asked for our help selling Fall Festival T-shirts on weekends. Please click on <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EA9AA2AA2F58-volunteers2> to sign up for a shift.
- We are looking for 2 parents to help sell ice cream during lunch on Friday, October 19. If you are available, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EA9AA2AAF58-volunteer4>. Thanks!

The **Catholic Daughters** are hosting their annual **spaghetti dinner** which includes salad, bread and dessert. Tickets are \$10 each and children 5 years and younger are free. Please join them in the **FLC** from **6:30 – 9:00 P.M.** on **Saturday, September 29**.

Counselor's Corner:

Keeping Your Cup Full: Taking care of yourself to take care of others

The fall season brings the end of the summer and the excitement of a new school year. Often along with this excitement comes the new responsibilities and stressors associated with the many new activities. Laura Aguirre, a Parish Counselor with Rejoice Counseling Apostolate, will give tips on how anyone can prioritize taking care of themselves in order to best care for their family and loved ones. Drawing from her experience as a Catholic therapist, Laura is passionate about helping individuals journey to the joy of our Heavenly Father.

Her presentation will be October 2nd, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in school Library. To register or for more information, please contact Laura Aguirre at laura@rejoicecounseling.com. Space is limited.

This week's Love and Logic parenting tip: Theft Alert <https://www.loveandlogic.com/download/weekly-tips/JF-Theft-alert.mp3>. Also, please remember to register for my parenting classes which will start on October 10 from 6 – 8 P.M.

Upcoming Events to put on your calendar now:

- **Thursday, October 11 & Friday, October 12** ~ Noon dismissals both days for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Sunday, October 14** ~ School Mass at the 9 A.M. Mass
- **Wednesday, October 17** ~ end of the 1st quarter
- **Saturday, October 27** ~ Knights of Columbus 5K Halloween Fun Run and 1K Trick-or-Treat Walk (see the attached flyer for more information)

Check for up-to-the-minute information about all of our school events on the www.smmcs.org website! There is a small bar across the top. Click on "School Calendar."