



Reminders: "Ice Cream Wednesdays" every Wednesday \$2. Friday, October 3rd School mass @ 10. School is closed for all on Monday, October 8th. There is an 11 o'clock dismissal on Thursday, October 11th for the main building only. PKFA is a full day. Tuesday, October 23rd is "Hot Cookie Day". PKFA "Pumpkin Painting" is October 24th. YAC Halloween Party and HSA Bake Sale is Friday, October 26th. Our annual "Trunk or Treat" is Wednesday, October 31st beginning at 12:30 PM.

Sacred Heart School - News Updates

Sunday's Gospel Message:

In next Sunday's Gospel message, Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him. In the Gospel (Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48.), we hear Jesus' disciples tell him they stopped someone from performing a healing in his name because the person was not a follower of Jesus. Unlike the disciples, Jesus did not make a negative judgment about this person just because he was not a follower of Jesus. Jesus saw in this person's actions the beginnings of faith. Jesus went on to talk about how important it is not to hinder a person's growth in faith. There may be times in our lives when we feel like we have little faith or that our faith is weak and insecure. Jesus will not judge us for this. In this Gospel we find encouragement for these times of doubt. If we continue to pray and act on our faith during these times, Jesus will help our faith grow stronger.

Parking Lot News: Great news! The parking lot is going to be milled and paved the Week of October 8th. They will begin on the Saturday before (Oct. 6th) and work will continue to Friday, October 12th. If it rains within that time, the time line will change since they can't work in the rain. The parking lot will be available if all goes well for "Radio Bingo" the evening of October 12th. There will be emails sent out to keep you updated on the schedule. During the time the parking lot is being paved, parents, faculty and staff will need to use the Church parking lot. Please DO NOT PARK or double park on North Burgher Avenue in front of our building or in the "No parking" zones.

Success Stories:

- Kathleen Bozzo in 8th grade is Sacred Heart's "Shining Star" for 2018. We are very proud of her accomplishments and wish her much success in the future. The ceremony will be held on October 27th.
- The New York state embargo on state test scores has been lifted. We are able to view the students' scores and the teachers and I are very proud of their achievements. Parent reports should be received shortly and we will send them home with students in envelopes. There will be communication sent on the day the envelopes go home. Continue to work hard, boys and girls, and always do your best!
- Please keep in your prayers our eighth graders who will be taking the TACHS test on November 3rd. Our hope is you achieve all your goals and more.

Classroom Happenings:

- ✚ PKFA learned about Johnny Appleseed, made apple sauce and took a survey of which type of apple they liked best. On Friday the three classes met together in the afternoon for different activities and games. They had a blast!
- ✚ Grade 8 students are enthusiastically reading Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, The play connects to their ELA unit theme of "milestones on the path to growing up".



- ✚ 5th graders have been excitedly learning to use Google docs to create sensory poems in ELA.
- ✚ Students in fifth grade are working on a new math website called “Zearn”. This website is aligned with our NY Common Core Standards. Each lesson has many exciting levels to achieve like “Tower of Power!” We just completed our first topic of Place Value. We have four students who “Zearned It” by completing all 16 lessons. Congratulations to Samantha Murphy, Gessica Guh, Noah Gontha, and Isabella Jichetti! Great Job!
- ✚ The sixth grade will be writing “Spooky Sagas” during the month of October. They will be entered into the *Young Writers’* contest for a chance to win an Apple iPad or Amazon gift card, as well as, a prize for the school.
- ✚ Students in 8th grade have begun a new unit in Science called Cells and Heredity. To begin this unit, students used their imagination to create an animal cell using everyday items they have at home, including avocados and pizza pies. Sounds delicious!
- ✚ The seventh graders are delving heavily into the Scientific Method. They have researched Jane Goodall’s experiments with chimpanzees and have learned the difference between an observation and an inference, and qualitative versus quantitative data.

Upcoming Events:

Gift Wrap Sale ends October 10th.

Radio Bingo will be held in the auditorium on Friday, October 12th at 7 PM.

October 12th – Individual and Class pictures. SMILE!

PEP Rally – in gym after the 5 PM Mass.

Cheesecake Sale begin on October 15th – order pies for the holidays.

YAC Halloween Party on October 26th.

“Trunk or Treat” on October 31st.