

September 10, 2018

Saint Germaine Catholic School

Dear St. Germaine families,

Our school year is off to a wonderful start! Everyone was busy last week, but everything ran smoothly and I am very grateful that everyone is back—it's nice to have voices, smiles and laughter in the building again! With 4 days of school under our belts we now look forward to our festival weekend—the tents are up!

- **Meet the Teacher** night for parents of students in grades K – 8 is this Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 pm—please make every effort to attend. We will all meet in church at 6:30 pm then you will go to your child's classroom. This is a parent-only evening—plan on 1 hour or less.
- **Our Morley/Cherrydale AND Yankee Candle** (online only) fundraisers have begun!—we are asking *each family* to set and meet the goal of \$100 + in sales, that goal met would mean very successful fundraisers. Morley orders are due by Monday, September 24 (Picture Day!). **Yankee Candle** online sales are open now—go to <http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/> **Our group number is 990091373**. Paper orders for Yankee will come home in October for delivery in time for the holiday season.
- **Lunch News:** Please continue to pack a morning snack (optional), lunch, and a drink for your child(ren) this week. Hot lunches will not be served until September 18, after festival.
- **Sports News:** Our volleyball season is underway! All game schedules are posted on our website. Please make sure [CYO basketball sign up](#) (grades 5 – 8) forms are returned on time, by September 18.
- After-school **band** begins this week, golf begins the week of September 25, sign up for **golf** (gr. K – 8) at www.playtga.com/semichigan.
- **Festival News (September 14, 15, 16):** Please remember that *every school family is required to volunteer a minimum of 8 hours* for festival (4 hours for partial day students). While assistance is needed in many different areas of our festival, our games tent is probably the most “kid friendly.” I suggest that parents of our younger students (Preschool – grade 3) complete their hours in the games tent. Your children can work right alongside you OR at least be in the games tent while you work. Students grades 4 and up may “bus” tables in the “kitchen.” Below are the adult Sign up links:
Games tent: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da9ab2fa7f94-2018>
Donut Shop: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da9ab2fa7f94-donut>
Kitchen: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9A72CA20-festival1
Bake Shop: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4BAEA62BA0F58-bake

Here's a look at our days ahead:

Monday, September 10	Back to business
Tuesday, September 11	Patriot Day—Dress Red, White and Blue—we begin our day together with prayers for our Nation, each other and the Pledge of Allegiance! Mass at 8:30 am grades 1 – 5
Wednesday, September 12	Mass at 8:30 am grades 6 – 8
Thursday, September 13	Meet the Teacher 6:30 pm (begin in church)
Friday, September 14	NO SCHOOL —Festival kick off parade 5:15 begins at Gaffke Park, travels through the neighborhood streets to our festival grounds and our festival officially opens when the parade arrives! ☺
Friday – Sunday, 9/14 – 9/16	FESTIVAL WEEKEND—HAVE FUN!
Monday, September 17	NO SCHOOL —Festival clean up (help is needed if you're available) ☺

Have a great week/weekend and as always, if you have any questions please contact the school office.

Peace and blessings!
Mrs. DeGrez