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September 24, 2018

Dear St. Germaine families,

Today is **Picture Day!** If your child is absent or if you are dissatisfied with the pictures you receive, they can be returned and retaken on a future “retake day” (usually the end of October).

- **Morley/Cherrydale orders** are due today. And don't forget our **Yankee Candle fundraiser:** online sales, are open now, click [here](#) for more information. Paper order forms will come home in October.
- **Red Wing ticket orders were due Friday.** Due to poor response, we have been approved to accept late orders this week: buy/sell 3 or more, get 1 free and enjoy open skate/locker room tour at Little Caesars Arena, buy/sell 8 or more, get a signed mini-stick, be the top ticket seller (15 ticket minimum) and win an official, signed by Luke Witkowski, youth XL Red Wings jersey.
- Tomorrow is **Apple Annie's Night** 3:30 – 9 pm. See all dates [here](#).
- Don't forget: **Festival service hour sheets** are due in the office by Friday, September 28.
- Golf class after school begins today, sign up at www.playtga.com/semichigan, After-school **Tennis** class begins this Friday, 9/28 sign up at <http://www.ifirstserve.net>
- Our **Fall Box Top contest** begins October 1. The class that collects the most box tops between now and October 31 will be treated to cider and donuts! As a GREEN SCHOOL, we also **collect/recycle** empty toothpaste and dental floss containers, dried up markers, and ink/toner cartridges outside of the school office. Recyclable paper may be placed in the bins in our north parking lot. Clothes/shoes and unbreakable household goods may be placed in the bin located in the activity center parking lot for our friends at the Disabled Veterans Society.
- **Preschoolers** will enjoy the first field trip of the school year Tuesday & Wednesday.
- Our first **school committee** meeting will be held tonight. Members meet the fourth Monday of each month to discuss/clarify items pertaining to school policy and/or programs. If you ever have a question regarding school policy or a suggestion for improvement to our school programs, please contact any school committee member listed on our website and your question/suggestion will be added to our agenda.
- **IOWA/Cognitive Ability testing** begins next week for students in grades 1 – 8. There is no way to *prepare* for these tests, they are a snapshot of what your children know/have already learned, but you can assist them in doing their best with encouragement, adequate rest (inadequate sleep is often the reason for irritability and inattentiveness) the night before, and a satisfying, nutritional breakfast each morning.

Here's a look at our week ahead (beginning band M/W, returning band T/TH):

Monday, September 24	Picture Day! Morley orders due in office, golf classes begin after school, School Committee
Tuesday, September 25	Grade 1 – 5 Mass at 8:30 am—join us! Preschool to the orchard, Seventh grade to 'Vocations Day' Apple Annie's night
Wednesday, September 26	Grade 6 – 8 Mass at 8:30 am—join us! Preschool to the orchard
Thursday, September 27	
Friday, September 28	Mid – quarter, dress down day \$1, grades 1, 3, 5, 7 vision screen, grades K, 2, 4, 6 hearing screen, tennis after school
Sat./Sun., September 29/30	MASS, home volleyball games

Weekend Liturgies here at Our Lady of Hope are celebrated Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. *There is no better way to ensure your child develops in his or her faith life than to regularly, actively, and joyfully celebrate the Eucharist as a family.*

Peace and Blessings!
Mrs. DeGrez