

November 19, 2018

Dear St. Germaine families,

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful weekend as we enter into our week of Thanksgiving.

- Our “eating out” location this week is **Ram’s Horn on 9 Mile/Jefferson, Tuesday, November 20**. Be sure to let them know that you are there for our fundraiser 4 – 8 pm.
- Our **all – school service project** will run the entire month of November. Each year we collect **toys for children** in the Macomb County Family Services programs. Children receive their gifts at an annual Christmas party hosted by county employees. Please participate if you are able.
- Our preschoolers have been busy preparing for their **“Pow-Wow!”** Presentations will be held in the activity center on Monday, November 19 at 10:30 am and Tuesday, November 20 at 10:00 am in the preschool classroom.
- Please send **pictures for the 2018 – 2019 yearbook** to lgreen@stgermaine.org. Sporting events, birthday parties, field trips etc. are all great photo opportunities for our yearbook!
- Students in grades 1 – 8 are invited once again to participate in the **Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest**, which begins today. All posters are due by December 7.
- Love basketball? Want to help out? Need service hours? We host our **CYO Boys’ Thanksgiving Tournament** ([click here](#) for tournament schedule) which began Friday and runs through this weekend. Help is needed, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4eaeaf2da64-2018>
- Give the gift of life—give blood at our Men’s Club annual **blood drive** on Friday, 11/23 from 1-7 p.m.
- We have a short school week due to our Thanksgiving holiday—full days of school Monday and Tuesday and a half day on Wednesday with dismissal for Kindergarten at 11:30; grades 1-8 at 11:40.

Here’s a look at our week:

Monday, November 19	Preschool Pow-Wow parent presentation at 10:30 am in the activity center Pierogi order pick up after school in the activity center lobby
Tuesday, November 20	Preschool Pow-Wow parent presentation at 10 am in the preschool classroom Grade 5 Reconciliation, Ram’s Horn 4 – 8pm
Wednesday, November 21	Grades K – 8 Mass at 8:30 am—join us! Half day dismissal at 11:40 am (11:30 am for kindergarten)
Thursday, November 22	No school—Thanksgiving Day, Mass here at 9 am followed by social
Friday, November 23	No school—CYO basketball tournaments continue through the weekend— We host the boys here at home and both JV and V girls will play in Regina’s Tournament Go Spartans! Mens’ Club sponsored blood drive 1 – 7 pm in SH
Saturday/Sunday 24/25	Basketball tournaments continue— Go Spartans!

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 (a special “Children’s Liturgy” is offered during 10:30 Mass). *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.*

**Looking ahead: December 9—breakfast with Santa 9 am – 12:30pm in the activity center AND
CYO basketball team Mass at 10:30am**

Enjoy the extended holiday weekend with friends and family and give thanks to God for our many blessings.
Peace and Blessings!

Mrs. DeGrez