

October News

*The mission of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School
Is to be a Gospel presence in our diverse community
And provide opportunities to develop each child's
God given talents.*



October is Here!

The school year is in full swing and we are already into the 2nd half of the first quarter! By now, your child should be settled in to a routine and have a clear understanding of their teacher's expectations. Be sure to mark the parent conference date, Nov. 21 on your calendar and make it a priority to attend. Conferences are a crucial time to review your child's progress and needs for the school year. Always remember that communication between school and home is the key to a successful year!

Fundraiser Thank You!!!

The PTO Used Book Sale fundraiser was an enormous success. They raised just under \$28,000. The school faculty and staff send out a sincere THANK YOU for all you do and your support.

The Importance of Self-Control & Respect

Classroom behavior is crucial to classroom success.

There are two character qualities every child needs to be able to behave well in any situation. They are **SELF CONTROL & RESPECT**. When a child learns self-control, he learns how to control himself knowing that it will be good for him. When a child learns **respect**, he learns to control himself because it is good for others.

Self-control at the basic level is the ability to tell yourself "no".

Here are 5 simple ways to teach your child **self-control**.

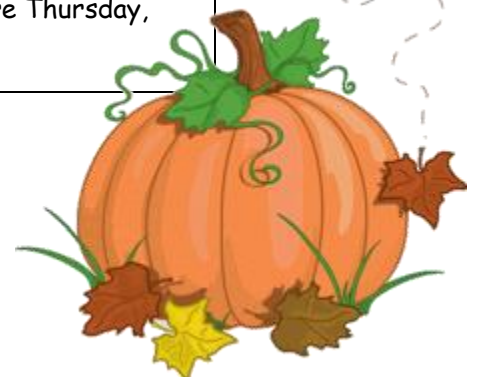
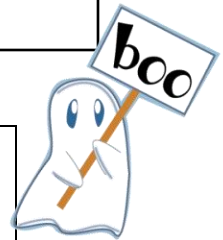
1. Teach your child to obey the first time you ask.
2. Teach your child to wait patiently for food, his turn in games, or a privilege.
3. Teach your child to explore with his eyes not his hands.
4. Teach your child to listen without interrupting and to think before he speaks.
5. Teach your child to ask permission before doing something when in doubt.

PTO Events

SCARY SKATE: Let's roll into the fall season and skate. St. Clare's scary skating party is on Sunday, October 15th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Ticket prices: \$4.00 at the school office or \$4.50 at the door.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

HAUNTED GARAGE: The Haunted Garage Productions is Presenting "The Haunted Garage" on Sunday, October 29th from 6:00-9:00 pm. Entrance fee is \$10/person. This is a PTO fundraiser so show your support by attending. Ticket order form should be returned to the school office before Thursday, October 26th.



Happy Halloween!

Morning Drop-Off

Thank you to families who are helping keep our busy start-of-day arrival safe for students. We appreciate families who are remembering to park along the back rows of the parking lot. The area by the school is our safe zone for students who are walking to the main doors. Also, please pull into a spot to let your child exit your car. This is done for the safety of all students, adults and other drivers.



8th Grade Pictures

All 8th graders will have their pictures taken on October 17th. Students need to dress up for this event. Light make-up is allowed for the girls on this day only.

Picture Retake Day

Any students who missed the first picture day or students who need retakes will have their pictures done on October 17th. Students should dress up on this day.

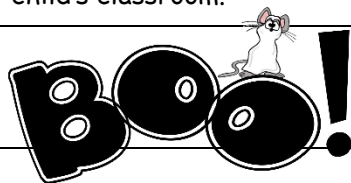


Morning Arrival

Please allow your child to enter the school by him/herself. If you need to speak with a teacher please call or send an email to set up a conference time. The beginning of the school day is hectic. Teachers are busy trying to get their students settled, organized and ready of prayer and morning announcements.

If your child leaves something in your car, please bring it to the office and label it with your child's name.

NO ADULT should bypass the office without permission to go to your child's classroom.



Dress Code

I want to thank all the parents for seeing that your child is dressed properly each morning. Now that October has arrived, shorts can no longer be worn to school. Solid navy sweaters or a St. Clare logo navy sweatshirt (no hoodie) may be worn over blouses, shirts, or turtlenecks. Boys and girls in grades 2-8 with belt loops on their pants must wear a belt.

Date Changes

Halloween

October 31st has been changed to a $\frac{1}{2}$ of school with dismissal at 12 pm. The parade will be held in the gym starting at 11:00 am. Parents are welcome to come.

Latchkey

Latchkey will be open for families who need after school care., but will close early at 5:00 pm due to Halloween Trick or Treating.

Important October Dates

- 11 School Mass @ 8:15
- 13 Summer Reading Jean Day
- 13-14 Oktoberfest
- 15 Fall Sports Mass @ 9:00 am
- 15 Scary Skate
- 16 School Mass 8:15 (Monday)
- 16 Reading Fun Day
- 18 Blessing of the Pets @ 3:15 pm
- 25 School Mass @ 8:15
- 27 Non-Uniform Day \$1.00
 - Students can wear fall colors
- 28 Trunk or Treat @ 5:00 pm
- 29 Haunted Garage
- 31 Halloween; 1/2 day of school
 - Noon Dismissal

Fundraising:

Indian River Fruit Sale starts October 16th and runs through November 3rd. Delivery will be the week after Thanksgiving. Money must be turned in with the order. Please help us make this fundraiser a success. We must sell 100 cartons of fruit for them to make a delivery. You can order online at:

<https://www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1014870>

Kroger Rewards

Kroger is an effortless way to fundraise for the school. Anybody can register, so ask aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors. To register go to https://www.kroger.com/community_rewards.com.

The St. Clare code is: 82858.

Receipts do not need to be turned into the office this year

Many young families are challenged to find babysitters for their children. To address this need, we are compiling a list of students that would like to offer their services as babysitters to our St. Clare Community.

We encourage those interested, to attend the Babysitter Safety Class offered at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial (information below). Please contact Sr. Kathy Avery at... skavery@stclarem.org if you are interested.

Babysitter Safety - Ages 11+

Learn to be safe, responsible and confident as a babysitter and gain a competitive edge over other babysitters by taking this one day class. Topics include: first aid, when and how to call 911, CPR with mannequin practice, choking, fire safety, discipline, crime safety, and more! Please bring a bagged meal and a beverage.

Fall Session

Saturday, October 28
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
\$60 per person

