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### UPCOMING EVENTS.

- NOVEMBER 5
   Dinner/Dance with the Whitesidewalls
- NOVEMBER 8 Veteran's Day Assembly 9:00 a.m.
- NOVEMBER 9 Mass 10:00 a.m.
- NOVEMBER 11 Report Cards
- NOVEMBER 16 Mass 10:00 a.m. Early Dismissal 12:40 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 18 Pot luck/movie night
- NOV. 23 25
   NO SCHOOL
   HAPPY THANKS GIVING
- NOVEMBER 30 Mass 10:00 a.m.
- DECEMBER 2 Adoration 1:30 p.m.
- DECEMBER 8 Mass 10:00 a.m.
- DECEMBER 9 Potluck/movie Night
- DECEMBER 14
   Mass 10:00 a.m.

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents & Students,

We have just completed the first quarter of the school year! Boy, time flies when you're having fun! Please watch for report cards in next Friday's Family Folders.

We have been invited to participate in two community events. The first is READ to SUCCEED on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. This presentation is to help promote literacy in the home, school, and community. Please see the email that Mrs. Mitchell sent out today for details. The second event is on Internet Safety for students. St. Mary School was asked to partner with the New Richmond School District, St. Croix County Sheriff's Office, and various local businesses to provide presentations for both students (grades 4-8) and parents to learn about internet safety and internet footprints. Mrs. Mitchell has also sent the informational flyers on this event today via email.

The New Richmond School District for the 2017-2018 school year will be moving away from the early out Wednesday schedule to a full day of in-service each month held on a Monday. Early outs will only take place during parent/teacher conferences. There will also be a full week spring break in March of the 2017-2018 school year.

I will be visiting each classroom starting on Monday to begin student training in anticipation of A.L.I.C.E (intruder/active shooter) drills that will be held during the month of November. Please have an open dialogue with your child(ren) about what they are thinking and are feeling about the drills. I understand that this will be scary and upsetting for some of the younger students however I feel it is very important that we are prepared as a school. Please contact me if you have any questions.

The faculty and I began a video series this week titled *Teach Lead Serve: The Ministry of Teaching*. Teach Lead Serve goal is to enrich Catholic school teachers as ministers, deepen their understanding of Catholic Church teaching, and inspire them in their calling to Catholic education. Teach Lead Serve consists of short videos and a workbook with discussion questions, quotes, articles, and supplemental content. We will be doing 1-2 videos each faculty meeting until the series is complete.

With all of the gorgeous weather we have had this week take a moment and enjoy God's splendor in the beautiful fall colors He is giving us!

Blessings, Mrs. J.

Kindergarten and First Grade sang Halloween songs at Deerfield.



# **GRADES 4-8 AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**



# Mrs. Derrick's 4K Fun Halloween!

My class had so much fun on Halloween! The children came dressed up in their costumes and they went Halloween caroling around the school from classroom to classroom! We sang some old classics like The Ghost of John, There Was an Old Woman All Skin and Bones, and some new songs about bats, cats, witches, and pumpkins. It was also a great opportunity for me to show off my guitar playing skills. Then the children wrapped each other up in toilet paper to make them look like spooky mummies along with wrapping me up. I think that was the highlight of their day! Then they had a toilet paper fight in the room and made a huge mess! After we cleaned up the mess the children played games, decorated cookies, spent their money that they earned at the penny store, and did some fun Halloween art pro-

jects. Then to top it all off, we ended with the best part, EATING!

Mrs. Derrick



# MARDI GRAS KID'S PEDAL CAR RAFFLE

Included in your family folder last week was 3 raffle tickets. We are asking that each family try to sell or buy them.

### SPIRIT GEAR

Also included is the order form for Spirit Gear. Please return by November 18th