



The Thursday Thriller



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ST. MALACHY SCHOOL

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A PLACE WHERE I WILL MAKE SOMETHING OF MYSELF

“WE ARE RESPECTRONAUTS”

REWARD DRESS DOWN DAY - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

Children, who had perfect uniform during August and September, will receive a dress down coupon that gives them the privilege of dressing out of uniform. Students must present the coupon at the front door. If your child does not have a coupon, please be sure he/she is in uniform. We also ask that all clothing is monitored for appropriateness for school.

COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVANCE- MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017- NO CLASSES

There are no classes on Monday, October 9th due to the observance of Columbus Day. **NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY!**

SOUP-ER STADIUM CHALLENGE.

Every Catholic School has been asked by Catholic Charities to help stock their food pantry to provide food for people in need. They are calling it the SOUP-er Stadium Challenge. Their goal is to collect enough food to fill every seat in Soldier Field...twice. This effort will provide more than 100,000 meals to Chicagoans in need. They are asking that every Catholic School student, teacher and staff member in the Archdiocese of Chicago donate at least one non perishable food item.

If it is possible, please send one can of non perishable food to school tomorrow or next week. We will have a box in the main hallway and Catholic Charities will collect our food donation to bring to the Soup-er Stadium Challenge.

PLAN AHEAD FOR PARENT CONFERENCES - PROGRESS REPORT FOR FIRST TRIMESTER COMING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH -3:45 -7:30

We are trying a different timing for parent teacher conferences this year. As you will notice on the school calendar, we are scheduling our parent conference at the midway point of the trimester when the grades are the current progress of your student. This gives your child, with your support, an additional six weeks to improve before the final grade for the trimester is earned. We are hopeful that this will give our parents an opportunity to be in better communication with your children’s teachers and the progress being made.

Mrs. Strauder sent home a form for parents to give you an appointment time. Please ask your child for it and review it to see if it is a good time for you. **IF IT IS NOT A CONVENIENT TIME, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. IT IS MANDATORY FOR YOU TO ATTEND!** Please mark your calendar and be sure to be here for this important responsibility.

TAFFY APPLE SALE CONTINUES

Please look for the Taffy Apple Sale order forms sent by the Parent Involvement Board. The apple orders are due by October 20th so that we can have the Taffy Apples delivered on October 30th. The order form is **RED**. Look for the order form in your child’s book bag. Please call the school office if you need additional forms. The apples are being sold for \$2.00 each and/or a case of Taffy Apples (24 in the case) will cost \$30.00. Please support the fundraising efforts of the Parent Board.

REFER A FAMILY

We have openings in many grades in our school. We are reminding parents that one

way you can get additional financial assistance is to refer a family to our school. We are asking our parents to be our ambassadors and spread the good news about St. Malachy to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. You can get \$300 - \$500 off of your tuition depending on the family size. Please help us to add students into our program as it will keep our tuition costs from increasing.



**"SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SCHOOL" BY
NOLAN MCCOY, CLASS OF 2018**

This week the spotlight will be on Mrs. Pierscione. Mrs. Pierscione has her desk in the Computer Room and coaches our math teachers. She also helps classes in the Computer Room and tutors students in math. I asked her a number of questions. The first question was "How do you greet your students when they come in your classroom?" Her response was that she says Good Morning or Good Afternoon and always gives the students a big smile! I asked her how she keeps the classroom organized after students leave the classroom. She answered that she reviewed the procedures on our Teach Day and told her students to "leave the computer lab better than you found it. She feels that the students have been able to follow the rules very well. My final question was to ask her what she does if something happens to a computer. Her answer is that she tries her best to fix it, but if she can't she checks with Mr. Jay, our tech advisor, and he walks her through what to do to fix it.

Principal's note: Thank you, Nolan, for highlighting one of our teachers. We are focusing this month on respect for our staff. This was a wonderful way to show respect for a teacher!

**EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS SPONSORING
A FOOD SALE AT PARENT
CONFERENCES- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**

The Eighth Grade students are beginning their fundraising efforts to help them have a special luncheon on the Spirit of Chicago. The parents of Eighth Grade students will be having a food sale during the

conferences. If you are able to support their effort please send spending money with your child. Children will have designated times during the conference time to purchase snacks. Parents will have a chance to purchase food during your conference visit.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY- OCTOBER 16TH

On Monday, October 16th, we have scheduled a retake day for school pictures. Students who were absent or unable to purchase pictures on the first picture day can dress out of uniform for the pictures. If you were not satisfied with the first pictures, you can return the entire package and have the picture taken again.

**PLAN AHEAD FOR PUMPKIN FARM
FIELD TRIP FOR STUDENTS IN PK-2-
OCTOBER 26TH**

This is a reminder to all parents of students in Grades PK -2 that the annual trip to the Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm is happening on Thursday, October 26th. The bus will depart St. Malachy at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$13.00. Please be sure that the permission slip and \$13 are returned to your child's teacher.

**CHICAGO LIGHTS TUTORING PROGRAM-
CALL TODAY TO REGISTER- 312-787-2729**

TUTORING STARTED THIS WEEK!
It might not be too late! Give a call and see if you can still get your child into this fabulous opportunity for extra support. **Please call 312-787-2729. WE HAVE APPLICATIONS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. PLEASE CALL TO REQUEST IT.** It is important that you re-register each year. New families are encouraged to sign up by calling the above number to register. Your child will be assigned a tutor and receive tutoring one night a week. Students are picked up at 4:30 p.m. and dropped off at St. Malachy at 8:00 p.m. It's an excellent program and we strongly encourage our families to register.

**Have a wonderful long weekend!
Be safe.
Ms. Miller and Ms. Nho**