

# SJVRS *November Newsletter*

Dear SJVRS Families,

As shared at our Open House, this school year we are the recipient of a grant from Mascaro & Company which is earmarked to educate our children about bullying, both verbal and physical. The job does not end at the school door, but continues at home and extends to all outside activities. Your parental support of this important message, ***Respect others with both kind words and actions***, sends the message that we all have the same expectations.

On Tuesday, November 1, students move into the traditional uniform. Sweat pants, t-shirt, and the SJVRS sweatshirt are to be worn for gym from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Gym shorts may not be worn. Please follow the uniform guidelines that can be found on the webpage under Handbook – Dress Code.

The monthly calendar (as attached), identifies any early dismissal day or upcoming holiday. The bus companies provide transportation for our children on our scheduled school days. During the winter months with late starts, early dismissals, or days off due to inclement weather, we follow Parkland School District's schedule based on the number of buses transporting from Parkland. We also provide important weather information through WFMZ 69 News and our school webpage.

The fourth tuition payment will be due in November dependent on the draw date selected. Report cards will be distributed on November 14 with conferences taking place on November 18, 21, and 22. If a family is not current with finances, report cards will not be issued nor conferences held.

One area of concern we are experiencing difficulties with this year is incomplete homework. Research on the importance of homework during the last ten years has greatly strengthened the case for homework. The bottom line is that many parents and teachers agree that homework develops students' study habits and work ethic, as well as supports academic learning. Catholic Schools, in particular, value homework as part of the recipe for helping students meet high academic and study expectations. Listed below are a few general homework guidelines:

1. The use of an assignment book is required for every student.
2. To validate the importance of homework to your child, a regular time and space are needed.
3. Recognize your child's regular completion of homework assignments as "the way we do things in our home." This expresses both high expectations and appreciation for your child.

4. Share any questions regarding the amount or type of homework assigned with your child's teacher.
5. Teachers' WIKI pages provide information on upcoming projects and long-term homework assignments. Check weekly!

When good study habits and successful completion of homework are a regular requirement, students benefit by attaining better grades, better study habits, and a more positive attitude toward school and learning.

I thank you for your cooperation and trust. I ask your prayers for our children and faculty members as we continue to work together for St. John Vianney Regional School.

Wishing you a blessed fall season,



Mrs. Robin Fredericks