

Dear St. John's – St. Andrew's Parents,

Our last All School Weekend Mass on Sunday, October 30 at 8:00 a.m. at St. John's Church, Meire Grove went very well. 43 SJSA students (71.6%) were in attendance. The students did a great job with the ministries. As parents please remind your children in gr. 2-6 to always take books and follow along with the readings and sing the hymns. And of course, **be good listeners!!!**

**For the Bowling Party—K-2 (Nov. 3) -Students may bring a maximum of \$3 for treats.**

**REFERENDUM VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8---PLEASE VOTE YES!!! “Voting “yes” on this question will ensure that existing programs will be maintained and it would also guarantee aid from the state of Minnesota in the amount of \$370,290...Based on the information provided by the Melrose School District, a “yes” vote would increase your current existing property tax by \$1 per year on \$150,000 property,” (Stefan Rink, Melrose German teacher on behalf of the Melrose Area School District teachers.) This referendum will impact all Catholic Schools in the Melrose district. Without this funding, all time-share classes will likely be cut. St. John's – St. Andrew's School presently time-shares from the Melrose District for our music, physical education and art classes. It would be difficult to replace these time-share classes with our finances and a certified teaching staff. You can read the entire article in the October 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the Beacon's Commentary section. VOTE ON TUESDAY!**

**Upcoming All School Mass-** Our next All School Weekend Mass is scheduled for Sunday, November 13 at 8:00 a.m. at St. John's Church, Meire Grove. I realize this is the second Mass in a row at St. John's but by the end of the year, it will even out to 3 Masses at each parish. Please note also that not all Masses will be at 8:00 a.m. Assignments for this Mass have been given. If your child has an assignment and will not be able to attend the Mass, please return any paperwork as soon as possible.

**Readers:** Frank S., Kole B., Jady W., Ryan Y., Leo B., Braya M. **Musicians:** Terese D., Naomi L., Justine M., Henry B. **Servers:** John B., Kristin M. **Gift Bearers:** Kate S., Payton N.

St. John's – St. Andrew's School will once again be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during Conference Week. A flier will be sent home shortly with dates and times for the fair.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive-** St. John's – St. Andrew's students and staff will be having a Food Shelf Drive in these last weeks before Thanksgiving to show our appreciation for the many blessings we have been given. Each student should bring at least one nonperishable food item, paper product or toiletry to school by Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please Note: The Hot Lunch Menu has “November 23 Parent Teacher Conferences.” This does not pertain to St. John's – St. Andrew's School Conferences, it pertains to Melrose Public School Conferences. SJSA Conferences are scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup> for after school and evening.

**STEAK & WINE CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS MEETING on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenwald Pub. There will be an Auction Committee Meeting following the Chairs and Co-chairs meeting. Anyone interested in being on the Auction Committee should plan to attend this meeting which should begin about 8:30 p.m.**

## Calendar

November

- 3 Gr. K-2 Bowling at the Melrose Bowl from 9:30-11:00 a.m., Bus loads at 9:15 a.m.
- 4 End of First Quarter
- 7 No School, Teacher Workshop, **Steak & Wine Chairs and Co-Chairs Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenwald Pub**
- 16 Ludwig Photography retakes at St. Mary's School, Melrose from 8:00 -8:30 a.m.
- 15 SJSA School Board of Ed. Meeting at 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Building lib
- 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences in the late p.m. and evening

23-25 No School

Peace and Blessings,

Campbells Labels for Education is giving away a Tech Makeover Sweepstakes. Please take the time and enter for a chance to WIN \$45,000 in computers, smartboards, printers and more for our school! Please use the following link and enter the contest for St. John's – St. Andrew's School. You can enter daily!!!

<http://campbellsoup.promotionexpert.com/lfe/c/e41106689>

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<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn>

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