



Holy Family, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message, to achieve academic excellence and to make a difference in the world.

October 16, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This short week was not short on student talent! Our Fifth and Sixth Grade classes took part in the First Annual Mr. Smith Parody Contest! These students paired up in groups and created musical spoofs. I, along with a couple of teachers, had the opportunity to not only be entertained by these performances, but also had the privilege of being guest judges. Here's a hint of the creativity and song titles expressed: "Sleeping" (tune, "Shallow"), "Don't Worry, Eat Pancakes" (tune, "Don't Worry, Be Happy"), "Party at McDonald's" (tune, "Party in the USA"). Other song topics included bananas and coronavirus. The photos below were taken during the Sixth-Grade performances. We loved the way our classmates at home participated as well! I'm looking forward to next year's competition!



On Thursday and Friday this week while our students had the days off, our teachers and staff had some time to work on curriculum development and faith formation. One high interest topic discussed is the mastery of math facts and we would like to ask for your help. In order for our school to continue to introduce higher level, more complex thinking and problem solving in math, our students should master the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts (0-12) by the end of the Fourth Grade. We begin by introducing addition and subtraction facts in Kindergarten, aiming to have mastery of addition and subtraction facts (0-10) in First Grade, (0-12) in Second Grade. In Third Grade, students should have the multiplication facts (0-12) mastered, and by Fourth Grade have the division facts (0-12) mastered. These facts are sung, chanted and recited in class, while in line, playing games and more. We would like to ask that our students continue to practice these facts 5-10 minutes each day. Car rides to and from school are a great place to practice! Thank you so much for your partnership!

On Friday, our teachers and staff shared a common experience across the Diocese of Lansing. We participated in "Theology of the Body", a program allowing us to work on our individual faith formation and for inspiration. This program is based on the teachings/writings of Pope John Paul II. Through this formation, we have an opportunity to dive back into who we are and find out what God has intended for us. United, we are stronger and better together. We are made out of love, to love and for love. God is good!

PTO Up-coming Events:

OCTOBER Box Tops Information: [10-2020_BoxTopics.jpg](#)

October 26 - 29: UM/MSU Can Drive

October 26: Dine2Donate at Aubree's 11am - close

Positivity Project

Virtue/Character Trait of the Week: Forgiveness

P2 for Families: [P2 for Families](#) (password: P2)

Saints: St. Patrick, Bl. Margaret of Castello, St. Josephine Bakhita

God Bless,

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

15-16 - NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Days for Staff)

19 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

eLearner Exchange: Drop off BLUE envelopes, pick up YELLOW envelopes

20 - Picture Retake Day and Preschool 3's

22 - All School Virtual Mass

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UM/MSU Canned Food Drive (Oct. 26 - 29)

PTO Dine2Donate at Aubree's, Grand Blanc 11am - close

29 - All School Virtual Mass

Halloween Party for 3 Year Preschool

30 - Halloween Parties at school (watch for further details from your child's teacher)

PTO Trunk or Treat will happen during the school day

31 - Happy Halloween!