

November



Dear Families,

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the Academy of St. Adalbert family has much for which to be thankful. Although we suffered a great loss when we lost Charlie Kho, God has blessed us in so many ways. By acknowledging what God has given and done for us, we express our gratitude. Some days it is easy to be thankful; at other times we tend to forget what we have received. A day like Thanksgiving almost forces us to be thankful. However, the Eucharist, which means "to give thanks", is a daily reminder of God's goodness and love for His people.

On a retreat I attended with other principals a number of years ago, the participants were challenged to start each day with just two minutes of giving thanks to God. The speaker suggested that we just take some time before even getting out of bed to say "thank you" for all the blessings in our lives. My list includes small things, as well as the things that are too important to take for granted. I, of course, thank God for my family and our health, but my list also includes Father Barry and the parish community of St. Adalbert, our faculty and staff at the Academy, our students who make it a pleasure to come to work each day, and

our parents who are so dedicated to our school and who sacrifice to provide their children with a Catholic education. It is something that you might want to try, either individually or as a family. When you start the day with a grateful heart, it is really difficult to have a bad day!

Keeping our blessings in mind, our school community will be reaching out to those in need. In November our 2nd graders with the help of our Student Council will again be collecting food items for the Berea Church Street Ministries. It is with grateful hearts that the Academy of St. Adalbert family is caring about and sharing with others!

As we move closer to Thanksgiving, and everyday, let us all give thanks to our God for the blessings that He has bestowed on each of us and on our families. I join with the faculty and staff in thanking God for the gift of the Academy of St. Adalbert families and the children that you share with us.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Martha K. Jacobs

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be distributed to parents/guardians at conferences on November 15th and 16th.

**LITURGICAL
CELEBRATIONS**

All parents are welcome to attend our school masses and prayer services throughout the year. In November we will join the parish community at mass at 8:30 a.m. on November 1st, All Saints Day. On November 11th we will take part in Eucharistic Devotion from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Before we leave for Thanksgiving break, we will join together for a Thanksgiving prayer service at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22nd. These are all good opportunities for our school family to thank God for all of our blessings. Please join us if you can.

EARLY RELEASE

On Tuesday, November 8th students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided by all districts. Olmsted Falls students will be released and bussed home at 2:30 p.m. Aftercare will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Early Release Days.

ATTENDANCE

It is very important to your child's educational success that he or she arrives at school on time each day. In addition, it is a distraction to those of us who are making morning announcements and praying when the buzzer goes off indicating that a student, who is late, wants to enter the building. We begin our day at the Academy at 8:00 a.m. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOUR CHILD ARRIVES BY 8:00 A.M. Our school policy states that students will receive a detention for every 5 tardies they incur. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If your child is absent, it is a requirement that you inform the school office. If we do not hear from you by 9:00 a.m., Mrs. Stepanski will call you to check on your child. This is done to make certain that all of our children are safe and accounted for. Thank you, again, for your cooperation.

FLU SEASON

With the flu season in full swing, the following are a few reminders about how we can limit the spread of germs and prevent infection:

- Teach your children to wash their hands frequently with soap and water.
- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues and sneeze and cough into the crook of their arm.
- Teach your children to stay away from others as much as possible if they are sick.

- Stay home from work and school if sick. Students should NOT return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. Students do **NOT** need a release from a doctor to return to school.

We would like to thank all of our students who have been so diligent about practicing good hygiene. Our maintenance staff and teachers are working very hard to ensure the cleanliness of our building by cleaning and sanitizing our school daily. We hope that these preventative measures will help prevent widespread illness among our students and staff and will allow us to keep teaching and learning without interruption. Thank you for all of your assistance and support.

TESTING

First graders will take the Cognitive Abilities Test from November 1st through November 10th. Please make certain that your child is in school and well rested at this time. The best preparation is a good night's sleep each day of testing.

EDLINE

Edline is up and running! Thank you to Mrs. Walton for all of her efforts! Our teachers have created classroom pages and you will be able to access your child's grades immediately. I have asked that teachers update grades every Monday. This resource will allow you to stay on top of your child's progress at all times! You will even be able to see if they are missing homework and other assignments!

A letter with your family's activation code is included in today's Family Mail. If your family has outstanding financial obligations to the Academy, that letter is not included in the mail and you will not be able to access Edline until financial obligations have been met.

Activate your account today and see for yourself what an awesome tool Edline really is!

HELP NEEDED

We are desperately in need on parent volunteers to help with serving lunch. Miss Karen has been out ill for the past month and we are down to just two people working in the kitchen. Things are fine until we get to serving the meal and then we are feeling the pinch. If you can help us out, we would be so appreciative. Just show up and we will put you to work! The commitment would be from 11:10 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW

... in October our 8th graders led our students in a decade of the rosary as a part of our morning prayer.

...in November our students will be studying saints in religion. They will be doing this in a variety of ways, including presentations and projects.

...our Student Council members under the guidance of Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Sebastian, Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Progar, their moderators, will be helping at the PTU Halloween Party. Our students will read Halloween stories to the children and will make a craft with them.

...that the flags outside the school and in our office flew over the United States Capitol on May 5, 2010.

...that all of our classrooms have 2 computers in them that are dedicated to Accelerated Reader and other educational projects.

QUEST

...is our enrichment program for students who have met certain criteria as dictated by the State of Ohio. We currently have 35 students who meet with Ms. Baldwin weekly. Our older students are engaged in the Jason Project which integrates science with other disciplines. Our younger students will be investigating topics through interactive webquests.

PICTURE RETAKES

On Thursday, November 10th pictures will be taken of our 3 year old preschoolers and for any student who wishes to have his or her picture retaken. Forms for picture retakes are available in the school office.

MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS

Mark your calendar now for our Academy of St. Adalbert Christmas program on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. and our Spring Musical on Thursday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. You won't want to miss these productions!

FUNDRAISER

Please support our Academy of St. Adalbert fundraisers. With all of the cuts in state funding, our budget is in need of LOTS OF HELP! Bingo is our biggest fundraiser and Mrs. Greenhill always needs parent volunteers to help. Certificates for purchases at various local vendors are available after masses and ALL of those proceeds help our school. In addition, our PTU sponsors MANY different fundraisers, such as Market Day, Basketeria (I can personally attest that the produce was amazing in both quality and quantity!) and Campbell Soup labels, during the year. Again, all of the profits come back to the school to fund educational programs. **The next PTU fundraiser is the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 12th.** I hope to see many of you there!!!

DRESS DOWN

On Thursday, November 17th Mrs. Parente and our 5th graders will sponsor a dress down day to benefit their class. In anticipation of the biggest game of the year (if you are a Buckeye fan) which is Ohio State vs. Michigan. Students may dress in Ohio State apparel or colors (scarlet and gray) or Michigan apparel (if you must!) or colors (blue and gold). In order to dress down, students should bring in \$1 to be given to their teacher that morning. All dress down days are OPTIONAL.

THANK YOU

I would like to express my appreciation to the following people:

To Father Barry and the St. Adalbert's community for their commitment to the Academy of St. Adalbert.

To our teachers who put in COUNTLESS hours planning exciting and enriching lesson for our students.

To Mrs. Vidovich and our PTU for planning a wonderful Halloween party for our students.

To our Athletic Boosters and coaches for offering opportunities for our students to participate in organized sports.

To Mrs. Greenhill, Mrs. Wirtz, Mrs. Lubrano, and all of the parent volunteers who work Bingo each week and to all of our parent volunteer who help at lunch, recess, as room mothers, and in our classrooms.

To Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Walton for organizing our Book Fair and to the parent volunteers who helped it run so smoothly.

To all of the parent helpers on Stewardship Day and to all those who helped Mrs. Taylor with the Magazine Drive rewards.

To all of our families for showing the world that we are **A SMALL SCHOOL WITH A BIG HEART** during these difficult days.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

To our Varsity Volleyball Players who were awarded the Sportsmanship Award by CYO for the example that they showed to others. The players are Katy Kwiatkowski, Alana Ogunmola, Abbey Foster, Kayleigh Hahn, Cara Ashworth, Danielle Joseph, Sara Mangan, Jocelyn Shroka, and Rachel Pace. Congratulations to Coach K for his example and leadership!