



## *Principal's Parent Newsletter*

*October 4, 2026*

### **VIRTUE OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to all the students who were recognized for September's virtue at our 8:30 Mass on Friday, October 2.

**October Virtue** – Kindness and Compassion

**October** – Month of the Holy Rosary



### **FAMILY MASS**

Mark your calendar for our Family Mass on Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 a.m. Open House will follow the Mass – 11:30 – 12:30.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation received a list of dates to participate in the "Works of Mercy." Be sure to mark your calendar and take part in these service opportunities.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Thank you for your commitment to serve at school and parish Masses. Please be sure to check with Miss Deirdre for weekend Masses.

### **SSPJ HANDBOOK**

Please note that the school handbook is on the school website under Parents – Parent Resources.

There have been updates to the Code of Conduct section pp. 27 – 32.

Notification of demerits will be sent through FACTS.

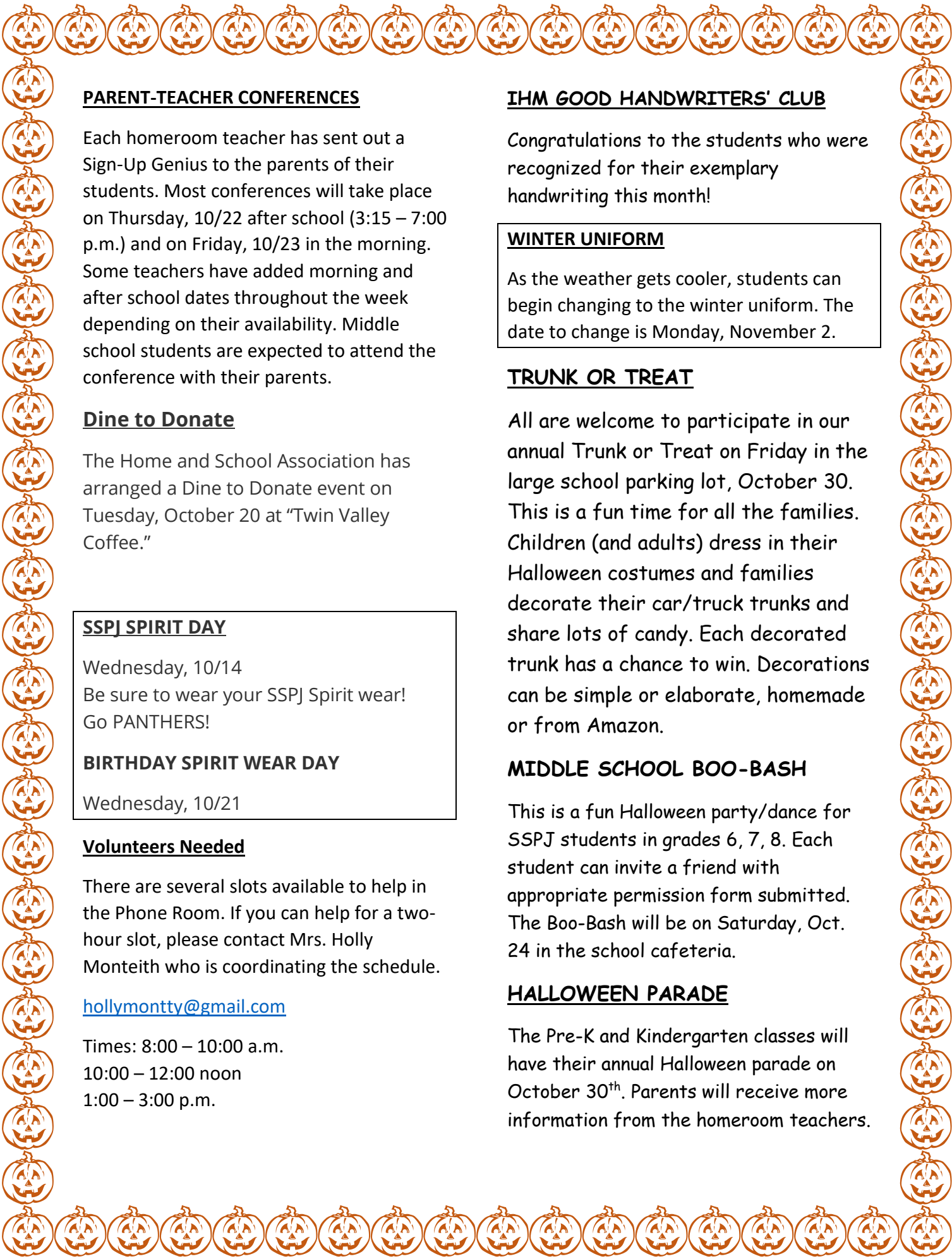
### **After School Car Pick Up**

**Reminder:** Please display your family name card on the front passenger window. This helps the teachers who are calling family names via their Walkie-Talkies into the cafeteria. Thank you!

### **GOLF OUTING AND GOLF BALL DROP**

Thank you to all who the supporters of the Golf Outing which will be on Friday, October 9. We look forward to a great day for all!

The Golf Ball Drop will be on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:15 p.m. Thank you to the West Whiteland Fire Department for providing the truck and ladder. The students will be cheering for the winners. Come and join the fun!

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### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Each homeroom teacher has sent out a Sign-Up Genius to the parents of their students. Most conferences will take place on Thursday, 10/22 after school (3:15 – 7:00 p.m.) and on Friday, 10/23 in the morning. Some teachers have added morning and after school dates throughout the week depending on their availability. Middle school students are expected to attend the conference with their parents.

### **Dine to Donate**

The Home and School Association has arranged a Dine to Donate event on Tuesday, October 20 at "Twin Valley Coffee."

### **SSPJ SPIRIT DAY**

Wednesday, 10/14

Be sure to wear your SSPJ Spirit wear!  
Go PANTHERS!

### **BIRTHDAY SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

Wednesday, 10/21

### **Volunteers Needed**

There are several slots available to help in the Phone Room. If you can help for a two-hour slot, please contact Mrs. Holly Monteith who is coordinating the schedule.

[hollymontty@gmail.com](mailto:hollymontty@gmail.com)

Times: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 – 12:00 noon

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### **IHM GOOD HANDWRITERS' CLUB**

Congratulations to the students who were recognized for their exemplary handwriting this month!

### **WINTER UNIFORM**

As the weather gets cooler, students can begin changing to the winter uniform. The date to change is Monday, November 2.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

All are welcome to participate in our annual Trunk or Treat on Friday in the large school parking lot, October 30. This is a fun time for all the families. Children (and adults) dress in their Halloween costumes and families decorate their car/truck trunks and share lots of candy. Each decorated trunk has a chance to win. Decorations can be simple or elaborate, homemade or from Amazon.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOO-BASH**

This is a fun Halloween party/dance for SSPJ students in grades 6, 7, 8. Each student can invite a friend with appropriate permission form submitted. The Boo-Bash will be on Saturday, Oct. 24 in the school cafeteria.

### **HALLOWEEN PARADE**

The Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will have their annual Halloween parade on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Parents will receive more information from the homeroom teachers.