

5th Grade Newsletter

October 1st, 2026

Dear Parents,

What a great week! Monday we had our first prayer pod of the year which was set up as an escape room type activity. Fifth grade hosted their first class mass on Wednesday. We worked to teach the congregation about St. Jerome through a skit. I was so impressed with their creativity, efforts and hard work.

First Trimester Conferences are on Thursday, October 15th. Please note students are required to attend with their parents, please plan accordingly. Conference sign ups will be coming out in today's Thursday folder.

VIP Day November 4th - (This is all new to me but I wanted new parents and new students to have as much of a heads up as possible.) St. John's has a tradition where students invite their grandparent, parent or adult friend/family member to celebrate mass and join us for lunch and bingo. This takes place on November 4th which coincides with us celebrating All Saints Day. Students all dress up as a saint to celebrate.

(Please note: We don't dress up for any Halloween school day activities. However, students get the opportunity to dress up for Trunk or Treat which is an optional after school activity at St. John's on October 30.)

Literacy

Every month, it is our goal to have 100% completion of our class AR goal. September numbers are in and we fell short only reaching 60% of our goal. Shout out to all of those students who met or exceeded their goal! That being said, we have room for improvement! Wednesday afternoon we established new AR goals for October! I was impressed that many students chose to increase their goal for this month. Parents, I ask that you check in with your child about their goal. If achieving their goal is a struggle for your child, I ask that you help your child to break it down into nightly reading challenges so each of us can all be successful in achieving this month's goal.

Social Studies

Today we had our first chapter test on the basic parts of a map, the five themes of geography and the pros and cons of a map, globe and GPS.

Important Upcoming Dates:

October 7th - Catholic Schools Walk 1-2:30pm, parents are welcome to join us

October 15th - 11am Dismissal, Conferences 12-8

October 16th - No School

October 20th - Symphony Field Trip

October 20th - October Birthdays Out of Uniform

October 30th - Trunk or Treat

November 4th - VIP Day

Scholastic Book Orders went home this week, please place any orders by October 15th.
Thank you.

Shop our class page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/338XBF>

Shop the flyers: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/all-flyers/>

Thanks for your ongoing support! Have an excellent extended weekend!

Mrs. Williams