



The Weekly Newsletter of Mr. Courchane

October 2, 2026

"Today and every day, be a peacemaker."

Dear 8th Grade Parents:

Greetings and welcome to October. That can only mean one thing; the 8th grade pumpkin decorated contest! The rules are simple.

- 1) Pumpkins are due Thursday, October 29.
- 2) Teachers will not supply pumpkins.
- 3) Pumpkins can be carved, painted, accessorized, anything within the bounds of good taste and Catholic values (for example, no bloody weapons, etc.).
- 4) Winners will be determined by a vote of the student body.
- 5) Participation is voluntary, not mandatory. This is for fun, not for a grade.

In other news, students are continuing to work through the laws of physics and enjoying learning new formulas each week!

We had many students fail to meet their AR reading goals (half the class). Again, they set their goals and choose their books so failure to succeed in this endeavor is a matter of personal choice. I do not think it is a good choice.

Students will have a Unit test in religion Monday, October 5.

Important Dates

October 2 – Teacher Inservice, No School for students.

October 7 – Catholic Schools Walk (during school day)

October 15 – Early Dismissal, Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences

October 16 – No School

October 20 – Symphony Field Trip

Sincerely,

Mr. Courchane

8th Grade Homeroom

Middle School Science and Religion

"There are three things I have learned never to discuss with people ... religion, politics, and the great pumpkin." — Charles M. Schulz

