

# SGS NEWSLETTER

TO TEACH, TO LEARN, TO SERVE



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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### IMPORTANT DATES TO RE- MEMBER

- > **Cookie Dough Fund-raiser—October 5-14**
- > **Flu Shots cancelled !!!**
- > **October 19-23 Fall Break**
- > **October 26-28 Explore Test for Grade 8**
- > **Oct 28—278th Artillery Unit visit the school**
- > **October 28 Grade cards go home—Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- > **October 29—4th & 5th visit St Andrews School for a pantomime program**
- > **October 30 No School—Professional Day for Teachers**

**Please read about the  
CANCELLED FLU  
SHOTS on page 2**

### SCHOOL PICTURES

School picture proofs are going home today. Parents have until Tues. October 27 to place their orders. I want to get them back before Thanksgiving this year. I will work out a date for make up pics soon.

Kathy

First of all, let me say, I am sorry that the Fall Festival had to be cancelled. I know the students were looking forward to it. It is my understanding that Home and School will discuss the Fall Festival at their next meeting. Congratulations to all who participated in the 5 K Run, and many thanks to Linda Clemens for taking charge.

The students in grades K-2 had a wonderful time at Granddaddy's Farm sitting in the hay loft listening to a short presentation about living and non living things. Then they enjoyed a hay ride, and after that it was off to the huge slide and to play in the corn bin, enjoy the corn maze, and have lunch. Prior to the visit, a Pumpkin Prayer was read in morning meeting and sent home with the students. The Pumpkin Prayer is printed below.

During Morning Meeting we are reading from the book of Genesis and have learned about the Tree of Wisdom (good and evil) and have just read about Noah and discussed how the church is like a boat. I am always amazed at the children's wonderful answers to my thought provoking questions. You might want to discuss with your child or children about the Tree of Wisdom and who tempted Adam and why God saved Noah.

In observance of Fire Safety Week, students were encouraged to enter the Fire Safety Poster Contest. This past week the firemen presented a program to all students and pointed out the importance of having an escape plan for home, and reminded them about "Stop, Drop, and Roll." The firemen awarded a cash award to the following poster winners:

Kindergarten – Jackson Clemens  
First Grade – Maedyn Jernigan  
Second Grade – Karson Strite  
Third Grade – Jalen Walker  
Fourth Grade – Mikahla Clemens  
Sixth Grade – Sloane Farris

Eight Grade – Mary Allison Bennett

**Overall Winner** – Sloane Farris

All students who made a poster received a food coupon from Sonic. Congratulations to all the winners!

**Congratulations to Teachers!!!**

**The school is very proud of Mrs. Prince and Mr. Caso, as they passed their Praxis exams which are part of the licensure process for teaching. It is a most difficult test, and many prayers were offered for them.**

### Halloween Costumes

This year for Halloween, students in grades K-2 will dress as a favorite Bible story character, and students in Grades 3-8 will dress as their favorite saint. **Students are asked to wear their regular school uniform to school and bring their costume.** Students in grades K-2 will dress in their costume and share with the school about their Bible story character. Students in Grades 3-8 will dress as a saint and present a short history about their saint for all the students.

**Students in grades 4 & 5 will go to St. Andrews -Sewanee School on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for a performance entitled "Gems."** It is a mask/puppet/mime show of several stories of wisdom for various cultures performed by Doug Berky. Drivers are needed for the trip. We will leave the school at 9:15 a.m.

**Please support the KoC Spaghetti Dinner—it's a very worthwhile project, as all proceeds benefit the school.**

**Remember the Explore Test will be given to eighth graders the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>**

May God Bless you,

Mrs. Doyle

### Thought for the Week:

The way you travel through life is the most powerful legacy you can give your students.

## Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus are once again holding their Spaghetti Dinner with all **proceeds to benefit the school**. **The Spaghetti Dinner will be Saturday, November 7 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. The price of tickets is \$5.00 for elementary age children, and \$10.00 for high school age and adults.** The dinner features homemade spaghetti sauce and pasta, tossed salad, drink, and dessert. The dinner is held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 513 South Jefferson Street – on down from the Winchester Post Office. Tickets will be available for purchase at the school.



## 5 K Run

Even though it was a dreary, rainy day, the 5 K Run had 31 participants & made \$632. Thanks to the volunteers: Callie, Elysa, Maggie, & Nikkie, all the Cub Scouts and the participants. We have some extra t-shirts for sale for \$7.00 each-- 9 medium, 4 x-lg, & 1 xx-lg—please contact the front Office for info!

### Needed: Gardening Volunteers

Our flower beds are beginning to look unkempt. **If anyone can volunteer to weed at anytime, please contact the school.** We want our flower beds to be lovingly cared for and cleaned out before the winter season.

### Flu Shots !!!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the flu vaccine will not be given at the school this year. We are sincerely sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. We will be returning the money to you all tomorrow. Please look for it in your child's folder.

## 278th Artillery Unit comes to visit the school !

278<sup>th</sup> Artillery Unit will visit the school on October 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be an opportunity for the kids to view and climb into a military vehicle, see and learn about military artifacts, and talk with soldiers.

There will be a presentation that talks about:

- what it means to be an American,
- what it means to be a soldier for America,
- the specific skills this local unit brings to the field (meteorology and land surveying),
- the Iraq experience, their upcoming deployment, etc.

SGS will adopt this unit, pray for them, and stay in contact with them while they're deployed.

### Pumpkin Prayer

Father in heaven, like a farmer, you have watched me grow  
And picked me out from all the rest to house your light and glow.

Open my mind to think of you. Open my mouth to sign.  
Open my eyes to see your world and share the joy you bring.

Open my heart to be your home – a warm and welcome shell,  
Washed clean of sin. A place wherein your love and light may dwell.

### Remember !!!

**Shorts may be worn until October 31st—as stated in the Student Handbook !!!**