

# *November Newsletter*

*God Doesn't Tweet, but We still Follow Him*

Blessed are they who have a grateful heart and give thanks to God. It is so easy to get caught up in the stress and worry of the world. It is important that we stop and recognize the blessings that are already ours. In one of his journals, Thomas Merton writes that we are always thinking that our life will truly be happy “when”: When I get a new job...When the house is paid off...When the kids are out of school...When I find the right person in my life...While it is necessary to look ahead and plan and dream, don't lose sight of the blessings right in front of you.

- For being an American, living in the land of the free and the home of the brave-Thank You Lord
- For the people that love me – Thank You Lord
- For the child that makes me smile and the one that makes me cry – Thank You Lord
- For my house and the food on the table – Thank You Lord
- For my health – Thank You Lord
- For the support of family and friends – Thank You Lord

Gather the many gifts that are already yours. Stand before this heap of blessings and take a long grateful look. Say farewell to “when” and be thankful for what is. Make that your prayer to the God who loves you.

On behalf of the school community, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

God Bless,

Miss Gallagher

### **Student of the Month**

The October Students of the Month are being recognized for their Courage!

Rm. 2	Jewel Karblee
Rm. 7	Gabriel Martinez
Rm. 3	Charlotte Pugh
Rm. 5	Samantha Erwin
Rm. 10	Anthony Gamboa
Rm. 15	Shannon Clarke
Rm. 13	Isabella Printz
Rm. 14	Justin Cheung
Rm. 27	Saralee Emile
Rm. 30	Myla Keith
Rm. 32	Peyton Jerdan
Rm. 28	Alexander Vena
Rm. 29	Maria Ramos da Silva
Rm. 19	Ciera Schaeffler
Rm. 20	Matthew Polumbo
Rm. 17	Madalyn Wilbekaitis
Rm. 23	Sydney McGuigan

### **Fall-tastic Festival**

The Student Council is having a Fall Festival on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

There will be games and prizes. Snacks & drinks will be sold.

### **Home & School**

Trunk or Treat	10/28/16	7:00 – 9:00 PM
Family Bingo	11/11/16	7:00 – 9:00 PM
Millers Ale House Fundraiser	11/15/16	

### **Emergency Plan**

Please have an emergency plan with your children should it be necessary to close school early due to weather conditions. It may not involve making a phone call from school. Make sure they know what line to get in, or who will meet them, or where they can go if you are not home. If school closes early due to weather, there is NO CARES. Therefore, your plan cannot be to go to CARES.

### **Giant A+ School Rewards**

If you shop at Giant, we ask that you register your bonus card so that we can earn A+ School Rewards. This is money that can be used in a variety of ways. Register at [GiantFoodStores.com/aplus](http://GiantFoodStores.com/aplus). We appreciate your help.

### **Aid for Friends**

The mission of Aid for Friends is to serve needy, isolated shut-ins, primarily the frail and the elderly in the five county Greater Philadelphia area with home cooked meals. Saint Jerome Parish and school

have been long time supporters of this program. If you would be able to help by cooking an extra portion of a meal and freezing it, it would enable us to continue our mission to help those less fortunate. Trays, menu sheets, and plastic bags can be sent home with your child and you can return it to school when filled. We appreciate anything that you can do to help out.

### **Progress Reports**

Progress reports for the first trimester will be available on the Parent Portal on My Students Progress on October 28th. Everyone who gave us an email address was sent a password at the beginning of the year. If you need the password resent, please contact the Main office.

### **School Nurse Update**

The Philadelphia School district has assigned our school a new school nurse. Her name is Jenny Proctor and she will be at St. Jerome School on Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

### **Heath Notes**

COLD/FLU SEASON: Please do not send your child to school when they are sick. Should your child wake up with a fever, sore throat, runny nose, or stomach ache, please do not medicate with Tylenol and send them off to school. Students should be fever free (without Tylenol or other medications) for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Please emphasize the need/importance for frequent hand washing with your children. Review the proper method of sneezing/coughing into your sleeve rather than into your hands. We want to keep all of our students healthy and by following these simple guidelines, we hope to decrease their chances of becoming sick. Medication (over the counter or prescription) is not permitted to be dispensed in school until your child's physician completes the required paperwork and it is on record at the school. This is for the safety of all our students.

### **Catholic Social Services**

YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE-BECOME A FOSTER PARENT! Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages and cultures whose families are in crisis. The love and commitment that foster parents provide can have a lasting and positive effect. For more information, please call Catholic Social Services – Foster Care Program at 267-331-2502 or email them at [fosterinfo@CHS-ADPHILA.org](mailto:fosterinfo@CHS-ADPHILA.org)