

From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
November 22, 2022



Greetings Saint Pius Tenth School Families!

As we wind up this short week, we have just a few notifications for you:

SERVICE PROJECT - If you have not yet been able to, please send in non-perishable donations by Monday, November 28, to be sent to our troops overseas, along with cards made by all of our students. Please see the enclosed flyer. Thank you!

Please see the enclosed letter from our Superintendent, Mr. James Tauzel, which contains important information about report cards and our new Student Information System (FACTS).

Box Tops for Education Update:

Don't forget to submit your box tops for the Box Tops for Education Fall Challenge, the proceeds help by earning some cash to help our school. If you are unable to scan and submit, sending in a copy of your store receipt will suffice. We do have a volunteer to send in the information.

To date, our Fourth Grade has taken a commanding lead over Grade 5!

Each week in November, 1 lucky scanner will win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for their school — and the week of Giving Tuesday (11/22-29), we'll DOUBLE the prize to 10,000 Bonus Box Tops. Plus, we'll match each prize and give it to a school in need.

A new winner will be drawn each week, so tell school supporters to keep scanning their receipts all month long. Winners will be notified approximately one week after each entry period. Sweepstakes ends Giving Tuesday. *

***** Amanda Varrone and Jim Tauzel will be assembling a children's choir for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass.**

Rehearsals will be planned for Thursdays Dec 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

If you are interested, please contact Amanda Varrone: Amanda.varrone@yahoo.com

November 23-25, Wednesday through Friday is our Thanksgiving Recess. School will reopen on Monday, November 28.

**** Last call for donations to be sent overseas to our troops. Please send any items into school on Monday, November 28. Many thanks to those who have donated!!**

Beginning on Monday, November 28, our Grade 5 class will be sponsoring a school supply cart, as we have done in years past. They will have for purchase notebooks, pencils, erasers, crayons, markers, etc. at a nominal price for student purchase.

The cart will be brought to classrooms on Mondays for Grades 1 and 2; Fridays for Grades 3 and 4; and will be in the main hallway on Wednesdays for all to purchase.

Proceeds from the supply cart sales will go toward a Grade 5 end of school year/commencement event. Last year's Grade 5 class took a trip to the Seneca Park Zoo.

Friday, December 2, 2022, is School Picture retake day. This will also be the day that our Monday, Wednesday, Friday Pre-K students will have their school pictures taken.

PLEASE NOTE that if you are having pictures **RE-taken**, the original package **MUST** be returned.

Our December school liturgy is on Friday, December 2 at 9:30 AM.

We also have Mass on Thursday, December 8 at 9:30 AM to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Please be sure that students are dressed in full uniform on both Mass days, even if they have PE, and please join us if you are able. It is so wonderful to have family and friends join us!

Please mark your calendar for our December PAC get-together (flyer enclosed), which will be in person. It will be on Monday, December 12 at 6:00 PM. This will be a great opportunity for community-building, as it will provide opportunity to meet other parents, ask questions and gather more information about what the committee does for our school.

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to either Sheri McGee or Annie Miraglia.

**On behalf of the faculty and staff of Saint Pius Tenth School, we wish you and your loved ones
a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!**



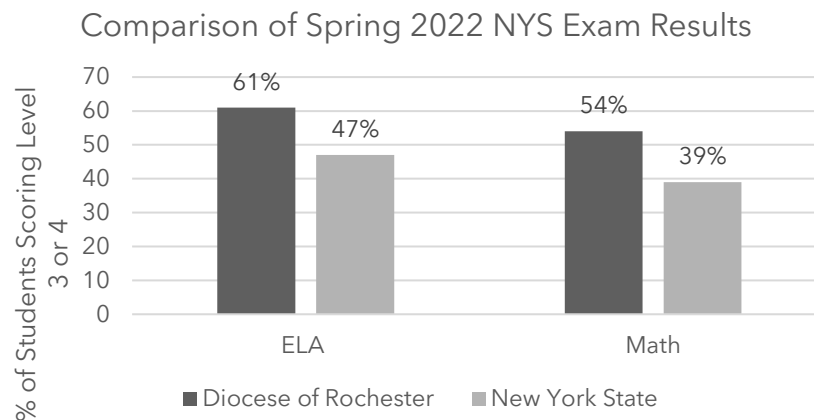


November 17, 2022

Dear Catholic School Families,

As we enter the second quarter of our 2022-2023 school year, we are writing to share several key updates regarding the academic programs and reporting in our Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools.

First, after a delayed release, New York State has shared the performance on the Spring 2022 Grades 3-8 Math and ELA exams. We are pleased to share that overall, our DOR students outpaced NYS performance levels by 14% in English Language Arts and 15% in Mathematics. As data becomes available by district, we will continue to share more detailed access to these results.



Next, our schools have adopted a new Student Information System (SIS) called FACTS. With this change comes necessary updates to our Diocesan Report Cards, which have been updated to include changes in the current learning standards. In addition, the comment sections of these report cards include space for every quarter which will allow you to see cumulative notes on your child's progress throughout the year so you can readily assess their growth quarter by quarter. Details on these changes are included on the following page.

Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic schools and for entrusting us with the blessing of serving your children. Together, we will continue to build on our successes to ensure our schools remain faith-filled communities of joy, service, and excellence.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving,

James Tauzel
Superintendent of Schools



Report Card Updates

School Year 2022- 2023

All changes in our report card structure have been reviewed and edited based on grade-level teacher input.

Grades PK – 2 Report Cards:

Students in Grades PK – 2 receive a skills-based report card focused on their overall development of the skills necessary for mastery in each subject area. Teachers use the assignments and projects submitted throughout each quarter to assign a rubric grade to each skill based on their performance criteria.

Rubric Grading Scale:

- E – Exceed Diocesan Grade-Level Expectations
- M – Meets Diocesan Grade-Level Expectations
- W – Working Toward Meeting Diocesan Grade-Level Expectations
- N – Not Yet Meeting Diocesan Grade-Level Expectations
- X – Not Evaluated at this Time

Comments are recorded each quarter and comments from every quarter will show on each subsequent report card, ending with a full comment section in Quarter 4. Learner Behaviors (graded on an E – exceeds, S – satisfactory, I – improving, and N – needs improvement scale) are included each quarter.

Special areas (Physical Education, Music, Art, Health, Technology) are graded by semester using the rubric grading scale and will be included on the Quarter 2 and Quarter 4 report cards. Each course is graded using subject specific rubrics created by the special area teachers.

Grades 3-8 Report Cards

Students in Grades 3-8 receive a numeric grade (0-100) in each course with a passing grade of 65%. Teachers use the weighting below to generate the course average based on the assignments and projects submitted throughout each quarter.

Course Weighting:

- 50% - Projects, Tests, and Quizzes
- 35% - Classwork
- 15% - Homework

Overall comments are recorded each quarter and comments from every quarter will show on each subsequent report card, ending with a full comment section in Quarter 4. Beginning in Grade 4, quarterly comments by subject area are also included.

Learner Behaviors (graded on an E – exceeds, S – satisfactory, I – improving, and N – needs improvement scale) are included each quarter. Beginning in Grade 4, learner behaviors are included by subject.

Special areas (Physical Education, Music, Art, Health, Technology) are graded by semester using the rubric grading scale (see above in PK-2 section) and will be included on the Quarter 2 and Quarter 4 report cards. Each course is graded using subject specific rubrics created by the special area teachers. Comments are included each semester by course.

PLEASE HELP

***Apart from Service Club, our school community will be taking part in a project very near and dear to one of our own school families.

Mrs. Laura Ames, mother of St. Pius 4th Grade and Kindergarten students approached me to ask if we could have our students make Christmas cards to be sent to our troops in Djibouti for the holidays (they will be sent to the same unit that Mrs. Ames' father served with). I also learned that Mrs. Ames will be collecting items to be sent, as well.

I would like to make it a school-wide service project to help the Ames family in their effort to spread some joy to our troops who will be away from their families for the holidays.

Our students will not only be making cards, but we will also collect donations of non-perishable items that are incredibly difficult to get.

Some suggestions are:

toiletries (mouthwash, lotion, sunscreen, deodorant, hair products, etc.) **travel size please**, books/magazines, non-perishable food and snacks (no chocolate or anything that can melt during shipping please) beef jerky/slim jim snacks, dried fruit, nuts, protein bars, powdered drink mixes that can be mixed with water, gum, gummy candy, etc.

What a great opportunity for our students to honor both veterans and active duty for their service to us!

We will be collecting items from now until Tuesday, November 22. Classrooms will have boxes for students to place items. Thank you!

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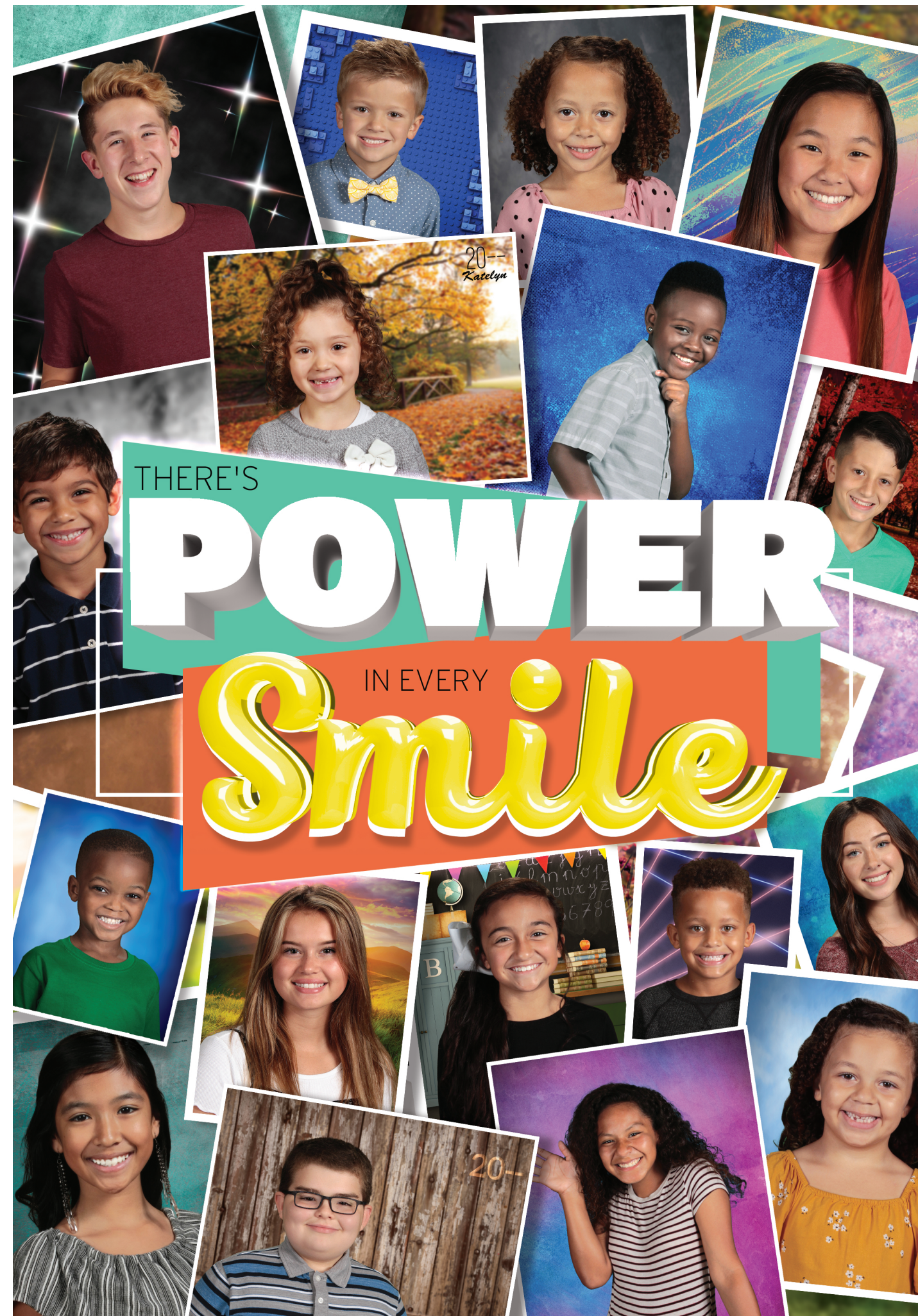
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PAC Monthly Meeting
December 12th at 6pm
(Room to be determined)

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- Learn more about what we do
- Learn about how to get involved
- Bring your OWN ideas of what we could be doing
- Grab a cookie and a cup of coffee and meet some SPX parents you may not have had a chance to meet

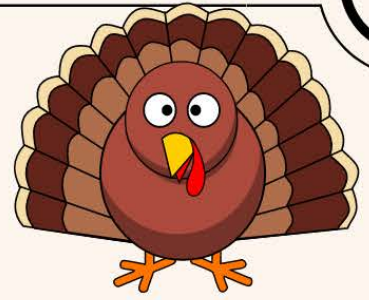
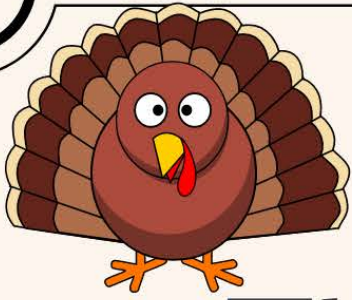
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Camp Koinonia near Naples, NY is the home of Family Camp. Family Camp is a unique opportunity to enjoy all the fun of summer camp - and an enriching Catholic Faith based spiritual retreat – together with your family! Our staff make it easy for parents and families to relax and have fun! During this weeklong Catholic family camp, we provide three meals a day, lodging, help with the kids, pool time and family-friendly activities! Best of all, you will meet new friends that share your love of family, Catholic faith, and fun! Four weeks of camp are offered between July 9- and August 4, 2023. For more information and availability: <https://www.campkoinoniany.org/>.



Free Thanksgiving Break Basketball Camp!

WHO: Girls Grades 5th-8th

WHAT: A chance to improve skills and
have fun over break!

WHERE: Our Lady Of Mercy High
School Gym

WHEN: November 26th; 9am-12pm

WHY: A chance to be active in a
positive environment while
supporting Audrey Hintz's Senior
Motto Project

Email ah12796@student.mercyhs.com
for directions and details!