

From the Desk of
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November 1, 2021

Greetings Saint Pius Tenth School Families

Just a few pieces of information for this week...

We have two school liturgies scheduled in the month of November.

Monday, November 1 is our All Saints Day liturgy, and Friday, November 12 is our monthly school liturgy. Please be sure that Grades K – 5 students are in full uniform on those days.

This Friday, October 29 is our Halloween event sponsored by PAC. Students are allowed to dress in costume (or dress down) on this day. Please refer to the flyer for costume details.

Beginning on November 1, students must wear their Saint Pius Tenth School sweatpants over their gym shorts at all times outside of PE class.

Also, please have your students dress appropriately for the outside temperatures. We will be going outside for PE and recess whenever weather permits.

We ask that if your student is absent from school, you enter a “Plan Change” on the PickUp Patrol app.

IMPORTANT NOTE

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021, our students have a half-day of school to allow for teachers to engage in Professional Development in the afternoon. ALL Pre-K students will dismiss at 11:30 AM, and those students in Grades K – 5 will be dismissed at 11:45 AM. Our normal carline procedure should be followed.

We have confirmed the following transportation details with our local public school transportation departments. It is, however, recommended that you also confirm with your local public district of residence, just in case anything changes at their end.

- Gates-Chili – WILL provide normal AM service and WILL accommodate the 11:45 AM dismissal (**future half-day dismissals WILL NOT have 11:45 AM busing**).
- Churchville-Chili – WILL provide normal AM service but WILL NOT be providing 11:45 AM dismissal busing. Pick up will be the responsibility of families. Please be sure to indicate the plan change in our PickUp Patrol app.
- Brockport – WILL provide both AM and 11:45 AM dismissal busing
- Hilton – WILL provide both AM and 11:45 AM dismissal busing
- Spencerport – WILL provide both AM and 11:45 AM dismissal busing
- Wheatland-Chili – WILL provide normal AM service but WILL NOT be providing 11:45 AM dismissal busing – Please be sure to indicate the plan change in our PickUp Patrol app.

Thursday, November 11, 2021 is the Veterans Day holiday. Thank you to all who have served and continue to serve!!

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Rest of the Week!

Pretend Play in Pre-K

By: Deanna Halquist

One of the most popular areas or “centers” that our Pre-K students choose to play in each day is our kitchen. Like a real kitchen, we have a stove, sink, refrigerator, and a table and chairs. We also have a supply of pretend food as well as plastic dishes, cups and spoons. Children love to pretend to cook for each other and play restaurant. So much learning takes place while they are playing together!

When our students are playing in the kitchen for an uninterrupted chunk of time (usually 30-45 minutes), they are developing increased attention spans. This leads to the ability to sit and listen to stories for longer amounts of time, which will be beneficial to them as they prepare for kindergarten.

Additionally, the students are developing oral language skills as they play and talk together. They learn to negotiate roles, such as who will be the adult, the cook, the customer, etc. They develop listening (receptive)

skills as well as expressive language skills as they carry on conversations. The students also expand their vocabularies as they learn from each other. All of this learning contributes to future reading success.

Our youngest learners’ social-emotional development is also impacted through pretend play. For example, important life skills such as sharing, taking turns, and problem-solving are learned while students are engaged in dramatic play experiences each day.



Get Ready For...

HALLOWEEN



Trick-or-Treating

On Friday, October 29th, students will be participating in a Trick-or-Treating event sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

Students may wear their Halloween costume to school on this day. Please note that Halloween masks may not be worn, and protective face masks are still required as per our school plan.

For safety reasons, no props are allowed, and costumes must not be restraining (movement may not be hindered in any way).

Please ensure that costumes are appropriate for our school setting – no horror or offensive dress.

Thank you for your cooperation!

