



Conn-Area Catholic School

“Centered in Christ”

November 2023

If you asked your child about the first Thanksgiving, most likely they would share how the pilgrims and the Native Americans (“Indians”) came together as friends and shared in a meal together. They were very different people based on the culture in which they were raised. They had different languages, different beliefs, different customs, different foods, and yet they came together to give thanks for each other’s gifts. Here we are, so many years later, where we find a divide among our very neighbors. We find it difficult to find tolerance for our differences. We witness less and less willingness to accept the idea that all people do not think the same or have the same values. Frustration is surfacing, as we see on the news. We need to teach our kids to reflect on this, as they will be the future. If we all saw the world in the light of Christ, we would be able to look beyond ourselves and focus on the good. It is not to say that we should not speak up for our values and beliefs, rather we should definitely do that, but we need to do it for the right reasons. We need to do it in the right ways. We need to do it in a respectful way. Everyone has their own journey that brought them to where they are in thought, action, and belief, but we need to be in communion with Christ. Let’s pray for tolerance and give thanks for the peace of Jesus.

A graphic for Thanksgiving. The words 'Happy' and 'Thanksgiving' are written in a brown, serif font. Two autumn leaves, one orange and one yellow, are positioned on either side of the word 'Happy'.

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



All Saints Day

November 1st is All Saints Day. It is a holy day of obligation in the Catholic faith. The entire school, preschool through sixth grade, will be attending Mass at Immaculate Conception Church at 10:00. We hope you will join us, as we recognize the good example the saints are for us.

Saint Statue Contest

It has been a long tradition at Conn-Area Catholic School that students write about a saint or draw a saint (depending on age-level). For every saint they do, they will receive a ticket to place in a raffle bag of a saint of their choice. On November 20th, we will draw a name out of each bag to see who wins the statues. It is a lot of fun and we learn a lot about being holy.



All Souls Day

November 2nd is All Souls Day. It is during this time that we pay tribute to those who have gone before us. We all have loved ones who have passed on. It is hard to be without them. Take some time on this day to remember them in a way that is special to you.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 10. You will receive your assigned time earlier that week. Please be prompt so that we can keep everyone on schedule. Teachers created the schedule with siblings in mind. Hopefully, we were able to accommodate you to the best of our ability. Students do not have school on that day.

Preschool Conferences

Due to the large number of preschoolers, their conferences will be held on two days, November 9th and 10th. Preschool students will not have school on either of those days. Mrs. Spotts will inform you of your time, the week of November 6.



Grandparents' Night

Our first and second graders will be hosting their grandparents on Monday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. for a little program and little pie. This will be held in the cafeteria. More information about that will be coming home with those students. We love our grandparents!



Thanksgiving Prayer Service

On Monday, November 20th, at 9:00 a.m. our first and second graders will be leading the rest of the school in a Thanksgiving Prayer Service. You are welcome to join us. Please use the Conn-Area Catholic School entrance.



Thanksgiving Break

Students will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, November 22nd to begin the Thanksgiving break. Dismissal will begin at 11:15, and there will be van transportation. Students are to return to school on Tuesday, November 28.

***On behalf of the Board of pastors, faculty, and staff,
I thank you for having your children in our school.
Your family is a very important part of our family.
Happy Thanksgiving!***

