



Dear Parents,

It seems as though our students and families are battling a lot of sickness already this school year. Usually we are not seeing this number of sick children until well into the winter months. We can each help to make this period of sickness better by following the guidelines below. Please call the office if you have any questions.

1. All children absolutely need to stay home 24 hours without a temperature before returning to school. Please do not send children to school if you needed to give a fever reducing medication to them in the morning...they will probably be sent home at noon and will have exposed children in the mean time.
2. Please send a plastic water bottle with your child. One of the areas that can spread germs quickly is the drinking fountains. We clean them regularly during the school day, but it is impossible to clean them after each use. Students may refill their water bottles as needed during the day.
3. It would be helpful if families could send to their child's classroom or to the office, bottles of hand sanitizer and cartons of sanitizing wipes that could be used during the day.

Our goal is to help our students remain as healthy and ready for school as possible. Thank you so much for your help during this time.

We would like to encourage our families to participate in the John Paul II Pumpkin Decorating Contest sponsored by our Student Council! The four categories include Scariest, Funniest, Family, and Religious. Families may paint, use markers, add details with paper or other decorating materials, but no carved pumpkins are allowed. There will be one winner from each category and each winner will receive a \$5.00 WalMart Scrip and their pumpkin will be displayed at the October Dance. Students may begin bringing pumpkins to school next Monday, October 19. We will have tables set up on the stage in the gym to display the pumpkins. The pumpkins will be judged on Thursday, October 22 (by Student Council) and winners will be announced on the same day.

Come one and all to the October Family Dance! The PTO will be sponsoring this fun Halloween evening on Saturday, October 24 from 6:00pm-9:00pm in the John Paul II School Gym. Come and eat some ghoulish food, dance to the eerie music, and see the families of spooks and goblins enjoying the evening! Please remember this is a family evening, so each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Schedule for Week of October 16-23

Friday, October, 16	No School
Sunday, October 18	SCRIP sold after Masses at Holy Family
Monday, October 19	3 rd Grade to Brady to read at 10:30am – Wear red! PTO Meeting, 7:00pm in Art and Science Room Decorated pumpkins can come to school!
Tuesday, October 20	Pray with the Principal at 10:00am
Wednesday, October 21	Pray with the Principal at 2:00pm
Thursday, October 22	Pumpkin Contest Judging
Friday, October 22	3 rd grade Pizza Ranch pizza party with the priests, 2:30pm, Art/Science Room - Thanks Pizza Ranch!
Saturday, October 24	October Family Dance, JPII Gym, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Have a Great Week!
Michelle Ommen, Principal