

October 29, 2009
School News/Reminders

NO SCHOOL- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2-PROFESSIONAL DAY

Happy Halloween!

Grandparents' Day: Once again Grandparents' Day was a special day at SPCC. Thank you to Mrs. Zimmerman and all who made Grandparents' Day so special. It is wonderful to celebrate our Grandparents.

Halloween Costumes: Students in all grades may wear their Halloween costumes to school tomorrow Friday, October 30. Please remember to keep safety first, masks are tough on the stairs, etc. Absolutely **NO WEAPONS** or dangerous items can be brought to school as part of their costume. Also remember that all costumes must be appropriate for our Catholic School environment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fright Night: Tickets for Fright Night will go home today. If you did not receive your ticket please notify the office tomorrow. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Uniform Reminder: As noted in the handbook, short, polo shirts (except gym), and ankle socks are considered "Summer Uniform" and **MAY NOT be worn after October 31.**

Reminder: We will have the After School Program open on 11/10 (noon time dismissal). You must pre-register your child if you intend to have your child stay in after school on Tuesday, November 10. The pre-registration forms went home last week.

Christmas Fair: The Christmas Fair Committee is looking for AC Moore and Michael's coupons. Please clip and send to the Office. Also the Committee is looking for baskets. Basket donations are appreciated.

Individual Pictures: On Tuesday, November 3 and Wednesday, November 4, Manzello Photography (see enclosed) will be at school to take individual pictures. If you choose **NOT** to have your child's picture taken he/she must come to school in uniform. **ONLY** students who are having their picture taken are allowed to dress up for picture day. Your child's teacher will let you know which day your child will be photographed.

Parents' Association Meeting: All are welcome to join the PA on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00pm in the Resource Library. **Agenda: Christmas Fair.**

Back by popular demand...HOT DOG DAY: Monday, November 9 see enclosed order form.

A note from the Reading Specialist:

How Much Should My Child be Reading Outside of School?

The additional practice a child acquires when he spends time reading outside of the school day has a tremendous impact on his reading ability and performance on standardized tests. The following chart shows the average amount of time spent reading each day by students who score at the 90th, 50th and 10th percentile on reading assessments.

Percentile Score on Standardized Reading Tests	Approximate Time Spent Reading Each Day (OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS)
90	40 minutes
50	13 minutes
10	1.5 minutes

If you would like suggestions on how to encourage your child to read more at home, please contact me at Robin. Carlo@stpetercc.com

Hawk Talk:

Cross Country: Congratulations to the boys and girls cross country team! The weather was cold but the Hawks were hot beating Worcester Academy with James Bowler coming in first place overall, followed by Shamus Crowley, Jane Clark and Tyler Kontulis. An extra special congratulation's goes out to the 5th graders and to our first year runners. This race was very difficult and they did great! We are so proud of them. Our grade 5 runners are Michael Asante, Caroline Clark, Thomas Clark, Thomas Conroy, Julia D' Alessandro, Joe Fitzpatrick, Mike Gachukia, Rebecca Gilchrist, Harry Heer, Billy Hogan, Tyler Kontulis, Noemi Marty, Alyssa McMahon, David O'Flaherty, Michael Power, Vanessa Schirduan, Madison Sklar and Steven Spencer. Our first year runners are Jared Aubin, Keslee Diiorio and Sam Pitzi. Go Hawks!

Attention Grade 8:

Entrance Exam: St. John's Saturday, 10/31@ 8:30. Notre Dame Saturday, 11/7 @ 8:30

Attention Grade 8 Parents: All Worcester Central Catholic High Schools Application form must be complete and return to the Office by Tuesday, November 3. The students will be taking the placement test for our Central Catholic High Schools on 11/12 & 11/13.

Please note the following dates and times:

- 10/30 Family Fright Night**
- 11/2 NO SCHOOL-Professional Development Day**
- 11/3 Individual Professional Photograph, see enclosed order form**
- 11/4 Individual Professional Photograph, see enclosed order form**
- 11/4 Parents' Association Meeting, 7:00pm Resource Library**
- 11/6 First Friday Mass**
- 11/6 End of First Marking Period**
- 11/9 Hot Dog Day, see enclosed order form**
- 11/10 Early Dismissal 12:00 noon-Parent Teacher Conferences**

