



ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once in a while, students pray for their pets when we are at community prayer. I was asked about prayers for animals, and as I thought about this, I came upon Scripture from the Old Testament Book of Job. "But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you." All of Creation comes from the handiwork of God, and, Scripture too celebrates the forms of life that surround us.

The News:

- **EARLY RELEASE THIS FRIDAY, September 17 at 12 Noon.** The faculty will be participating in a reading intervention training immediately following early dismissal.
- **DRESS DOWN:** We will have 'Dress Down Days' for everyone on Thursday and Friday this week. We will also have ice cream bars in the classroom Thursday afternoon in anticipation of 3rd Friday count, and a special surprise in the lunch bags on Friday.
- **3rd Friday count:** This Friday is IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE. This date is directly tied to our funding for school to operate. Let's have everybody in school!!
- **Pallotti Parish Annual Picnic this Sunday, September 19:** Come to the picnic between 10AM and 3PM and enjoy friends and families on the grounds behind Pallotti House between 54th Street and Hawley Road. Pallotti House is on Bluemound Road across from Holy Cross Cemetery. There will be Mass at 10, Barbecue, Music, and Games for the kids.
- **Dessert for the Picnic donations:** We can use desserts for the picnic. If you are willing to make a dessert drop them off in our school kitchen by Noon on Friday. Thank you.
- **Parish Art Contest:** Our students entries for this year's art contest will be posted at the picnic. Everyone who comes can vote. There will be 3 winners in each of 4 categories: Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2, Intermediate Grades 3,4,5, and the Middle School, 6,7,8. 1st prize: \$30. 2nd prize: \$20. 3rd prize: \$10 thanks to the Pastoral Council of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish.
- **Water Bottles in School:** Remember to send your children to school with their water bottle each day. The water fountains are still not being used. Students can refill their bottle throughout the day as well.
- **COVID Mitigation Plan:** See Pallotti's plan for dealing with COVID posted on our school web site.
- **Fevers and School:** We continue to take a student's temperature at school if they exhibit signs of sickness. If they have a fever of over 100.4 degrees, we will call parents to pick up student for a COVID test. Likewise, if a student has a fever at home, they should receive a COVID test prior to returning to school. Our Mitigation Plan lists many places in Milwaukee where testing is regularly available.

Peace and all Good,
Jeffrey Johnson

