Principal's Message:
We have been in school a month already and time is truly flying. The year has gotten off to a great start. All of our new students and their families have been a welcome addition to our school. Thanks to all of you for your constant support and cooperation. We ask your continued prayers for the success of the school year.

The Month of Mary:
We honor Mary, our heavenly mother, in a special way during the month of October. After recess, the students pray a decade of the rosary daily by the Rosary Garden (weather permitting) or in the hallway in inclement weather.

Powerschool:
All of our attendance reports are being generated through powerschool. All the grades are entered now on power school as well.

Also, our report cards are generated through power school.

Enclosed please find the conduct rubrics we will use to justify the conduct grade your child will receive. We had to receive special permission as well as submit the rubrics to the superintendent for approval. We feel that conduct grades are just as important as the subject grades.

VERY IMPORTANT: You are able to access your child's grades from home. (Grades K-8) All students in Grades K-8 can go on Power School and log into their account using the login information from last year. New parents have received the access numbers in the mail.

The teachers have 5 days from the day of the test/assignment to post the grades. If your child's tuition becomes delinquent, access to the parent portal will be temporarily terminated until the balance is brought up to date.

Project Wisdom:
Working in conjunction with our character development program, the students hear an inspirational message each morning that will help them to make choices and move their lives in a positive direction. Each message ends with the sentence- “Have a good day or not the choice is yours.” We hope this project will continue to motivate the students to make right choices and to treat others as they want to be treated.

Student Council Elections:
We are very proud of all the students who so willingly ran for student council offices.

The results of the elections are as follows:
President: Juliann Zimcosky
Vice President: Dante Nutt
Secretary: Luke Shumar
Treasurer (Grade 8): Billy Furnier
Sergeant-at-Arms (Grade 8): Gracie Ross
Treasurer (Grade 7): Sophia Fisher
Sergeant-at-Arms (Grade 7): Arianna Torres
Representative (Grade 4): Alexa Budner
Representative (Grade 5): Ayden Muchnok
Representative (Grade 6): David Ziglear
Editor (Newspaper): Ayden Kiefer
Co-Editor (Newspaper): MaKinleigh Cross

Anti-Bullying Policy:
We have an anti-bullying policy in conjunction with the diocese. Copies of the policy are in the office.

Hayride:
We are most grateful to the Duda family for hosting a hayride for our school again this year on Friday, October 4th. Arrival time should be from 5:00-5:15. Hayride will begin at 5:30.

Father/Daughter - Mother/Son Dances:
We have decided to combine the Father/Daughter and Mother/Son dances this year. The dance will be held on Friday, November 8th from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. We are grateful to Victoria Crable and Kristen Shumar for chairing this dance.

Enclosed please find the invitation to the dance. Please respond by October 18th.
Religious Event
Oct. 1 - 10:00 a.m. – All Schools Mass in Greensburg
   Grades 7 & 8 will represent us as well as the
   Class Representatives
Oct. 14 - 9:00 a.m. – School Mass
   Grade 6 is in charge of Liturgy

Secular Events
Oct. 2 - 6:30 p.m. Core Team Meeting
Oct. 3 - 12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal - Teacher's Meeting
Oct. 4 - 5:00 p.m. – Hayride at Duda’s Farm
Oct. 7 - 2:30-3:30 Robotics begins
Oct. 7 - 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Oct. 7 - 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
Oct. 9 – Bake Sale sponsored by Team Chris
   Dress down day $1.00
Oct. 18 - RSVP's due for Dances
Oct. 18 – Conference slips sent home
Oct. 21 - 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts
Oct. 23-31 Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 25 – Spirit Day!!
Oct. 28 - NO SCHOOL – Act 80 Day
Oct. 29 - Picture Retake Day & Pre-3
Oct. 29 – 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Oct. 30 – Haunted House /Pumpkin Patch
   Sponsored by Grades 7 & 8
Oct. 31 – 1:15 p.m. Halloween Parade

Yearbook Ads
Our eighth grade class, along with Mrs. Amy Palya
always create a memorable yearbook. On the enclosed
flier is the information you will need to know to place an
ad.
   All eighth grade students are required to solicit at
   least one ad for the yearbook.
   All ads are due by December 6th. Please mark your
   envelope: “Ad Information: Attention Office”

Halloween
There will be a Haunted House/Pumpkin Patch
sponsored by Grades 7 & 8. It will be held on
Wednesday, October 30th. The cost is $1.00.
   Halloween will be celebrated on Thursday, October
   31st. The parade will begin at 1:15 and will be held outside
   (weather permitting). If it rains, the parade will be held
   in the gym. We ask that no “devil” costumes be worn.
   The Home and School Association provides the treats
   for Halloween. We respectfully request that no extra
   treats be sent in. Thank you!

Picture Retakes
Picture retakes will be taken on Tuesday, October 29th.
A flier will be sent home closer to the date. Any child
who was absent on picture day will have their picture
taken on that day. Pre-3 will also have their pictures
taken on this day.

Boys Basketball and Cheerleading
All registration forms are due for Boys’ Basketball and
Girls’ Cheerleading by October 18th. If you need the
registration forms, please let the office know and we will
send it home for you.

Girls’ Basketball
The girls’ JV basketball team has been practicing very
hard for the upcoming season. Games have started and
the girls are doing well.
   Keep up the good work girls we are so proud of you!!
   Special thanks to Clemmer Family and Keith Frankenfield
   for giving of their time and talent to coach the girls

School Calendar
We are still taking orders for our School Calendar. The
deadline is approaching...please send in your order form by
October 25th. (See the enclosed form for information).
   Also we are still in need of advertisements for our
calendar. Please see the enclosed form. We will only
order enough calendars to fill the requests.

Student Spotlight:
We are proud to announce that Ann Kania was chosen
to be our Student Spotlight representative at the Golden
Apple Award ceremony on October 10th!
   Congratulations Ann!!!

Core Team Ticket:
The Core Team is sponsoring a ticket containing gift
cards and merchandise. We are still in need of some gift
cards. Please help us if you can.
   The tickets will be available in the office or from any
   team member the first week of November. The cost of the
ticket is $5.00. There are two numbers on the ticket.
   Many thanks to all who purchased gift cards, donated
   merchandise and money. Because of your generosity, we
   will make 100% profit on this fundraiser.

Sports News:
St. John’s Sports will be raffling off a ticket in
September thru April (except for December and January)
to help raise money for the sports program. It is a $500
cash/gas card and each ticket is $1.00. If you are
interested in buying one, please see one of the families
involved with sports. The
   winner of the September ticket
   will be announced in the next
   newsletter. For our sports
   families, your tickets are
   enclosed.
Thank you:
*Thank you to the Shaffer Family for the summer care of Mrs. Petrovich’s turtle, Scarlett.
*Thank you to Father Tony for the donation of the gym bags.
*Thank you to Mrs. Palya for the donation of cups
*Thank you to Mr. Davis for the donation of paper.
*Thank you to all the parents who sent in cookies for Grandparents’ Day.
*Thank you to all the Core Team members for their help during Grandparents’ Day.
*Thank you to the Home & School Association for purchasing 40 new cafeteria chairs.
*Mrs. Kristen Shumar for taking our entire school picture.
*Thank you to Cathy Poninsky for toys for After School.
*Thank you to Lenora Kushnar for Marathon prizes.

Giant Eagle Perks Card:
We were advised that the telephone number given last month will not work to register your card. You can follow the following steps to register your perks card so that a portion of the money spent at Giant Eagle will go directly to St. John School.

1. Sign in to gianteagle.com or create an account.
2. Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® online.
3. Visit the My School Programs at bottom of page and enter our code #1094.

WELLNESS CORNER:

October’s Nutritional Tip: Banana Bread
Ingredients:

2 eggs  ½ tsp. Salt
1 3/4 c. sifted flour  1/3 c. vegetable oil
2 tsp. baking powder  2/3 c. sugar
1/4 tsp. baking soda  1 c. mashed bananas

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Beat eggs well in a small bowl.
3. In a medium-size bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt.
4. In a large bowl, add the vegetable oil. Add the sugar a little bit at a time, and continue beating until the mixture is fluffy.
5. Add the eggs to the mixture in the large bowl and beat well.
6. Add some of the flour mixture to the large bowl and beat well. Then add some of the mashed bananas and beat some more. Continue adding flour, then bananas, then flour, then bananas, until everything is mixed in.
7. Pour mixture into the baking pan. Bake for 70 minutes.
8. Flip your banana bread out of the pan, let it cool for a bit, and cut it into slices to eat and share!

Serves 16