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# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear St. Joseph Families,

I cannot believe it is already November! Teachers will be sending home confirmation of time and date for the fall Parent Teacher conferences. Please be on the lookout for this slip and make sure to mark your calendar for the conference. These conferences are an important opportunity for families to have a direct conversation with their child's teacher regarding how students are doing academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. Parent Teacher Conferences are yet another opportunity for the important teamwork between home and school to ensure student learning, well-being and success. That is why the fall conferences are mandatory and an essential part to preparing children for the road that lies ahead. Parents and students can use this opportunity to discuss any obstacles or speed bumps that students are facing and work to find a way to help them overcome these challenges.

We are also kicking off our School Store Fundraiser again this year. Your child will be bringing home a lanyard with information to sign up for this fundraiser. This is an easy fundraiser for people *who already shop online*! Simply share the link with family and friends, use the link to shop at common stores online and each time the school earns a percentage back! Last year we had a very generous amount of gift cards donated through School Store, which of course we appreciate. However, we learned that the shop we can use these gift cards for has very overpriced items. Therefore, we recommend not purchasing gift cards through the School Store website this year but using the fundraiser to do your regular online shopping.

We have a busy month with an early release day next week Friday (11/13), Parent Teacher Conferences (11/23-11/24), House of Peace Thanksgiving Box Collection, and so much more! I want to thank everyone who was able to take the survey or join one of the focus groups for our strategic planning process. Your input, perspective and insights are so incredibly helpful to guiding our school over the next 3-5 years!

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