

**DATE CHANGES** – Please make note of the following changes to our school calendar:

- Spirit Week has been moved to Catholic Schools Week (Feb 1-5)
- Our Virtual Learning Day will be held on Thursday, 11/19, **NOT** Friday, 11/20.

**FCOC THANKSGIVING SERVICE DRIVE** – Please join us this month by participating in the Flushing Christian Outreach Center’s Thanksgiving Service Drive. Throughout the week of November 16-20 St. Robert School will be collecting toilet paper and cereal donations to be sent to the FCOC. Donations can be sent in to the school with your child.

### **VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY INFO**

- Please be advised of a change in day regarding our “Virtual Learning Day” originally scheduled for Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. In light of concerns we had with respect to the dissemination of school issued devices for home use in addition to allowing for the opportunity to properly evaluate its effectiveness, we felt it served our schools best interest to move the virtual learning day to **Thursday, November 19, 2020**.
- Students will therefore be engaged in virtual learning from home on Thursday, 11/19 and will return to school on Friday, 11/20 to resume business as usual.
- **Please be advised that our Virtual Learning Day is not optional nor is it a day off from school. Attendance will be taken and students will have a scheduled day planned.**
- School issued ChromeBooks or ChromeBook Tablets will be distributed to all students in grades K-8 on Wednesday, 11/18. ChromeBooks and Tablets will be expected to be brought back to school on Friday, 11/20.
- In understanding that this change may cause inconvenience for some of our families with respect to making arrangements for child care, we are offering full day ESP on Thursday, 11/19 at no charge. Due to childcare licensing restrictions however, we are limited to no more than 18 students in attendance. As a result, signing up for ESP on Thursday, 11/19 will be on a first come, first served basis.
- Drop-off for full day ESP will take place at our normal location for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades (South Church Lot) between 7:30-7:45am. School day ESP will begin at 7:45am and end at 2:31pm. Pick-up for students going home at 2:31pm will take place at the normal dismissal location (South Church Lot). Pickup for students who will remain in ESP after the 2:31pm dismissal will take place at the regular ESP pickup door (Teacher’s Lot on Henry St.).
- It is important to convey that this virtual day of learning will serve as an opportunity to practice and assess protocols for properly executing remote learning. Therefore, upon assessing the pros and cons of the day, we will look to make adjustments as necessary. Planning for virtual learning is not an easy task nor is it a one size fits all approach. Because of this, our preparation and planning efforts are ongoing and at the forefront of our minds should we revert to a virtual learning environment in the near future.
- **Additional information, as well as the links for the Remote Learning Site and for ESP signup can be found in Mr. Ralbusky’s email that was sent out to all school families on Wednesday, 11/11.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Learning Day (mandatory day of school)
Tuesday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fair Casual Day
Wednesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>½ Day of School (10:55am Dismissal)</b> <b>NO Take Home Buses</b>
Thursday, 11/26 and Friday, 11/27	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Thanksgiving Break

**THE GIVING TREE** will be up in church beginning the weekend of November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The gifts will need to be returned by December 13<sup>th</sup> for distribution. Please call Sandy at 659-6610 if you know of a family in need of assistance this year (the deadline to apply is November 16<sup>th</sup>) or would like to adopt a family. Thank you again for your support for those in need.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** – The Flushing Knights of Columbus will be selling **Keep Christ in Christmas** cards again this year. Order forms are available by contacting Ed Warren at [FS8489@MIKOFC.ORG](mailto:FS8489@MIKOFC.ORG) or by calling (810) 241-4847. Please leave your name, mailing address and phone number. The last order will be placed by November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Saturday, 11/14	9am-4pm, Level 1 Training (Media Center)
Monday, 11/6	2:45pm, Staff Meeting (Media Center)
Tuesday, 11/17	<b>NO</b> Staff Meeting
Wednesday, 11/18	8:30am, Mass 2:45pm, Math Dept. Meeting (Media Center) 6:30pm, School Advisory Meeting (Media Center)
Thursday, 11/19	Virtual Learning Day