

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD

Dear Parent:

How important is homework? There is no doubt that almost everyone has had an opinion about it. Research in the importance of homework in the past ten years has strengthened the case for homework. The bottom line is that many parents and teachers agree that homework develops students' study habits and work ethic, as well as supports academic learning. Catholic schools, in particular, value homework as part of the recipe for helping students meet high academic and study expectations.

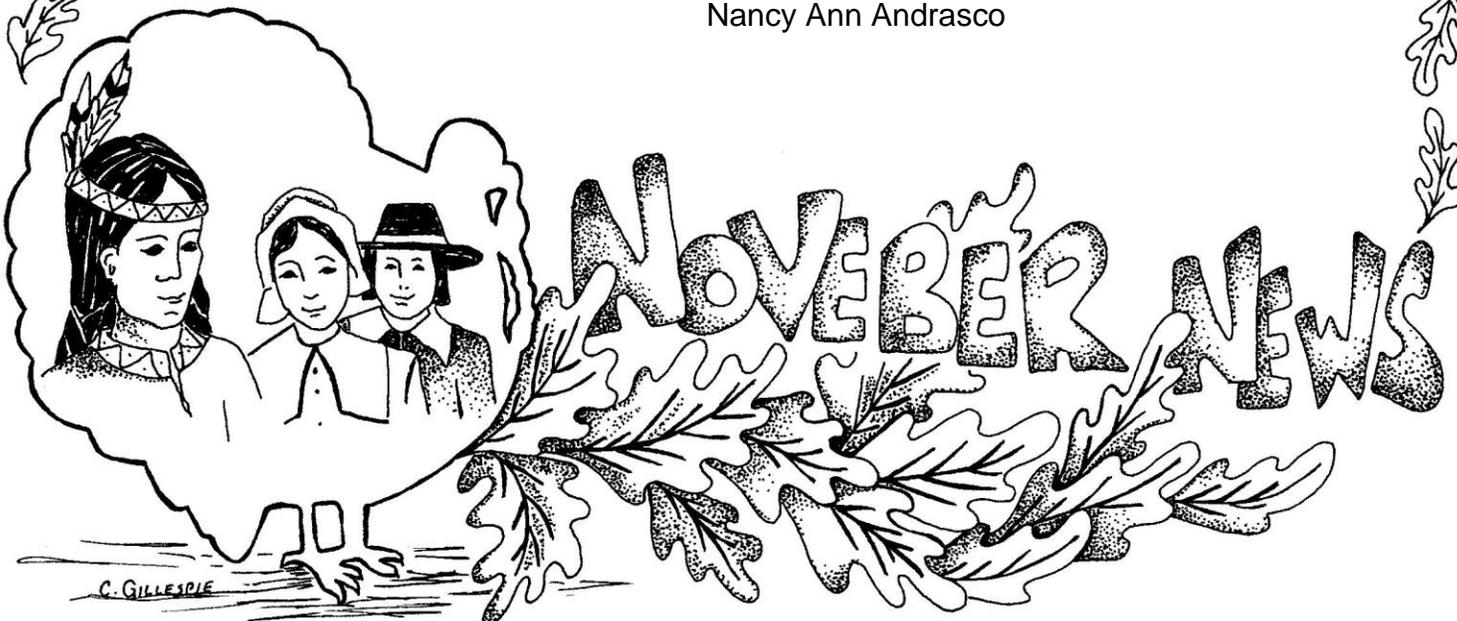
Here are a few ideas for making homework a positive growth experience for your child:

- Encourage your child to keep an assignment book in which all assignments are recorded.
- Create a regular time and space for homework. Treat homework as an important aspect of your child's schooling.
- Recognize your child's regular completion of homework assignments as "the way we do things in our home." This expresses both expectation and honest appreciation for your child.
- Try to strike a balance of appropriate assistance with your child's homework—not too much, not too little. Younger children may need more assistance than older children.

When good study habits and successful completion of homework are regular expectations, students benefit by attaining better grades, better study habits, and a more positive attitude toward school and learning. Homework is also a valuable way for parents to gain insight to help support the school curriculum. Today might be a good day to examine the "homework habits" in your household to ensure that your family receives the benefits that homework can bring.

Wishing you and your family the blessings of Thanksgiving,

Nancy Ann Andrasco



RELIGION NEWS

CONFIRMATION—The 8th Graders are to begin their preparation for Confirmation soon. Part of this preparation includes a Candidate/Parent Meeting, which is to be held **Thursday, November 9**, at 7:00, in Church. It is important that we work together during this time of preparation. Your prayers are requested for the 8th Graders as they prepare to receive their final sacrament of initiation.

VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATION—All are invited to join the St. Jane School Community to celebrate a Veterans' Day Liturgy on **Friday, November 10**, at 8:30. All students are to be dressed in red, white, and blue. Parishioners/Parents who join us are urged to do the same and veterans should wear patriotic attire or something related to their brand of the service. Veterans will be honored at the Communion Meditation.

FAMILY MASS—The November Family Mass, which celebrates the Confirmation Commitment of the 8th Graders, is being held **Sunday, November 12**, at 9:30 Mass. At this Mass, the students present a signed pledge which states their commitment to the Confirmation program at St. Jane. While this Mass highlights the 8th Graders, all St. Jane families are encouraged to worship with them.

ALL SCHOOL PRAYER SERVICE—In celebration of Thanksgiving, the St. Jane students are gathering for a special Prayer Service on **Monday, November 20**, at 1:30. All are welcome to join us in our expression of thanks for the many blessings which are bestowed upon us each day.

GRUB DAY—**Friday, November 10**, is Grub Day. Bring Efferdent, mouthwash, Kleenex, and lotion for the Little Sisters of the Poor. These items are then distributed by the Sisters to those in need. In honor of Veteran's Day, students are expected to dress in red, white, and blue.

HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION—Once again, the St. Jane de Chantal Hungry and Homeless Committee is collecting any leftover Halloween candy which you have in your home. Just have your child bring it to school. Any candy which is donated will be used by the Hungry and Homeless Committee as they prepare a monthly meal.

REPORT CARDS/CONFERENCES—Report cards are being distributed **Thursday, November 16**, with Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for **Friday, November 17**. You can expect Conference schedules to be sent home on **Wednesday, November 8**. Please take time to review your child's report card prior to attending the conference. The faculty and I are looking forward to meeting with you. If other conferences with teachers are necessary throughout the year, it is important that prior arrangements are made concerning date and time.

HONOR ROLL—Once the report cards are distributed, a list of those students who have earned a place on the First Trimester Honor Roll will be placed outside the office. Students are being recognized for their achievement according to the following criteria: High Honors (Straight A's), First Honors (3.5-3.99), Second Honors (3.0-3.5). These students are to be commended for their achievements and are urged to continue their efforts during the coming trimester.

PRE SCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN SURVEY—During the month of November, a survey is being conducted to determine how many students are seeking entrance into Pre School and Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 School Year. This is not a registration, only a survey, but if the number of applicants exceeds the places available, selection will be made only from those who responded to the survey, according to school policy guidelines which includes being a registered parishioner. Perspective Pre School and Kindergarten parents should call the school office at 767-1130. Those currently enrolled in our Preschool need not call as a separate note is being sent to you regarding the survey.

DAILY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL—Please be certain that your child(ren) arrive at school no earlier than 8:00 A.M. as there is no playground supervision before school. Students are expected to gather on the playground or near their respective doors and conduct themselves in a quiet, orderly manner. **No running games or ball playing is permitted at this time.** Drivers are reminded that vans, trucks, and other oversized vehicles should not park in the front row in the parking lot as they obstruct the view of the smaller vehicles behind them. Also no cars are permitted on the East Parking Lot along the alley as the little children gather there. Driving down the alley in order to pick up children is also not permitted. Your cooperation is requested in these matters as to assure the safety of students and parents who are on the playground.

REMINDER—As the winter months are quickly approaching, parents are encouraged to keep children with colds, coughs, or sore throats at home until they have recovered, for their benefit as well as the health of other students and staff members. Furthermore, students who are absent due to a contagious disease must present a written note from the doctor in order to return to school.

HOT LUNCH REMINDER—Please check your hot lunch calendar carefully so that your child is not without a lunch. Mark your menu at home with the days that lunch is ordered so that you have a copy at home. There seems to be more children coming to school without a lunch and there aren't always extra lunches to sell to them. Please note days when lunch isn't to be ordered—school holidays, half-days, and field trip days. Also, when filling out the lunch forms, make sure the circle with the kind of milk your child wishes to have is filled in or they will automatically receive white milk. Your cooperation in these matters is most appreciated.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS—Please be aware of the following calendar dates: Thursday, November 16, 1:30 Dismissal; Friday, November 17, 11:30 Dismissal due to Conferences; and Wednesday, November 22, No School as this begins the Thanksgiving Weekend.

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS—While you are doing your cleaning for the upcoming holidays, please consider donating any usable toys to the Preschool or Kindergarten. The students are always happy to accept these donations. Paper and other office supplies are always welcome. These donations are of great assistance and help us stretch our budget.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS/BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION—Once again labels are being collected for the purchase of classroom supplies. Please save your Campbell's labels and encourage friends and neighbors to do the same. In addition, please continue to save General Mills Box Tops and printer cartridges. All of these programs benefit our school.

ABSENTEES—Parents are reminded that they are expected to contact the office before 8:30 on the day which their child is absent from school. Upon his/her return to school, the child is expected to present a note to the teacher explaining the absence. Your cooperation with this policy is crucial as the whereabouts of the students is an important safety issue. Also, please make arrangements for a brother/sister, a neighbor, classmate, or parent to pick up an absentee's work at the end of the school day, as it is difficult to do so midday.

UNIFORM REMINDERS—There are a few recent fashion trends which are not appropriate for students who wear uniforms. Oversized blouses/polo shirts worn outside skirts/pants may be the latest fashion trend, but blouses/polo shirts are expected to fit so that they can be worn tucked into skirts/pants. Short skirts may be fashionable, but skirts should not be rolled in order for them to be short. Only navy or black sweatshirts with the St. Jane logo are to be worn with the uniforms. They are also not to be worn inside out. Since the boys' school pants have belt loops, they really should be wearing a belt. **Only oxford or loafer style shoes are to be worn to school. Boots, moccasins and other slipper-like shoes are not to be worn to school.** Only St. Jane sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and shorts may be worn to school on Gym Days. Please check to make sure that your child(ren) is/are wearing the uniform according to the guidelines in the Parent/Student Handbook.

CHILDREN'S CENTER—Registration for the Children's Center, St. Jane's Extended Day Program, is open to all students throughout the year. Any parent who is unable to pick up their child(ren) at the 2:35 dismissal should register their child(ren) with the Children's Center as school personnel cannot be responsible for students after 2:35. The Children's Center provides a safe, caring environment for the children until their parents are able to pick them up from school. The registration fee is \$30 and the families are billed for time used. Please consider this in terms of jury duty, Christmas shopping, and running late from work.

MONTHLY TUITION RAFFLE-- Once again, a monthly tuition raffle was offered to parents as another fund raising opportunity. \$10 raffle tickets are purchased, \$5 of which goes toward your annual fund raising commitment. The winning ticket is pulled on the 15th of the month. Then \$399 is credited toward the winner's tuition. Given the fact that it was the first month, we were extremely pleased with the level of participation. 23 families participated. 5 families purchased one ticket, 14 families purchased two tickets, 2 families purchased 4 tickets, 1 family purchased eight tickets and 1 family purchased ten tickets. This tuition raffle brought in \$291 this past month. Your participation is encouraged as it is a win-win for everyone. The Bedtke Family (Joey Gr. 7, Haley Gr. 5, and Madison Gr. 3) was October's winner. Look for November's winner to be announced in next month's newsletter.

FALL CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR—Be sure to stop by Ward Hall on **Sunday, November 5, 9:00-2:00** for the Fall Craft and Vendor Fair. Crafters and vendors will have lots of items suitable for the coming holidays. The kitchen will also be open with breakfast and lunch items.