

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away. Earlier today we sent an invitation to our fall Parent/Student/Teacher conferences sign up. These will take place virtually the week before Thanksgiving November 23-25. These conferences involve your child, so please sign up for a time your child is available for. If you do not find a time that works for your family, please let us know and we will find another time that we can all meet.

We had a wonderful celebration sharing our stories on Thursday. I invite you all to have your child show you the flipgrid videos and to leave comments for these wonderful authors. We will begin our new unit "The Art of Information Writing" this week. We will be shifting gears from telling stories to teaching others about topics we are experts in. Please watch this [video](#) as a way to understand how you can support your child during this unit.

If you haven't made it to school yet to pick up the newest supplies please try to do so soon. We will be using the materials on Monday and don't want your child to fall behind. This is a great time to also drop off food for the food drive. The lockers for St. Vincent de Paul are getting pretty low which shows the great need. You can also drop off more food at the office or participate in the drive through food drive on November 20th. Sixth Grade volunteers will be stationed at Bozman Plaza for a Drive through drop off from 8:00 to 9:30. Please help as much as you are able!

Here are some important dates coming up:

Wednesday November 11th - Veteran's Day No School

Friday November 13th - All School Mass honoring St. Francis Cabrini

Friday November 20th - 3rd Grade students have the opportunity to attend daily mass with their Parents at 8:30 AM.

November 23-25 - Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - No school for students

Monday November 30th - **Heritage Project Due**

Mr. Boyle has given us the following information to share with you:

The Thanksgiving holidays are traditionally the busiest travel time of the year for individuals and families. But it's 2020, and we are in the midst of an increasing COVID-19 surge. Travel increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19, so staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you decide you must travel during the fall, you should review the recently updated CDC website on [Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), which includes tips on what to do before, during, and after travel.

Thank you for your continued support. We are getting through this together.

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