

Dear Parents,

A lot is happening in the next few weeks! To begin, our newly elected student government has created for us a fun-filled spirit week. So mark your calendars so the children are ready for the following spirit days.

**Monday, October 17:** Hawaiian Theme

**Tuesday, October 18:** St. Luke a Thon: Our theme is St. Luke Spirit. Wear your new spirit sport shirt with each of your last names on it. We bought blue and gold pompoms for the kids but add anything else you can think of to show spirit. Please no hair color since we have our first mass back in the church the next day.

**Wednesday, October 19:** Best Uniform for Mass.

**Thursday, October 20:** Dress like your favorite Decade. Pick your favorite decade 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, or 90's dress day.

**Friday, October 21:** St. Luke Colors blue and gold

We are continuing our **October Safety month** with two more safety lessons. Our first lesson is on Safe Touch. On Monday, October 17th, we will be teaching the first lesson from Empowering God's Children Teaching Safety Class. The Third-grade focus in the fall is Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules. As always, you have the option to opt out (the form is attached to the email) or we can send you the materials to teach your own child. If we don't hear back from you with the **opt-out form by Sunday, Oct. 16th**, we will assume you are okay with the class being taught by us to your child. Then on October 20 at 10:20 our school will be participating in The Great ShakeOut with schools from across the United States. Before that day the class will be learning about earthquakes and how to be safe. They will be bringing home a "12 Ways to Prepare" to talk to you about being prepared for an earthquake. Here is a link to more information. <https://www.ready.gov/plan>

It's time for the mid-trimester progress report! Watch for an envelope coming home on Friday, Oct. 21st. Please check Powerschool to see your child's progress so far. As we continue our grading this weekend, PowerSchool will continue to be updated. Be sure to sign the back and bring send back to school as soon as possible.

**Halloween** will be here before you know it! Our room parents are busy planning celebrations for our classrooms plus the Parent's Club is having the annual "Trunk or Treat". It is always a fun but crazy day! The children can dress up for Halloween but please refrain from wearing any face makeup which isn't as comfortable after so much time. Also, I'm sure this goes without saying but please no fake blood or weapons. We will also be learning about the Day of the Dead (Dia de Los Muertos) and coloring a sugar skull.

Enjoy your long weekend,  
Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith