

## Dates to Remember

- Oct 2:** Picture Retakes
- Oct 4:** Pet Blessing @2:30 pm
- Oct 5:** 11:30 dismissal
- Oct 6-21:** Aluminum Can Recycling
- Oct 8:** NO SCHOOL
- Oct 11:** Casual Day
- Oct 15:** Living Rosary @8:45am
- Oct 19:** End 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- Oct 24:** October Birthday Day
- Oct 25:** GPD \$1 Casual Day
- Oct 29:** No School – Teacher Inservice
- Oct 30:** PreK Halloween party @10:45 am  
K-6 Halloween parties @1:45 pm

## GOD'S PORTION DAY COMMITTEE

A BIG thank you to the God's Portion Day Committee for all the wonderful work you do to support our school throughout the year, especially the tremendously successful Auction in June. **The total amount raised for the past year was over \$135,000!!!!**

GPD Committee members this year include: David & Lindsey Henson, Kim Logan, Jocelyn & Brandon Priebe, Kelly & Keith Feikert, Trisha & Josh Mitchell, and Nicole & Eric Wheatley.



They will kick off the year soon with the SPPS Cash Dash. Other events to watch for include: Chili Cook-off, Penny Wars, and of course the **GPD Auction scheduled for June 2, 2019.**

*Your support of these events, through donations of time, talent, and treasure, are very much appreciated and are a tremendous help to the school!*

We had another successful yard sale with sales totaling around \$4,700! Thank you to everyone (especially Alicia Titus and Kate Evans who chaired the event) who made the day a success through donations of "things" and time! The teachers are very appreciative of the donations for their bake sale which made just under \$500!



You are welcome to join us for lunch any day. Please remember to call the office to let us know ahead of time.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Pancake Breakfast during Grape Festival. Our profit was over \$1900!!

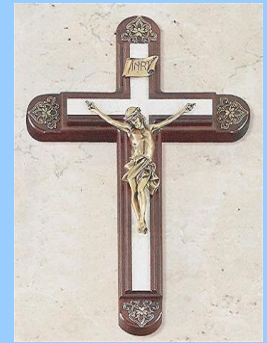


## Childhood Cancer Awareness month continues at SPPS!

- **PJ Day** on September 11 resulted in \$157 raised, to be donated to Unravel Pediatric Cancer.
- Students enjoyed a **Gold Out Day** on Tuesday, September 18 - they wore gold or a shirt from any of the areas Childhood Cancer Warriors.
- This week's theme was **"Sock It To Cancer!"** Students brought in new pairs of socks to be donated to the University of Iowa Hospital Stead Family Hospital Oncology Unit. The kiddos up there cannot get out of bed without socks; they love to get "cool" socks and we have them covered!

**DRESS CODE:** The end of September brings the end of wearing shorts to school. Thanks for your patience as we transition to fall weather – please help your child remember that a jacket may be necessary for the cool mornings.

We are in need of a **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Girls' Volleyball Coach** (volunteer position) - provide instruction to 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls during volleyball season (December – February) Coordinate practice schedules and coach during games. Qualifications: Experience working with elementary children and parents; knowledge of volleyball and coaching; a good Catholic role model.  
Contact the school for more information. 217-453-2511 or principal@stspeterpaul.org



**With the help of**

**God's grace,**

**we form the mind,**

**body, and spirit**

**of each child**

**within our school**

**family;**

**we form children**

**to be**

**Leaders for Christ.**

**Security Camera at the front door:** The camera is not on the outside unit, so when you hit the buzzer, please stand in front of either door (not the pole in the middle), then we can see you better. Thank you!

**Picture Retakes** will be October 2 – if you would like your child's picture retaken, please send a note or call the school to let us know.

Spirit shirt orders are due **October 5.**

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 – Grant Feikert
- 3 – Lewis Siegfried
- 9 – Chase Mitchell
- 11 – Pearl Ramsey
- 12 – Elle Feikert
- 20 – Emma Scheetz
- 22 – Connor Meyer
- 27 – Kristina Evans

Our fall **ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE** begins Saturday, Oct. 6 and runs through Oct. 21. Our goal is to collect and recycle 500 pounds of aluminum cans. Please make sure your bags contain **only cans**, no glass or plastic bottles, and no trash. Cans may be dropped off at school beginning Oct 6. Start saving your cans to help our environment & SPPS!

### **SPPS Leader Essentials**

- Rule 1: Respond to adults with "Yes ma'am" or "No sir" or use their name
- Rule 2: Make eye contact when someone is speaking
- Rule 3: Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough and say excuse me
- Rule 4: Always say thank you when given something
- Rule 5: Follow along when we read together in class

# OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS

## PET BLESSING

To celebrate the *Feast of St. Francis*, we will have our annual pet blessing at **2:30 pm Thursday, October 4**. We invite you to bring your pets to school (at 2:30 pm) for this special blessing and then take them back home afterwards. If your pet can't make it that day, pictures will also work.

- **Friday, October 5** is an early dismissal @11:30 am – no lunch will be served. NC does NOT have an early dismissal, so please make arrangements for your child if they normally ride the NC public bus home.
- **Monday, October 8** NO SCHOOL in honor of Columbus Day

## We're going to Harvestville Farms!!

On **Friday, October 12**, the whole school is going to Harvestville Farms in Donnellson, Iowa.

- We will leave after Mass and return before dismissal. PK – 4<sup>th</sup> grade will ride the SPPS bus, 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade will travel by car (we will need 3 or 4 parents to drive – please let Mrs. Scheetz or Mrs. Gray know if you're able).
- Permission slips will come home next week.
- SPPS will pay admission for the students.
- Parents who would like to attend may drive and meet us there around 10:30 am. You will need to pay for yourself.
- 3 year old preschoolers may attend with their parent(s) and meet us there around 10:30 am as well.
- **Students need to bring their lunch w/drink.**

## LIVING ROSARY

October is a special month dedicated to the Rosary, so on **Monday, October 15**, SPPS students and staff will create and participate in a **Living Rosary**, beginning at **8:45 AM** in the gym. Everyone is invited; please join us if you are available.



*A BIG thank you to Mrs. Scheetz and the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade for preparing this special event!*

**Monday, October 29** NO SCHOOL – Diocesan Teacher Inservice

## HALLOWEEN

Halloween celebrations will be @ 10:45 AM for preschool and @ 1:45 PM for K-6 on Tuesday, October 30. The following parents have signed up to help (provide treats and a game):

**Preschool:** Brandy George & Nicole Wheatley

**Kindergarten:** Jean Brown

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Chris Wisheart & Nicole Wheatley

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Kim Logan & Mary Ann Hancock

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>:** Lindsey Henson & Karla Sullivan

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>:** Neva Koechle & Marie Allen

