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Dear St. Germaine families,

We are off to a terrific start! Everyone was busy last week, but everything ran smoothly and I for one am very grateful that everyone is back—it's nice to have voices, smiles and laughter in the building again! With 4 days of school under our belts we now look forward to our festival weekend—the tents are up!

- **Meet the Teacher** night for grades K – 8 is this Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm—please make every effort to attend. Go directly to your youngest child's classroom to meet their teacher and receive more specific information. Following that “meeting,” you may go to your older child's classroom, (Grades 6 – 8 meet in church at 6:45 pm). This is a parent-only evening—plan on 1 hour or less.
- **Our Morley fundraiser** has begun!—we are asking *each family* to set and meet the goal of \$100 + in sales, that goal met would result in a very successful fundraiser. Orders are due by Monday, September 25 (Picture Day!). And don't forget **Yankee Candles**, online sales are open now. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Lunch News:** Please continue to pack a morning snack (optional), lunch, and a drink for your child(ren) this week. Hot lunches will not be served until September 19.
- **Festival News (September 15, 16, 17):** Please remember that *each school family is required to volunteer a minimum of 8 hours* for festival (4 hours for partial day students). While assistance is needed in many different areas of our festival, our games tent is probably the most “kid friendly.” I suggest that parents of our younger students (Preschool – grade 3) complete their hours in the games tent. Your children can work right alongside you OR at least be in the games tent while you work. Students grades 2 and up may “bus” tables in the “kitchen.” Adult Sign ups:  
**Games tent:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da9ab2fa7f94-games>  
**Festival kitchen:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaac2da64-festival>
- **Sport News:** Please make sure [CYO basketball sign up](#) (grades 5 – 8) sheets are returned on time (by 9/13).
- After-school **band** begins this week, golf and tennis begin the week of September 25. Sign up for **tennis** (gr. 2 – 8) at [ifirstserve.net](http://ifirstserve.net) and sign up for **golf** (gr. K – 8) at [www.playtga.com/semichigan](http://www.playtga.com/semichigan).

Here's a look at our days ahead:

Monday, September 11	Patriot Day—we begin our day together with prayers for our Nation and each other and the Pledge of Allegiance!
Tuesday, September 12	Mass at 8:30 am grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, September 13	Mass at 8:30 am grades 1 – 5; Meet the teacher 6:30/6:45
Thursday, September 14	Dress down day for \$1.00
Friday, September 15	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> —Festival kick off parade 5:15 begins at Gaffke Park, travels through the neighborhood streets to our festival grounds and our festival officially opens when the parade arrives! ☺
Friday – Sunday, 9/15 – 9/17	<b>FESTIVAL WEEKEND—HAVE FUN!</b>
Monday, September 19	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> —Festival clean up ( <b>help is needed if you're available</b> ) ☺

Have a great week/weekend and as always, if you have any questions please contact the school office.  
Blessings!

Mrs. DeGrez