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September 25, 2017

Dear St. Germaine families,

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful weekend. We now enter our first full week of school! Today is **Picture Day!** If your child is absent or if you are dissatisfied with the pictures you receive, they can be retaken on "retake day," which Wednesday, October 25.

- Online sales for **Yankee Candles** are open now. Click [here](#) for more information
- **Festival service hour sheets** are due in the office by this Friday.
- Apply for free and reduced lunch at <https://lunchapp.com/>. When prompted to "Find your school district," type in and select Archdiocese of Detroit and continue.
- **Golf** and **Tennis** begin September 25, 27/29. Sign up for **tennis** (gr. 2 – 8) at ifirstserve.net and sign up for **golf** (gr. K – 8) at www.playtga.com/semichigan.
- **Preschoolers** will enjoy the first field trip of the school year Tuesday & Wednesday.
- Our first **school committee** meeting will be held tonight. Members meet the fourth Monday of each month to discuss/clarify items pertaining to school policy and/or programs. If you ever have a question regarding school policy or a suggestion for improvement to our school programs, please contact any school committee member listed on our website and your question/suggestion will be added to our agenda.
- We **collect/recycle** Empty toothpaste and dental floss containers, dried up markers, Box Tops and ink/toner cartridges. We also collect clothes/shoes and unbreakable household goods in the bin in the activity center parking lot for our friends at the **Disabled Veterans Society**. Please support them. We also recycle paper in the 2 bins in our north parking lot.
- **IOWA/Cognitive Ability testing** begins next week (October 2) for students in grades 1 – 8. There is no way to *prepare* for these tests, they are a snapshot of what your children know/have already learned, but you can assist them in doing their best with encouragement, adequate rest (inadequate sleep is often the reason for irritability and inattentiveness) the night before, and a satisfying, nutritional breakfast each morning. ☺
- Our St. Germaine 8th grade Class of 2018 is sponsoring a **15 Hour Scrapbook Fundraiser** Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight! Click [here](#) for flyer. Donations for prize baskets would also be greatly appreciated!

Here's a look at our week ahead:

Monday, September 25	Picture Day! Morley orders due, golf classes begin after school; School Committee
Tuesday, September 26	Grade 6 – 8 Mass at 8:30 am—join us! Preschool to apple orchard
Wednesday, September 27	Grade 1 – 5 Mass at 8:30 am—join us! Preschool to apple orchard Grade 5 Reconciliation, tennis class after school;
Thursday, September 28	Business as usual
Friday, September 29	Dress down day for \$1.00, tennis class after school
Sunday, October 1	Confirmation Enrollment Liturgy 10:30 am

Weekend Liturgies here at Our Lady of Hope are celebrated Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. *There is no better way to ensure your child develops in his or her faith life than to regularly, actively, and joyfully celebrate the Eucharist as a family.*

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

Blessings!

Mrs. DeGrez