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November 20, 2017

Dear St. Germaine families,

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful weekend as we enter into our week of Thanksgiving.

- Our “eating out” location this week is **Ram’s Horn on 9 Mile/Jefferson, Tuesday, November 21**. Be sure to let them know that you are there for our fundraiser.
- Our preschoolers have been busy preparing for their “Pow-Wow.” Mark your calendars: Parent presentations will be held in the activity center on Monday at 10:30 am and Tuesday at 10:00 am.
- As our **all – school service project**, we are participating in a toy drive to benefit special needs children in Macomb County, please donate new, unwrapped toys by November 30.
- Please also consider donating to our **Daisy/Brownie Pet supply drive**. See [flyer](#).
- Students in grades 1 – 8 are invited to participate in the **Knights of Columbus poster contest** themed, **Keep Christ in Christmas**, which begins today. Posters are due by December 15.
- Please share this link: <http://www.ltdcommodities.com/channels/school/sgcs48081> with family, friends, and on social media. We are eligible for 5 – 7% cash back on all sales through 12/15.
- Please send **pictures for the 2017 – 2018 yearbook** to **Lisa Green** at [lgreen@stgermaine.org](mailto:lgreen@stgermaine.org) Sporting events, birthday parties, field trips etc. are all great photo opportunities for our yearbook!
- Love basketball? Want to help out? Need service hours? We host our **CYO Boys’ Thanksgiving Tournament** ([click here](#) for tournament schedule) which began Friday and runs through this weekend. Help is needed, sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4eaeaf2da64-20171>
- Give the gift of life—give blood at our Men’s Club annual **blood drive** on Friday, 11/24 from 1-7 p.m.
- We have a short school week due to our Thanksgiving holiday—full days of school Monday and Tuesday and a half day on Wednesday with dismissal for Kindergarten at 11:30; grades 1-8 at 11:40.

Here’s a look at our week:

Monday, November 20	Preschool Pow-Wow parent presentation at 10:30 am
Tuesday, November 21	Mass at 8:30 am—grades K – 8, Fr. Steve Pullis will be here to celebrate Mass with us and visit our school, Preschool Pow-Wow parent presentation at 10 am, Toddler Time! Special guest visit 2 pm, Band after school, Ram’s Horn 4 – 8pm
Wednesday, November 22	<b>Half day dismissal at 11:40 am (11:30 am for kindergarten)</b>
Thursday, November 23	No school—Thanksgiving Day, Mass here at 9 am
Friday, November 24	No school— <a href="#">CYO basketball tournaments</a> continue through the weekend— We host the boys here at home, 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> girls play at <a href="#">St. Margaret</a> and 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> girls play at <a href="#">Shrine</a> Go Spartans! Mens’ Club sponsored blood drive 1 – 7 pm in SH
Saturday/Sunday 25/26	Basketball tournaments continue— <a href="#">Go Spartans!</a>

**Weekend Liturgies here at Our Lady of Hope are celebrated Saturdays at 5:00 pm, Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:30 am (a special “Children’s Liturgy” is offered during 10:30 Mass). *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.***

**Looking ahead: December 3—breakfast with Santa 9 am – 12:30 pm AND CYO team Mass at 10:30 am**

Enjoy the extended holiday weekend with friends and family and give thanks to God for our many blessings.  
Mrs. DeGrez