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Dear Parents:

Well, we made it through Halloween and Election Day! I feel like we have a lot of positive momentum building as we continue to recover from the effects of COVID-19. Our basketball season is in progress, our Art Workshops are taking place, our STEAM Center is producing some amazing opportunities for our students, the new choir has been performing, and the weather has been beautiful. St. Lawrence is a special place and we are going to continue to do our best to offer special opportunities for our students and provide an incredible education.

One new program that we are going to initiate is a cross-curricular middle school computer class. Our students are growing up with technology and we need to challenge them and give them the opportunity to be creative and grow while experiencing a rigorous, relevant, and engaging computer curriculum. The sixth and seventh grade classes will be producing a student newspaper publication in which they will be simultaneously executing assignments for English, Social Studies, and Religion (8th graders already produce the yearbook). The students will receive grades for computer class as well as the above-mentioned classes. This collaboration will offer many opportunities for these students to enhance their research, writing, and computer skills. Keep an eye out for this new project in the near future.

God Bless!

Mr. Detzel

<u>Free Lunches</u> – St. Lawrence School is excited to announce that we will be able to offer free lunches to all students for the remainder of the school year! We would like to thank the USDA for providing this opportunity.

<u>TAG Day for Turkeys</u> – The third grade is hosting November's service project. We are having a tag day on Wednesday, November 11th to buy Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need. St. Lawrence hosts a Thanksgiving feast for needy families. Our donation will be given to help pay for this mission. We are asking that each student bring in at least \$1 to be out of uniform. We will also be giving families artwork that is made by our students.

<u>Christmas Spirit Wear Sale</u> - The time is here for our Christmas spirit wear order. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Orders will be delivered to school before Christmas Break. If you would like to make special pick up arrangements for your order, please call the school office. Otherwise, all orders will be sent home with students. Happy Shopping! https://christmassale2020.itemorder.com/

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E-Learning Day – Don't forget that next Friday, November 13th is an E-Learning Day.

<u>Basketball</u> – As mentioned above, we have started playing basketball games. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we will not be having home games due to the size of our gym. Cheerleading has also been postponed as well. We are keeping our fingers crossed that both of these will be back to normal sooner than later.

Important Dates

- 11/10/20 Boys Basketball 6th & 7th vs. St. Nick @ Oldenburg @ 6:00
- 11/11/20 Boys Basketball 6th @ Franklin Co. @ 5:30
- 11/13/20 E-LEARNING Day
- 11/16/20 Boys Basketball 6th & 7th @ St. Mary's Greensburg @ 5:30
- 11/17/20 Boys Basketball 6th & 7th vs. St. Nick @ Oldenburg @ 6:00
- 11/25/20 Start Thanksgiving Break

Academic Corner –

Even the Most Tech Savvy Children Need Adult Guidance

There is a common assumption that because children and teens are "digital natives" they are more knowledgeable about how to best use that technology than adults. But that's not necessarily true. Even children who are very comfortable trying out new devices and apps need the guidance of their parents on how to use those tools in a positive, safe and productive manner. Parents, even those who may not be all that tech savvy, have something to offer young people in terms of how to appropriately use technology. Beyond just technical skills, healthy technology use also requires media literacy; an understanding of how to protect privacy, security, safety; and even when to put down the device to engage in other activities and face-to-face conversations. Children need guidance from their parents to learn these skills. A bit of adult wisdom and common sense can go a long way.

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