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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy Last Week of OCTOBER!!! Can you believe it?! Where has the time gone? Today, we begin our **eighth** week of school. I continue to lift my “Alleluia” prayers to God for the gift of each and every day. I know that it is by His grace, presence and mercy that we continue to thrive as a faith-filled, learning community. I can also say with great confidence that we are together because we continue to do our due diligence and follow **ALL** COVID-19 protocols **each** and **every** day ... **NO** EXCEPTIONS. I have been told of late ... “Mrs. Cwirko, there are SO many rules related to COVID! I just can’t remember them all. It just makes me tired and frustrated.” I am well aware as I am called to follow those very protocols. We are **ALL** called to follow **ALL** of the protocols as they apply to **EVERYONE**. Please remember ... when we follow the protocols, we demonstrate to others that **WE GENUINELY CARE ABOUT ONE ANOTHER**. Isn’t that what God calls us to do ... to love our neighbor?

Watching the morning/evening news reports indicate that there has been a significant increase in COVID-19 cases over the course of the last week. This is not a time to relax how we do things. It is a time where we need to take **EXTRA** precautions to ensure the continued health and safety of everyone.

Here is something to help us remember the COVID-19 Protocols.

COVID-19 Commandments

- 1) **BE HONEST** ... about any COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 exposures, and your travel plans.
- 2) Wear your mask ... **OVER** your nose and **UNDER** your chin ... **ALL THE TIME**.
 - Please wear your mask while being screened in the morning. We want to be respectful of our Penn Medicine Screeners.
- 3) Observe and maintain physical distancing of **SIX FEET** at **ALL** times.
- 4) **WASH** your hands ... for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- 5) Do **NOT** share objects.
 - This includes **FOOD**.
- 6) If your child is **NOT** feeling well ... they are to **STAY** at **HOME**.
- 7) **COVER** your cough and/or your sneeze.
- 8) Do **NOT** touch your eyes, nose, mouth or face.
- 9) **STAY CALM** ... **STAY STRONG** ... **TRUST** in the Lord.
- 10) Pray for the continued health, safety and well-being of everyone and for an end to this global pandemic.

Please note the following:

- ❖ **RENAISSANCE STAR ASSESSMENT Reports** for students in **grades 2 – 8** will be coming home with your child tomorrow, **Tuesday, October 27th**. Enclosed in each envelope is a letter from our new Superintendent, Dr. Vincent DePaul Schmidt, your child's Star Diagnostic Report in Reading, and your child's Star Diagnostic Report in Mathematics. If you have any questions regarding your child's reports, please do not hesitate to contact myself and/ or your child's teacher.

- ❖ **Calendar Change** ~ Friday, October 30, 2020 is a **12:30 Dismissal Day**. Please make the necessary arrangements for dismissal.
- ❖ **Black and Orange Dress Down Day** ~ On Friday, October 30, 2020, students, faculty and staff are invited to come dressed in all things **BLACK** and **ORANGE**. Please note that the children may **NOT** alter their hair color on this day.
- ❖ **Fall Temperatures and Uniforms Reminder** ~ As we are now well into the season of Fall and the weather has been unpredictable. Our days are becoming much cooler and, for air circulation purposes, we are keeping the classroom window open. So as not to be cold, students are **strongly encouraged** to wear their SRS sweatshirts and sweatpants to school.

I wish you God's peace.

God Bless.

Mrs. Cwirko