

St. Stanislaus School
October 2, 2018
Friendship With Jesus

Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother. - St. Padre Pio

Saint of the Week 5 October Saint Faustina Kowalska She was born in a small village west of Lodz, Poland on August 25, 1905, the third of ten children. When she was almost twenty, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She was never completely literate. In the 1930's, Sister Faustina received from the Lord a message of mercy that she was told to spread throughout the world. She wrote and suffered in secret, with only her spiritual director and her superiors aware that anything special was taking place in her life. After her death from tuberculosis in 1938, even her closest associates were amazed as they began to discover what great sufferings and mystical experiences had been given to this sister of theirs, who had always been so cheerful and humble. St. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus himself had revealed to her her purpose in life: to spread devotion to the Mercy of God. In Plock on February 22, 1930, Jesus appeared to her as the 'King of Divine Mercy', wearing a white garment. His right hand was raised in a sign of blessing and the other was touching his garment at the breast. From beneath the garment came two large rays, one red, the other white, signifying the blood and water of his piercing on the Cross. Acting upon orders she said she had received from Christ, St. Faustina had the famous picture of this vision painted. Her life was a simple expression of the motto of this painting, "Jesus, I trust in you." She was canonized by Saint John Paul II on 30 April, 2000. Saint Faustina, pray for us!

The Home-School Association meets tonight, Tuesday, October 2, at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend to help plan family activities for the year. (This is not a fund-raising group.)

Last call for calendar fundraisers. Winners are posted daily on the newsletter page of the web site.

Tomorrow: Individual student pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 3. Students may wear their own clothes. The pictures are taken outdoors. They will be uploaded onto our SmugMug page, where you will be able to purchase whatever sizes you wish

Next Saturday: CLOTHING DRIVE - Clean out your closets and support the school doing it! The clothing drive is the simplest way the school earns money. Drop off your unwanted clothes, footwear, outerwear, bags, linens, towels, etc. Drop off on **October 13th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** If interested in volunteering, contact ddesousa323@hotmail.com. We need folks at 11:30 to start loading the truck.

Drama Auditions for grades 3-8 will take place on Tuesday, October 2 from 2:30-3:30. This year's production is The Enchanted Bookshop. Students may preview the script in the office. October and November should be spent memorizing lines. Drama rehearsals will begin the first Tuesday of December from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Students who need to stay at 2:30 will not be put into daycare; they will spend the time until rehearsal begins doing their homework and will be supervised by Miss Willis. I realize that some students may have to leave at 4 for other commitments; we will work around this. The 3:00 start time enables me to have an adult assistant.

The Children of Mary after school club for grades 3-8 will have its first meeting on the feast of Saint Francis Thursday, October 4. Experience the joy of growing closer to God by imitating Mary's life of love and service through prayer and works of charity reaching out to the community to help those in need.

The Parent Group is hosting a Skate Night at United Skates of America in Rumford on **October 11 from 6 pm to 8:30 p.m.** The cost is \$2.50 per skater; non-skaters are free. Ice cream sundaes are included in the cost of admission. This is a very popular event and the kids have lots of fun. We hope you can attend!

We're planning our annual bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 15. We have changed the bus company back to Fisher bus. Tickets are \$65 and are available in the office.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE:

- **HARVEST MOON MIXER:**
 - Please order your tickets ASAP and help support the school. (order form attached)
 - Tickets are \$30 each. A minimum of 8 tickets to reserve a table. We still need raffle items and advertisements. Please consider donating an item or asking your employer or reaching out to local businesses for donations and/or an opportunity to advertise. Advertisements start at \$100 and are tax deductible (so are raffle donations)
 - Contact Derek DeSousa for more info: d-desousa323@hotmail.com.
- **HARVEST MOON RAFFLE:**
 - We will start selling raffle tickets early this year. If you have or plan to donate an item for the raffle please bring in prior to 10/1 or contact d-desousa323@hotmail.com to get it added to the list.
- **HAMILTON RAFFLE**
 - Did you buy your tickets yet? Please send in your order form today! (Order form attached)
 - Purchase tickets for a chance to win two tickets to the show and overnight stay and support the school at the same time! Tickets are \$20/each or 6 for \$100.
 - Interested in helping sell tickets? Ask your family, coworkers and friends
 - Contact Rita DeOliveira for more information and tickets at rdeoliveira@charter.net.
- **FESTIVAL OF TREES**
 - We are still in need of some parents to help plan this fundraiser. Who is willing to help? It's an event that the kids love. Please contact d-desousa323@hotmail.com.

The Development Committee meets on Thursday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Stop in if you are interested in getting involved or contact Derek at d-desousa323@hotmail.com for more information or other ways to help.

The Center for the Advancement of STEM Education (CASE) invites you to *Open Lab Night 2018*, an event for the entire community, especially K-12 students. Open Lab Night features hands-on activities and demonstrations in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, geography and astronomy. The new BSU maker space will also be open for tours and demonstrations. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Parking is available in the Bridgewater State University Parking Garage.

Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM

The Observatory will be open from 6:00 – 8:00 PM (weather permitting)

Location: Dana Mohler-Faria Science & Mathematics Center

To register: Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/OLN2018>

Miss Willis