



The Principal's Spotlight

Saint Anne School – Fair Lawn, NJ

October 2017

Legend has it that the great philosopher, theologian, and Church Doctor St. Augustine was walking along the seashore one day, deep in contemplation of the mysteries of God, when he came upon a child who repeatedly ran from the waves to a hole in the sand. As he ran to the waters edge, the child would fill a shell with seawater, run to the hole and pour the water into the sand. Augustine watched in amusement for awhile and then approached the child. "You cannot fill this hole with all the water in the ocean," he told the child. The child responded, "Neither can you, with your finite mind, understand all there is to know about the Almighty." With that, legend tells us, the child disappeared. Was the child Jesus? Perhaps. But what's important in the story is that, try as we might, we will never fully comprehend the One who loves us fully. But we must never abandon the pursuit of a closer and closer relationship in love with our God. Open your heart, like the hole in the sand, so Jesus can pour his love more fully into you. You will be better for it.

Don't miss the opportunity to meet our Cardinal in person on Monday, October 2. Cardinal Tobin will be here to celebrate mass at 7:30 PM after which he will hold a town hall style meeting in the Church Hall.

Our school photographer will be in school on October 4 to take individual portraits and on October 5 to take sibling portraits. Students having their picture taken may dress up for the sitting. Information about prices and packages has already been sent home. Payment is required at the time of the sitting. Pictures are an optional purchase.

First trimester Progress Reports will be sent home on October 11 to students in grades Kindergarten to three. Parents of students in grades four through eight can check their child's progress daily using Power School.

October 12 is our first dress down day. Students who participate in the school-sponsored dress down day must pay \$1.00 to dress out of uniform. This is a twice-monthly school fund raiser, not a PTG fund raiser. Students should chose clothing that is appropriate for our Catholic school. Clothing may not be tight, revealing, or imprinted with displays that are inappropriate for our Catholic school. There is another dress down day on October 26. Participation is optional.

Friday, October 13, is the last day for summer uniform. Winter uniform begins on Tuesday, October 17. This is also the day for CLASS PICTURES so PLEASE make sure your child is in his/her winter uniform.

The PTG will treat each student to a pumpkin at their annual Pumpkin Patch on October 19 on the front lawn of the school (weather permitting). Thank you, PTG!

Once again we'll celebrate Halloween with our annual costume parade for students in pre-Kindergarten through grade three on October 31. Students in grades four through eight will decide on a color to wear as a group that day. The parade begins at 1:00 PM on our back parking lot, weather permitting. Otherwise, we will march in the gym. Bring your camera! There may be some surprises to capture on film.

After dismissal that day, we will enjoy "trunk and treat" on our parking lot. Those whose cars are parked on the lot may distribute candy to our students who will trick or treat from car to car. If you do not want to participate, please do not park on the lot that afternoon at dismissal time. The gates will be closed and no car will be allowed to leave until the event is over.

There are several important dates to note on the October calendar:

- 1. October 6 12:15 PM dismissal for students – faculty meeting**
- 2. October 9 Columbus Day – no school**
- 3. October 16 Archdiocesan teacher workshop day – no school for students**
- 4. October 27 12:15 PM dismissal for students – 1:00 PM Mass for Teachers at the Basilica in Newark**

