



The Principal's Spotlight

Saint Anne School – Fair Lawn, NJ

October 2018

I've always liked October. What is it about this month that makes me want to cozy up with a cup of tea and a good book? Is it that October evokes cooler temperatures and shorter days? Or maybe it's the changing colors of the leaves and the mournful sound of geese as they fly away overhead in their distinctive formation. I don't know. What I do know is that this time of year makes me reflect on things inward instead of outward. Where am I in my relationship with God? Have I gotten too comfortable with the status quo? Am I content to live in my complacency? Maybe as I prepare to hunker down for winter, it's a good time to cozy up with that cup of tea and, instead of a good book, my best Friend, Jesus. He's good company any time of year.

Our school photographer will be in school on October 3 to take individual portraits and on October 4 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. Class pictures will be taken on October 16.

First trimester Progress Reports will be sent home on October 10 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 11 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 choose 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 25. Participation is optional.

Friday, October 12, is the last day for summer uniform. Winter uniform begins on Tuesday, October 15.

Our first bake sale is also this month on October 12. Bake sales are held every Friday and every grade has a turn or two throughout the year to provide the goodies. When it is your turn, please don't disappoint the kids!

The PTG will treat each student to a pumpkin at their annual Pumpkin Patch on October 29 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 5 12:15 PM dismissal for students – faculty meeting**
- 2. October 8 Columbus Day – no school**
- 3. October 18 Archdiocesan teacher workshop day – no school for students**

