



# The Thursday Thriller



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**"WE ARE RESPECTRONAUTS"**

**PARENT CONFERENCES - PROGRESS REPORT FOR FIRST TRIMESTER COMING TOMORROW ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> -3:45 -7:30**

As you will notice on the school calendar, we are scheduling our parent conference at the midway point of the trimester when the grades are the current progress of your student. This gives your child, with your support, an additional six weeks to improve before the final grade for the trimester is earned. We are hopeful that this will give our parents an opportunity to be in better communication with your children's teachers and the progress being made.

Mrs. Strauder sent home a form for parents to give you an appointment time. Please ask your child for it and review it to see if it is a good time for you. **IF IT IS NOT A CONVENIENT TIME, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. IT IS MANDATORY FOR YOU TO ATTEND!** Please mark your calendar and be sure to be here for this important responsibility.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT BOARD-STOP AT THEIR TABLE DURING THE CONFERENCES**

Members of the Parent Involvement Board will be at an information table on the first floor during the conferences. Please stop by to visit with the parents and see how you can get involved in the activities they have planned for our school. There will also be an opportunity to order taffy apples. The current Board Members are really anxious to find out ways that they can support your important job of being a parent!

**EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS SPONSORING A FOOD SALE AT PARENT CONFERENCES- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

The Eighth Grade students are beginning their fundraising efforts to help them have a special luncheon on the Spirit of Chicago. The parents of Eighth Grade students will be having a food sale during the conferences. If you are able to support their effort please send spending money with your child. Children will have designated times during the conference time to purchase snacks. Parents will have a chance to purchase food during your conference visit.

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY- OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

On Monday, October 16th, we have scheduled a retake day for school pictures. Students who were absent or unable to purchase pictures on the first picture day can dress out of uniform for the pictures. If you were not satisfied with the first pictures, you can return the entire package and have the picture taken again.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PLAN AHEAD FOR OUR AWESOME FAMILY MATH NIGHT-THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017 - 5:30 -6:45**

We are excited to invite our families to our fourth Family Math Night. Please save this date and plan to attend with your children. All of our Math teachers in Pk-8 will be leading activities that are a part of our Everyday Math Curriculum. It is an excellent way for our parents to get a good understanding of our Math program. Your student will receive a dress down day for attending with you. Students must be with a parent. The class who has the largest number of participants will earn

a pizza party. We are also offering a \$50 Jewel/Osco card as a door prize. There will be an estimation jar for you to guess objects and win a \$50 gift card to Jewel/Osco Please mark your calendar and plan to get involved with your child's math program to find ways you can help at home.

**PLAN AHEAD - NO CLASSES ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - TEACHER INSERVICE DAY**

Please keep consulting your school calendar so you can plan ahead. There are no classes on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers will be attending an educational in service.

**TAFFY APPLE SALE CONTINUES**

Please look for the Taffy Apple Sale order forms sent by the Parent Involvement Board. The apple orders are due by October 20<sup>th</sup> so that we can have the Taffy Apples delivered on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The order form is **RED**. Look for the order form in your child's book bag. Please call the school office if you need additional forms. The apples are being sold for \$2.00 each and/or a case of Taffy Apples (24 in the case) will cost \$30.00. Please support the fundraising efforts of the Parent Board. More order forms will be available at the parent conferences.

**SOUP-ER STADIUM CHALLENGE.**

Every Catholic School has been asked by Catholic Charities to help stock their food pantry to provide food for people in need. They are calling it the **SOUP-er Stadium Challenge**. Their goal is to collect enough food to fill every seat in Soldier Field...twice. This effort will provide more than 100,000 meals to Chicagoans in need. They are asking that every Catholic School student, teacher and staff member in the Archdiocese of Chicago donate at least one non perishable food item.

If it is possible, please send one can of non perishable food to school tomorrow or next week. We will have a box in the main hallway and Catholic Charities will collect our

food donation to bring to the Soup-er Stadium Challenge.

**REFER A FAMILY**

We have openings in many grades in our school. We are reminding parents that one way you can get additional financial assistance is to refer a family to our school. We are asking our parents to be our ambassadors and spread the good news about St. Malachy to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. You can get \$300 - \$500 off of your tuition depending on the family size. Please help us to add students into our program as it will keep our tuition costs from increasing.

**PLAN AHEAD FOR PUMPKIN FARM FIELD TRIP FOR STUDENTS IN PK-2- OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

This is a reminder to all parents of students in Grades PK -2 that the annual trip to the Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm is happening on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The bus will depart St. Malachy at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$13.00. Please be sure that the permission slip and \$13 are returned to your child's teacher.

**CHICAGO LIGHTS TUTORING PROGRAM- CALL TODAY TO REGISTER- 312-787-2729**

**TUTORING STARTED LASTWEEK!**  
It might not be too late! Give a call and see if you can still get your child into this fabulous opportunity for extra support. **Please call 312-787-2729. WE HAVE APPLICATIONS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. PLEASE CALL TO REQUEST IT.** It is important that you re-register each year. New families are encouraged to sign up by calling the above number to register. Your child will be assigned a tutor and receive tutoring one night a week. Students are picked up at 4:30 p.m. and dropped off at St. Malachy at 8:00 p.m. It's an excellent program and we strongly encourage our families to register.

**Have a wonderful weekend!  
We look forward to seeing you on Friday!  
Be safe.  
Ms. Miller and Ms. Nho**