

Academy News

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**Columbus Day
Monday, October 10
NO SCHOOL**

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Family Movie Night - Rescheduled

Earlier this week, an email was sent to all of our parents that Family Movie Night has been rescheduled to Friday, November 11 at 6:30pm. All NEW families are welcome to come at 6:00pm. Parent Ambassadors will be there to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

Family Mass – Sunday at 9:30am

Sunday, October 9 is the Family Mass at Divine Savior at 9:30am. All Academy families are encouraged to attend. If you come, you'll be able to hear Mrs. Hodge sing with the choir! Following the 9:30am Mass you are invited to attend the

Holy Name Society Pancake Breakfast.

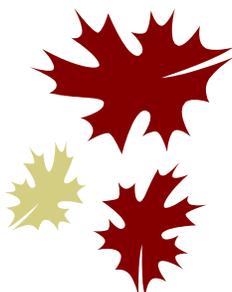


Upcoming Events:

Oct. 9	Family Mass 9:30am
	Pancake Breakfast 7:30-11:00am
Oct. 10	NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
Oct. 22	Halloween Dance

NO SMOKING – Tobacco Free Campus

The campus of the Academy of St. Priscilla at Divine Savior and Divine Savior Parish are both tobacco free institutions. No one is allowed to smoke near the entrances of the school or the church, and **especially around the children.** If you must smoke, you may do so in your car. Thank you for your cooperation.



St. Francis Prayer Service

Tuesday, October 4 was the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals, and we asked our students to bring in their favorite stuffed animal to be blessed. The students were so excited to have their favorite stuffed animals with them, and all of the teachers blessed the animals.



Parking

Thank you to the many parents that already use the back parking lot off of Sunnyside for both drop-off and pick-up. For the safety of our students, we ask that everyone use this parking lot.

Grandparents Day

We always love having our grandparents come to visit at The Academy. The grandparents were welcomed in church with a beautiful prayer service. Nico, in Mrs. Sibick's class helped lead us in the prayer service by reading the Intersessions. Following the prayer service, the grandparents went with their grandchildren to their rooms, where together they did some activities. The morning concluded with everyone gathered in the hall to have some refreshments. It was a wonderful event!

Letters to Marines

Mrs. Sibick's class will be writing letters to United States Marines who are stationed in Afghanistan. They will be writing letters of thanks, but also of encouragement for the hard work the Marines do to keep our country safe.



Halloween at The Academy

Halloween is Monday, October 31. The students will be allowed to wear their Halloween costumes. We ask that you be mindful of the style of costume to make sure that it will be easy for the students to use the bathroom. Masks, weapons, or props of any kind are NOT allowed at school. If a student brings one of these to school, it will be confiscated and given back at the end of the school day to the parent or person designated to pick up your child.

Parents, you will also be invited to our Halloween Parade. The time of the parade on Halloween will be determined.

Thursday, October 27, do not need to wear their uniforms, but may come to school wearing Halloween colors of orange and black.

Check out what's happening in our classrooms...

Ms. Margaret's Pre-School

This week in Ms. Margaret's class the children are learning about Jesus as the Shepard and that he cares for his sheep.

The children walked on the capital letter *C*, on the floor, in the classroom, cut and glue paper to a capital letter *C*, worked together on coloring a large capital letter *C*, and used play dough to form the capital letter *C*.

They enjoyed listening to More Parts by Tedd Arnold, Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Valeri Gorgachev, Just Like Daddy by Frank Asch, and Copy Me, Copycub by Richard Edwards.

They are able to observe green leaves by going to our Science Center and through our windows.

They are enjoying arranging chairs, porridge and beds by size, smallest to largest or largest to smallest.

Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten

Happy October! This week we listened to the poem *The Five Little Pumpkins* and the class made five pumpkins on a fence. In science, we explored a pumpkin. The children had a lot of fun putting their hands in the pumpkin and exploring. In math; we counted pumpkins. We also started working on patterns. The children used pumpkins to make patterns.

We measured how tall we were by pumpkins. It was a fun activity for the student's. The class also went on a nature walk on Thursday. We collected leaves for an activity in class. It was a beautiful day for a walk.

On Monday, we started the story The Three Little Bears in the Rowland Rading Program. We talked about words like big, medium, hot, cottage, porridge, and bear. Looking ahead...

We will begin to write our first name. We will also be working on matching. We will start learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin. In religion, we will be reading the story The Tower of Babel Genesis 11:1-9. As a class, we will be making our own towers.

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Kim's Kindergarten

This week the kids have been very busy. For the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, all the kids got to have their stuffed animals blessed. The kids also had the opportunity to go to Safety Town where they had fun learning about strangers, 911, what to do if their clothes caught on fire, how to get out of a house that is on fire, as well as other safety things. We also enjoyed having grandparents come to school to spend some time with us in class. In between all the fun activities this week the kindergarteners have also been working on finishing up our Oswald book in reading.



Mrs. Sibick's Multi-age Classroom

The students enjoyed visiting Safety Town. They had a catchy song to tell kids what to do if they find a gun. (stop- don't touch- leave the area- tell an adult) Eddie the Eagle sang the song on a DVD. The students practiced exiting a trailer home full of fake smoke. They also learned how to cross streets safely. They even got a nice goodie bag from it. Students are using the language experience approach in writing. Basically students write about things they experience, so they have more background knowledge and an emotional connection. The class wrote about our trip to Safety Town. We have begun a unit on farms. First graders read their first story in their reader! It was called, Patch in a Pinch. Please ask your child about it. Second grade is working on book reports and reading a magazine called "Super." We enjoyed our Grandparents' Day. Thanks for coming!