

# November Newsletter



## **From the Principal**

'Tang of cider in the air, ghosts and goblins everywhere is how October ends. November brings new activities and challenges. Our wonderful PTO has been busy adding new excitement to our lives. The Monster Mash was the best ever, and now we are 'catching the wave' to save ourselves time and energy in supporting OLA's new fundraiser. Please, check out the PTO happenings to learn more about this exciting new venture to enrich our school programs.

The Student Council pumpkin contest was a great success, they had so many creative entries it was hard to choose the best. Every entry was inspired! The preschool and kindergarten parade was a delight as well. It puts life into perspective when we see the joy of our youngest students; they always put a smile on our faces.

November is the month of remembrance for all our families and friends who have died. In the communion of saints we believe that we are all joined together with our loved ones as we pray for them and they pray for us.

Let us continue to pray, support and care for one another.  
Peace and blessings to all.

Mrs. Tosiello

## **FYI**

The Terra Nova standardized testing is being replaced by the Stanford 10. This is a directive from the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. The test will be administered to children in grades 2-8 the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Winter Uniforms**

Children may begin wearing the winter uniform starting November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please check the school handbook for proper winter uniform attire.

Please remember to send your child in with warm jackets, hats, & gloves, etc. as they will be going to recess unless it is raining. Children who are not properly dressed will be kept in from recess.

## **Spiritual Happenings**

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - Mass at 1:00 p.m. in church. Parents are welcome.

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Prayer Service

## **No School and Half Days**

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day **No School**

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - **Noon Dismissal** (Please pick up your children on time)

Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - **No School**

## **Health News**

The H1N1 news is alarming, but we are doing everything possible to minimize the spread of this and other illnesses. Our cleaning company will be using a new, powerful disinfectant to clean the school.

Reminder, please call the **nurses' office** when calling your child in absent. Give a specific reason for the absence, such as flu-like symptoms, fever, sore throat, etc. We are tracking and reporting the number of absences as well as the symptoms associated with the absence. Thank you for your cooperation, School Nurses

## **Nativity Display and Egnog Social**

St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
Margin Street  
Peabody

The Nativity is the very heart of the Christian tradition. Join us as we celebrate the true Christmas story of the Birth of Jesus in a unique and inspiring way. The parish of St. Thomas will commemorate this joyous occasion with a display of over 100 outstanding Nativity sets.

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 5-9 p.m.  
Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 9-2 p.m.

Adults \$5.00 Children are free

## **Academic News**

The academic quarter is quickly coming to a close. Marks will close on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be launching our new reporting format for the first time. We hope to send report cards home by the 13<sup>th</sup>, but will keep you informed in the event that the date for distribution changes.