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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The additional documents in today's efolder are:

Home & School Family Tech Talk Flyer

Home & School Talk Tech Invitation

Early Dismissal

Just a reminder that tomorrow, Friday November 5th is a 12:00 noon early dismissal. There will be Afterschool Care until 6:00PM. Students attending Afterschool Care should bring a lunch.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the District 2 CYO Regional Spelling Bee this past Sunday: Olivia Schueck - Grade 6, third place winner; Ryan Carpo - Grade 7, second place winner; and Ridley Hartman - Grade 8, second place winner. These students will be moving on to the Diocesan competition on November 14th.

Congratulations to Charlotte Patterson, who won best screenplay and best film at the Emmaus Theatre Student Film Festival awards ceremony on Monday night. Thank you to Leah Patterson, Holly Binder, Lexie Warsing and Mrs. Patterson who were actors in the play and contributed to the success of the film, Cousin Craze Mystery-Julie Crowe. The scenes from the play were filmed right here at St. Ann School. To watch the play click on this You Tube link https://youtu.be/l4VmnuH_ZLE

Thank You

A special thank you to WASA, the St. Ann's women's organization for their generous \$500.00 donation to the school Art program. The money was used to purchase individual oil pastel kits for all the students to be used in Art class.

School Uniforms

Our change over to winter uniforms went into effect on Monday, November 1st. I recognize that many of you are having issues with back ordered items from Flynn & O'Hara. If you are waiting for the girls' jumpers, please continue to wear the skort until your jumper arrives. Girls in grades K-5 are also allowed to also wear navy uniform slacks with their blouse and a navy cardigan or sweater vest. If you are waiting for gym uniform items, you may wear gray, green or black sweat pants and a plain dark colored sweat shirt. Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions.

Bathroom Issues

Over the past several weeks I have had to address some significant misbehaviors in the bathrooms that have cost the school money and time to take care of. These issues have included:

paper towels being shoved in toilets causing flooding, air vents being kicked in and damaged requiring replacement, sinks turned on and left running to overflow onto the floor, stall doors being locked from the inside so they can't be opened, hanging on stall doors and pulling them away from the wall, and urinating on the floor. I have spoken to the students and made it perfectly clear that this destructive behavior will not be tolerated. The students now have a sign out sheet in their classroom for bathroom use. If this destructive behavior continues, students may be facing consequences as per the Discipline Code in the Parent/Student Handbook in regards to vandalism. Please speak to your children about respecting school property and the importance of following rules and making good choices that leads to Christ-like behavior.

Outside Recess

Please note that the students will be going outside for recess everyday as long as the weather conditions permit. It is important that they have the appropriate outside gear - sweatshirts/jackets/coats for the daily weather conditions.

Home & School Assn. News

On Wednesday, November 17th beginning at 7:00 PM the Home & School Association is offering a Virtual Family Tech Talk for parents to learn best practices on how to help your child/children use the internet in a safe and healthy way. Please refer to the flyer included in today's e-folder for the meeting zoom link and passcode along with content overview.

Gym Stage Curtains

We are very excited that the back stage curtains on the gym stage have been replaced. The new black curtains look great. A special thank you to an anonymous donor who provide \$1,700.00 toward the project, and to the Home and School Association who provided \$3,000.00 and the Drama Club who provided \$300.00 toward the project.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Campaign

Thank you to everyone who took a shoe box during conferences to support the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe box campaign. Just a reminder to use the Shoebox Label that was included in the instructional pamphlet. The deadline to return the filled shoe boxes is Monday, November 15th. Additional shoe boxes are available in the school office.

Extended Care News

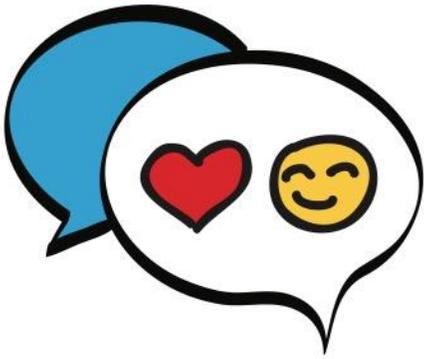
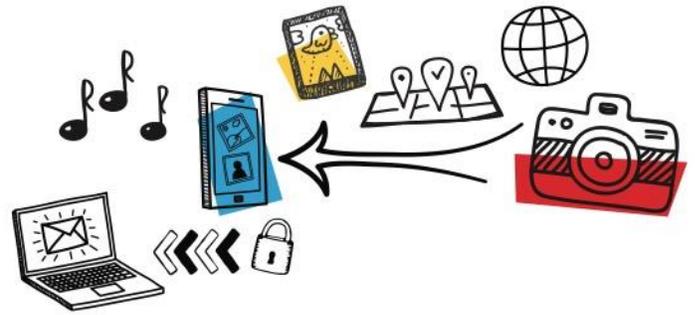
December 22nd will be a 12:00 noon dismissal to begin our Christmas holiday break. There will be NO Afterschool Care on December 22nd.

Prayers

Please continue to pray for all our St. Ann families especially the families of Patrick Donohue, Noah Dries, Jacob & Jacqueline Duck, Averie & Kellen Eddinger, and Charlotte, Jameson & Lillian Edkins for whom we are praying for this week. We also ask that you continue to pray for Mrs. Haja as she continues her recovery at home. Please pray for Mrs. Ott and her family. Mrs. Ott's aunt, Roselle Zorzetto passed away this week.

Blessings,

Mrs. Kile



FAMILY TECH TALK

Virtual Edition

Inspiring Digital Responsibility



Please join us for a virtual Family Tech Talk

Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Time: 7pm Eastern / 6pm Central

Presented by: Tim Miller, Michael Draeger, and Lynette Owens
Trend Micro Internet Safety for Kids & Families Program Team Members

Meeting link (Zoom):

<https://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/93325722594?pwd=cGUwdWJUOFBzTisxZVZCekdyZnhuUT09>
Passcode: 613807

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We look forward to having you at this event!

The last year has challenged us to rethink how we live, work, interact, and view the world. It has become a delicate balancing act between keeping our kids and families safe from a pandemic, coming to terms with more screen time, and managing the transformation of our homes into offices, classrooms and more.

Join us for a conversation about the opportunities and challenges our families and kids' have experienced with technology due to COVID-19. From TikTok to Zoom to Roblox, hear some best practices on how to help your kids use the internet in safe and healthy ways. These include tech tips as well as guidelines and exercises you can use with your kids. There will be ample opportunity to raise your concerns and ask questions, too!

A few reminders:

- The session will run about 75-80 minutes (which includes time for questions).
- If the event is offered in other languages, please select the language by clicking on the translation icon  at the bottom of the screen.
- Attendees will neither be seen nor heard during the event. However, participants can chat and submit questions at any time using the Q&A button.
- After you leave the session, you should see a very brief survey. Please provide feedback!
- Those who complete the feedback **and** provide an email address will be entered to win a 1-year license of Trend Micro Maximum Security, to protect up to 5 devices in your home.

Family Tech Talk Event: Content Overview

- The session is designed for parents and will focus on a wide-range of topics organized into 4 pillars:
 - **Be Online** – overview of how to set the right environment, rules, and example for our families. Discussion of tech tools and best practices to support family online safety and wellness.
 - **Be Safe** – overview of how to help our family protect their privacy, personal information, and physical selves. Discuss risks on social media, gaming, scams, strangers and how to avoid them.
 - **Be Kind** – covers what it means to be kind to others, but also to oneself. Includes bullying, how to encourage kindness/respect, and what to do if your child is the bully.
 - **Be Savvy** – discussion about how kids SHOULD use technology (vs. what NOT to do with it. Ideas and best practices on ways kids can use the internet in positive ways, and it can be used to learn, pursue interests, showcase their strengths and likes, and do good in the world.

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