



# OCTOBER



Family Folder – Wednesday, October 11, 2023

**Anti-bullying Month:** October kicks off a month-long focus on anti-bullying and resilience. We'll focus on positive self-images using our super-resilient powers which God gave us and our faith helps us to build stronger. Look for our presentations in the school hallway the week of the 16th.

**Field Trip to Prairie du Chien:** God blessed us with wonderful weather. Everyone enjoyed the place they were at. 4K-2<sup>nd</sup> enjoyed a wagon trip and brought home painted pumpkins while the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> explored artifacts about Wisconsin's past. Thank you again to the PTO for helping to finance this trip and to our chaperons who gave their time to be with us.

**Fire Prevention Week:** Fire Prevention Week is **October 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** this year. The local fire department will come for their annual fire prevention program for **4K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**. This will be held outdoors at **10:30 AM on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**. We are very fortunate that we have a local fire department willing to do this prevention program for us each year!

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Our conferences are on the night of **October 19<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:30-6:00**. This is your chance to sit down with your child's teacher, ask questions, find out your child's strengths, and areas that might need extra work. The schedule for conferences is included again this week, please note the changes. If you would like to change your time, please contact your child's teacher and make an alternative meeting time.

**Annular eclipse:** Every once in a while, the Moon lines up exactly in between the Sun and our Earth, blocking out the Sun's light to us here on Earth. This is called a solar eclipse. On Saturday, the path of the eclipse will run through North America. Here in Genoa we'll see a partial eclipse starting at about **10:30 in the morning**. By 11:51, the Moon will cover about 65% of the Sun. It will seem as if twilight is coming, even the birds might stop chirping and start finding their nests, thinking that night is coming. Even though the Sun is partially covered, it is unsafe to directly view the eclipse, so we're sending home a pair of solar eclipse glasses for each child. These are highly rated eclipse viewing glasses, ISO-12312-2 rated safe to use. Sunglasses are not safe enough, so please share these glasses with others in the family. Please put them back in the envelope and return to school since there will be another total solar eclipse April 8, 2024, during the school day so we'll use them then.

**Thank You** to whoever dropped off the picnic table for us to use. Our plans include outside art, outside snack, sit and crochet, and just to sit around and talk during recess.

**Adventures in Reading Goal:** The adventure begins! After totaling up the reading minutes from September, a whopping 6,318 minutes, we've revised our goal for this year. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders did the math and figured our new goal should be 60,000 minutes for the entire year. That's 1,000 hours or almost 42 days!

**Extended Day Care Reminder:** Dear Parents, please be advised that we have changed our policy for Extended Care in the morning. If your child arrives anytime **between 6:15 and 7:15**, there will be a **\$5.00 charge**. This charge will show up on the Extended Care Program Handbook which you can find on our website and began on Monday, **October 5**.

## **PTO Update (Jessie Cina):**

1. Save the date for Pancake/Bingo **November 12<sup>th</sup>**.
2. Plan to attend the PTO meeting **November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** in the cafeteria.
3. Please pick up your yearbooks in the office - **\$12 each**.
4. Any questions, ideas, agenda items or concerns for PTO please reach out to Jessie at [Jbutterfly12384@gmail.com](mailto:Jbutterfly12384@gmail.com) or call/ text 608-780-1148

**Vernon County Health Department Flu Clinic Reminder:** The Vernon County Health Department will conduct an Influenza Vaccination Clinic starting here at St. Charles at **8 AM on Thursday, October 19th**. If Call or email the office if you need another form. **The forms need to be completed to send a count to the Health Department prior to that day.**

**BELIEVE Magical Holidays and Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser:**

Everyone did a good job! As soon as we get a delivery date for the prizes and the items, we will give you the information! The pink slips turned in are in your family folder – you may need them for delivery.

**Scrip (Megan Olson):** Please touch base with Megan for any questions: 608-385-7815 or [mjtrussoni@gmail.com](mailto:mjtrussoni@gmail.com)

**“Trunk or Treat” October 31<sup>st</sup> 5-7 PM at Genoa State Bank:** Students will be handing out treats & collecting items for the De Soto Area Schools **Food Pantry**. If you would like to decorate a **trunk** and hand out **treats**, please call **608-689-2655** to reserve a spot!

**De Soto Area Schools Message Alert Information per De Soto instructions for school closures:**

**SchoolMessengerSetup** (SMS): De Soto offers text message notification service to all the school families. Please email your cell phone number to: [jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi](mailto:jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi) with **SchoolMessengerSetup** in the title. **Three days after you send your request, please text “YES” to 67587 to opt-in to receive SMS messages from De Soto Area Schools.** (Jackie Kreuzer, Adm. Assist. De Soto Area Schools)

**Taking care of the body God gave us:** The daily temperatures have dropped considerably from last week. The classrooms can be a bit chilly so please be sure your child has a sweater or sweatshirt to wear inside if necessary. Jackets will be needed for chilly morning recesses and can be kept at school just in case. Hats and gloves might be appropriate for some mornings. Please remember if your child brings home a hat, gloves, or jacket that belongs to the school (the teacher will notify you through email), this item should be washed and returned to school as soon as possible. With the return of cooler weather, long pants should be worn.

**Hunger Knows No Season:** Please join us in collecting for the local food pantry! Bring in a nonperishable food item every Tuesday to help those in need. We will place the items in the food basket at the altar before Mass. This is sponsored by the Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew’s Food Pantry.

**St Charles Facebook Page:** **Like”** the St Charles Facebook Page for updates and events at school.

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**Enclosures:**

- Parent-Teacher Conference Schedule (revised)
- Solar Eclipse Glasses

**Dates to Remember:**

October : Stand up to Bullies month, focus on resilience  
October 12: Fire Department visit (4K-3<sup>rd</sup>)  
October 17: No mass  
October 19: Vaccine clinic starting at 8:00  
October 19: Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:00-6:00)  
October 20: Children’s Mass at 8:15, wear red polos  
October 27: No School, Teacher in-service  
October 31: Costume Day, No Mass  
November 1: All Saints’ Day Mass at 8:30  
November 3: End of quarter, report cards go home Nov. 8

**Birthdays:**

October 22: Ezio Olson

## Parent-Teacher Conference Schedule, Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please take a look at the following schedule. If you can not make the scheduled time, please check with your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Sandy will have bus duty on that day but her duty ends at 4:00. Any children on the playground after that should have parent supervision.

Time	Miss Donovan	Mrs. Donovan	Mrs. Hytry
3:00-3:20	Rosemary		Bayne
3:20-3:40	Bella	Keilana	Celia
3:40-4:00	Addie	Gio	Jack
4:00-4:20	Wesley	Lorenzo	
4:20-4:40			Ari
4:40-5:00	Augie		
5:00-5:20		Ezio	Easton
5:20-5:40	Raegen	Thomas	Shelby
5:40-6:00	Hazel	Dekker	Abigail
6:00-6:20			
6:20-6:40			

Autumn—alternative time

William—alternative time

