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**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

As we reach the midpoint of the month, it is gratifying to observe that the academic year has commenced robustly since the resumption of classes. The school is operating efficiently, with all extracurricular activities now in progress and students are characterized by enthusiasm and anticipation for the opportunities and experiences that the coming month holds.

Welcome to October, a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, under the title of *Our Lady of the Holy Rosary*, whose feast we celebrate on **October 7th**. We encourage all Catholic Christian families to engage in the practice of praying the Rosary together throughout this significant month.

As part of our ongoing COVID-19 and flu precautionary measures, we kindly ask everyone at Villa to continue doing their part to maintain the health and safety of our community. If your child is experiencing symptoms of the flu or COVID-19, please keep them at home and monitor their condition for at least 48 hours. Ensure all symptoms have fully cleared before sending them back to school. We appreciate your cooperation and vigilance.

**Fire Prevention Week 2025** will be observed from **October 5–11**. Local firefighters will visit our school on **October 6th at 9:00 AM** to review fire safety rules with our students.

Please take note of the following important dates:

- **October 10, 2025** – *Diocesan Teachers' Professional Day*: No student attendance.
- **October 14, 2025** – *Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day*: No school.

Our **school field trip to Becker's Farm** will take place on **October 22, 2025**. This is a regular school day and an educational experience for the students. The tour begins at **10:00 AM**, and we will depart from school at **9:15 AM**. Permission slips have been sent home. If you have not already done so, please return the signed form and driver information by **October 8th**. **We are in need of volunteer drivers** for this event and would greatly appreciate your help.

**School picture proofs** will be sent home on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Once received, select your preferred photos and return them to the school with orders by Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Prompt returns will help us ensure all pictures are finalized before Thanksgiving break.

The **Protecting God's Children** program will take place on **October 30, 2025**. *Empowering God's Children* – Lesson 5 is a safety lesson designed for students from Kindergarten through Grade 12. It includes age-appropriate instructional materials to help students recognize unsafe situations and protect themselves, both in person and online. Instruction will take place in classrooms. Parents who choose to opt out are encouraged to review the age-appropriate curriculum with their children at home and return

the completed worksheet. The materials are available upon request—please contact **Sr. Grace** if you need a copy.

Our **Candy Bar Sale** ends on **October 30th**. Thank you to all families for your participation. Please return all funds collected for sold candy bars, along with any unsold items, to the school by the deadline.

On **October 31st**, we will celebrate our annual **All Saints' Eve Party**. With support from parents and teachers, each student will choose a saint and dress up as that saint. Students should bring their *All Saints'* costumes to school and will change into them at **12:00 PM**.

When preparing treats for the celebration, please be mindful of students with allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, and eggs. Store-bought, non-perishable goodies are preferred. Students are welcome to bring individually wrapped treats to share. Each classroom has been assigned specific items to bring, please refer to the details provided below.

Our **Meat Raffle** will take place on **November 8, 2025** (please see the flyer for more information). Tickets are **\$15.00 per person** and are currently on sale. To purchase tickets, please call or text **Sr. Maryann** at **(716) 344-6266**. The event is approaching quickly! Donations of lottery tickets, \$2 contributions toward lottery purchases, or raffle baskets are gratefully accepted.

Lastly, **October 10th** marks the death anniversary of **Sr. Elizabeth Domin**, our former principal. Please remember her in your prayers.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.

Warm regards,

*Sr. Grace Domin, SVP*

Principal