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OCTOBER 2026 • SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

October 7 • A month of prayer, learning, service, and joyful growth

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to October, a beautiful month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, whose feast we celebrate on October 7th. As we begin this new month, it is gratifying to see how well the academic year has gotten underway. Our students have settled into their routines, extracurricular activities have resumed, and the children are excited about the many learning experiences and opportunities ahead. First Friday Mass is at 9:15 am.

□ FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be observed from October 4–10, 2026. Local firefighters will visit our school on Wednesday, October 14, at 9:00 AM to review important fire safety rules and procedures with our students.

□ IMPORTANT DATES

October 9	Diocesan Teachers' Professional Day — No school for students.
October 12	Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day — No school.
October 16 October 19	Becker Farms Field Trip — 9:15 AM departure; return about 2:00 PM. October 19 is Bullying Prevention Program – Guest Speaker
October 30	Candy Bar Sale ends.
October 30	All Saints' Eve Party.
November 4	Protecting God's Children / Empowering God's Children – Lesson 1
November 13	School Meat Raffle.

□ BECKER FARMS FIELD TRIP • OCTOBER 16

Tour: 10:30 AM–12:00 PM | Departure: 9:15 AM | Return: about 2:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00 per person (adults and children), including the opportunity to pick both apples and pumpkins. Students should bring a bagged lunch to eat at the farm.

We sent permission slips and driver information forms home in early September. Please return the signed permission slip and driver information form by October 7th. We are still in need of volunteer drivers and chaperones and greatly appreciate your help.

□ SCHOOL PICTURES

Picture proofs will be sent home on Thursday, October 1st. Retakes will be held on Thursday, October 8th. Please return proofs and orders by October 8th so pictures can arrive before Thanksgiving break.

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□ PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN • NOVEMBER 4

The Protecting God's Children / Empowering God's Children – Lesson 6 program will take place on Wednesday, November 4, 2026. This age-appropriate safety lesson is designed for students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 and helps children recognize unsafe situations and learn how to protect themselves both in person and online. Instruction will take place in the classrooms.

Parents who choose to opt their child out are encouraged to review the age-appropriate curriculum at home and return the completed worksheet to school. Materials are available upon request. Please contact Sr. Grace if you would like a copy.

□ CANDY BAR SALE • OCTOBER 30

Our Candy Bar Sale ends on October 30th. Thank you all for your participation and support! Please return all money for candy bars sold, along with any unsold candy bars, to the school by the deadline.

□ ALL SAINTS' EVE PARTY • OCTOBER 30

We will celebrate our All Saints' Eve Party on October 31st. Parents and classroom teachers are asked to work together to help each child choose a saint and dress as that saint.

Students may come to school dressed as their saint or bring their costume and change at 12:00 PM.

Please be mindful of allergies to peanuts and tree nuts, dairy products, eggs, and food dyes. Store-bought, non-perishable treats are preferred. Students may bring individually wrapped treats to share. Each classroom has been assigned specific items; please refer to the information provided below for your classroom's assignment.

□ MEAT RAFFLE • NOVEMBER 13

Our Meat Raffle will be held on Friday, November 13, 2026. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Each school family will receive five tickets to sell; families who need additional tickets may contact Sr. Maryann. Tables of 10 are also available.

To purchase tickets, please call or text Sr. Maryann at [\(716\) 344-6266](tel:7163446266). Thank you for your continued support of our school!

□ IN MEMORY OF SR. ELIZABETH DOMIN

October 10th marks the anniversary of the death of Sr. Elizabeth Domin, our former principal. Please remember her in your prayers as we honor her memory and give thanks for her service to our school community.

Thank you for your continued support, cooperation, and partnership.

May October be a month filled with many blessings, learning, and joyful experiences for our children and families.

Sincerely,
Sr. Grace Dike, SCGR

