

St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center

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OCTOBER NEWS 2017

Dear Parents:

I am pleased to report that our little ones have made great progress since school opened in September. Let us pray that this enthusiasm continues throughout the school year.

We have just begun our first Fund Raiser: the sale of World's Finest Chocolates. We are grateful to you parents for taking two or more cases of chocolates to sell between now and November 3rd.

St. Aloysius Novitiate and School support themselves through tuition, fund-raisers and the generosity of some friends. Our fund-raiser is very important to us. We ask every parent to collaborate with the School in making this fund-raiser a real success.

Prize Awards

Top seller	One month tuition (<i>Top seller must sell 10 boxes or more</i>)
2 nd top seller	\$125.00
3 rd top seller	\$75.00

Autumn is here, and we look forward to the exciting plans and celebrations that are part of this season.

The following activities will take place during the month of October:

1. **Rosary Month:** October is the month of the Rosary because it marks the month of Our Blessed Mother's final apparition in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. We ask you please to send your child to School with a rosary beads during this month because the children will begin learning how to say this beautiful Marian prayer. October is also Respect Life month. It is fitting to pray the Rosary as a family asking for the respect of all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. In our Rosary let us also pray for peace in the world.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary appearing to three little shepherds in the small town of Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady entrusted to them a message for the world: pray for world peace and the conversion of sinners.

Let us accompany Our Lady of Fatima in the way that she asked the three young children to do, through prayer and penance, praying the Rosary every day for the conversion of hearts and peace in the world.

2. Our **Pumpkin Picking Trip** to Hahn Farm at Salt Point will be on Tuesday, October 10th. We need to be at the farm at 9:30 a.m.

Please note: All children must report to School at 8:30 a.m. We will be leaving for the farm at 8:45 a.m. Dismissal will be from the farm. There will be no afternoon classes this day.

3. Our **Halloween party** will take place on Tuesday, October 31st at 10:00 a.m. The children may come to school on the day of the party in Halloween costumes. Costumes of saints will be preferable as the feast of all Saints follows Halloween day. "Halloween" means "Eve of all Saints". This would be a fitting time to introduce the children to these heavenly friends, who pray and watch over us. To have all the children enjoy their school party, **please avoid scary costumes**.

Reminders:

1. Please keep in mind that tuition must be paid during the first week of every month. A fee of \$20 will be charged for any checks received with insufficient funds.

2. Please use the parking lot if you drive your child to school, and avoid parking your car near the school fence on Pells Road. I ask for your cooperation in this matter.

3. School will be closed on October 9th in observance of Columbus Day. School will also be closed on Wednesday, November 1 in observance of All Saints' Day.

May God continue blessing our efforts to give our children the best education possible and may our Blessed Mother intercede for us during this scholastic year 2017-2018.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mother Gloria Castro, OBT
Principal

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