

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all enjoying this summer-like weather and get a chance to do some leaf peeping this weekend. The color is spectacular!

Now that we have entered the second month of school, we are pleased that so many of our young students are now comfortable with the drop off procedure. We want to encourage independence of all our students at drop-off. While we recognize that many parents like to stay on the plaza until their children enter school, the congestion on the Plaza is becoming stressful for many of our kindergarten and 1st grade students. Several parents have also mentioned that it is still difficult for their children to see and join their lines due to the number of adults congregating around the K/1st grade line area. We encourage families to escort their children to their lines, offer your good-byes, and step away to allow for greater access to the lines by our school children. The teacher assistants are with the children before school monitoring the lines beginning at 7:50 each morning...so they are in good hands. Our goal is to make the morning drop-off as stress free as possible for the younger students. We appreciate your cooperation and support of this request.

#### **Reminders:**

■ **Kindergarten 2012 - Parents who would have a child age eligible (age 5 by Aug. 31,2012) for kindergarten in 2012 please complete the attached form and return it to Rose in the office by Friday, Oct. 14th or send Rose an e-mail (rcongdon@nativity-mn.org) letting me know if you will or will not be sending your child to Kindergarten next year.**

■ **Wreath Sale 2011 - The Men's Club wreath sale information will be sent home today with our 3rd-8th grade students.** We encourage all students to help with this important fund-raiser for our Men's Club. The money raised through this and other fund-raising efforts by the Men's Club are used to support many programs in our school. Let's do our part to make this year's sale a huge success.

Please check that all wreath cards are filled out properly, including a legible address and phone number. This is critical for accuracy with deliveries. Thank you!

■ **MEA - No School October 20th - 21st**

■ **Marathon Free Day - No School - Monday, October 24th**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this years marathon and helped us reach our goal of \$25,000!

■ **Halloween Guidelines 2011** - are attached for all students in grades K - 8. Please read carefully.

■ **Late Start Tuesday, November 1st - SCHOOL WILL BEGIN FOR ALL STUDENTS AT 9:00A.M.** We traditionally have a late start the day after Halloween to allow all students a bit more rest after an exciting, often, sugar-filled evening.

■ **Hot Lunch Notices** - households that have a negative lunch balance should receive a lunch notice. Notices were sent home yesterday with students in K - 5, and today notices will be sent home with our 6th - 8th grade students. **All parents are reminded to please login to Cornerstone and check your lunch balances on a regular basis.**

■ **Sacrament Meeting for parents of 2nd graders - October 12th at 7PM in Steiner Hall.**

■ **Art Adventure** - we are still in need of volunteers in some grades. Please see attached flyer if you are interested and able to help us out.

■ **Grade Dinners - DON'T MISS OUT, THERE IS STILL ROOM...O'GARA'S GARAGE IS CALLING ALL 3RD-7TH GRADE PARENTS FOR A NIGHT OF 80'S FUN!** FEATURING LIVE MUSIC FROM THE EVER POPULAR AND ROCKIN' COVER 80'S BAND SWEET STACHE! IF INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP FOR THE FUN, E-MAIL KAT BENICK(dinner board chair) at [pbeinck@slowdog.com](mailto:pbeinck@slowdog.com)