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An Autumn Prayer

Abba, Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful,
in the green and freshness of spring
as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make me like you.
Let my life reflect your beauty,
season after season,
as the calendar of my life turns and turns and turns.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.
Help me let go of both blessings and burdens,
and surrender them both to your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.
So design my own fallings and failings
into whatever design will please you most.
In Jesus' name, I pray,

Amen.

Some quick reminders:

- This Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (October 24, 25 & 26) are **Conference Days**. Please refer to the confirmation lists that came home in your family envelope a week or two ago, so

that you know when to arrive. Each parent is allotted a 15-minute time slot. If you feel the need to continue the conversation, please arrange another meeting with your child's teacher.

- **Save the Date** – Walk-a-Thon VIP Party. Parents, if your child raised \$250.00 or more for the 2018 SJS Walk-a-Thon, please save the following date . . . Friday, November 2nd, 2018, from 6:00-9:00 PM in the school gym. If your child raised \$250.00 or more, they will receive a VIP Party invitation/Rsvp letter no later than Monday, October 29th.
- In the Monday envelope, you should have received a flyer about our upcoming **World Finest Chocolate fundraiser**. Please be sure to return the bottom portion of the flyer with the number of boxes you will be able to sell as soon as you can. The representative will roll out the prizes, etc. to the children at Morning Assembly on Thursday, November 9th. These delicious goodies will sell themselves!
- The **Book Fair** is going on . . . please drop by the Book Fair in the gym before or after your conferences. There are many selections from which to choose. The students have already had a preview of the book titles and I am sure they will share the ones they want with you. The cold weather is coming and there's nothing better than curling up with a cup of hot chocolate and a warm blanket while reading the latest mystery, adventure book, graphic novel, and more . . .
- The **Halloween Party** is taking place on Saturday, October 27th from 5:00-8:00 PM in the gym. Don't miss out on all the spooky and scary things that are planned to celebrate this special day! The plans sound ghoulishly wonderful!
- **Outstanding Parent/Student Handbook Signatures** that still need to be returned: Sitaula, Torres (Grade 3), Dean (Grade 4), Carpio, Suarez (Grade 7)

Calendar:

10/24	Conferences from 1:00-7:00 PM Book Fair in the gym from 1:00-7:00 PM Minimum Day, dismissal at noon TK/K on a field trip from 9:30-10:30 AM
10/25	Conferences from 1:00-5:00 PM Book Fair in the gym from 1:00-5:00 PM Minimum Day, noon dismissal
10/26	Conferences from 1:00-3:00 PM Book Fair in the gym from 1:00-3:00 PM Minimum Day, dismissal at noon
10/27	Halloween Party in the gym from 5:00-8:00 PM

10/28	Confirmation in the gym from 2:00-5:00 PM
10/30	SCRIP orders due today 8 th Grade to St. Mary's College Prep High School
10/31	HALLOWEEN! The children may come to school in costume . . . no masks, no weapons, no face painting, please. Be sure your child wears tennis shoes, in case the class has PE or he/she is joining Extended Care after school. The parade will start at 11:00 AM Minimum Day, noon dismissal
11/1	All Saints Day. We will be going over to Mass at 9:00 AM. Please join us.
11/2	VIP Party, 6:00-9:00 PM in the gym
11/3	Sacramental Prep for our Second Graders/parents in the church at 9:30 AM 5:00 PM Mass is being sponsored by the 6 th , 7 th , & 8 th Grade class. Please come and join us.

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