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# Cathedral School News—10/30/2019

## A Message from Mrs. Gallagher-Kosmatka

It is hard to believe the first quarter of the 2019-20 school year ends this Friday. Students have done a great job honoring our Cathedral challenge to be heroes in the classrooms, hallways, and at lunch and recess. A kind word, a smile, helping a friend zip up a coat, and cleaning up their lunch eating space are regular parts of the day!!!

Report cards are coming home next Wednesday for students in grades 5K-2. Parent-Teacher conferences for **all students 3P-2** are scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 14. Conferences allow you, as a parent, an opportunity to discuss the progress of your child and their school experience to date. Teachers look forward to speaking with you and sharing first quarter impressions and observations of your child with you. Please be sure to sign up for conferences if you have not already done so. Thank you!!!

Walking School Bus for the fall is complete. Thank you to those who walked from Weigent and/or at lunchtime on our walking days. 108 Cathedral students participated in our fall Walking School Bus program. 30 prizes were available to our Walking School Bus participants courtesy of the La Crosse County Safe Routes to School Program. Thank you to **Mrs. Czeiska**, Cathedral faculty representative for the Safe Routes to School Program, who organized the prizes. Congratulations to student prize winners who were selected in a random drawing last Friday. All students who choose to "ride the school bus" four or more times are receiving a certificate in their folder today. I am excited for the bus to start up again in the spring.

With the falling of the leaves and the blustery weather surrounding us we have a lot of activities at school. Please be sure to review all of the items in the newsletter. Also, for your planning, our 4K-grade 2 Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the theater at Aquinas High School. Families and friends are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal that morning at 9:00 a.m. in the theater at Aquinas High School.

Thank you for a great first quarter.

In service of your children,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Gallagher-Kosmatka".

Patricia A. Gallagher-Kosmatka  
Principal, Cathedral Elementary School





## Halloween Party-Thursday, October 31

A reminder that Blessed Sacrament 6th grade students will be hosting a Halloween Party for our students tomorrow afternoon. Children will be changing into their costumes prior to the party. Parents are asked to send costumes, less accessories, to school with their children. Students may be out of dress code as is necessary and easy for costume changing.

## Picture ReTake Day-Monday, November 4

School pictures are being sent home today. Monday, November 4 is retake day for any student who was absent or would like their picture re-taken. Please be sure to return the picture packet with a note regarding your concern or displeasure. This is extremely helpful for the photographer in trying to take the best pictures possible. If your child is having a picture taken he/she may be in school dress code or better for the day. Thank you.



## Fundraising Pick Up-Thursday, November 7

Items ordered through our fundraising sale will be available for pick up on Thursday, November 7 in the Cathedral lobby between 2:30 and 4:45 p.m. Please plan to stop and pick up your items during that time frame. Thank you for your support of this annual fundraiser.

## Veteran's Day Commemoration-Monday, November 11

Cathedral School will have a Veteran's Day Commemoration prayer service on Monday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m. Students will be pray for and thank our veterans and active military personnel. Thank you to **Mrs. Flottmeyer, Miss Wirth, and Ms. Jensen** for organizing this program. Our grade 2 Boy Scouts will be posting and retiring the colors for this special event. Special thanks to all of our veterans, especially family and friends, who selflessly sacrifice by serving us and our country. Family and guests are welcome to attend this ceremony.





## Parent-Teacher Conferences

First quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Tuesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 14 from 3:15 - 7:15 p.m.. All students, 3 year old Preschool through Grade 2, will have an opportunity to meet with their child's homeroom teacher for a 15 minute scheduled conference. Parents are asked to go to the Cathedral website

<https://www.aquinaschools.org/ces-home>

to sign up for your preferred 15 minute conference time. Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for their child's conference!!!

Please know that your child's teachers for Art, Computers/Library, Music, Foreign Language and Guidance will also be available for you to meet with. Appointments are not necessary for these meetings. I encourage you to stop and see them.

Our Cathedral **BOOK FAIR** will run in conjunction with our Conferences so please stop and look at the displays and book options. Mrs. Key will be available to assist in purchases and answer questions.



### PTO REMINDERS

## PTO Updates & Reminders

- Dress code donation and resale clothing can be dropped off in the Cathedral multi-purpose room before or after school this week and next. PTO will prepare and display clothing during Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- PTO will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral undercroft on Sunday, November 3 from 7:30 until noon. The food is excellent and a great price -- \$3 for a pancake breakfast, \$4 for omelet, \$12 for the whole family. **All** proceeds go to Cathedral PTO (and thus the school!) and they do accept cash donations. This is a very nice time for fellowship, as you sit with other families and/or parishioners. Please come and enjoy a great breakfast while supporting Cathedral school.
- A reminder that the November PTO meeting is Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Cathedral.

## Change in after school plans

Please make every effort to notify the school office of any after school changes for your student prior to noon. Phone calls and e-mails in the afternoon and at the end of the school day make it difficult to communicate changes to students and teachers. Change forms are available outside the office and on-line. These forms can be completed and turned in to the school office in the morning. Thank you.



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## AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

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Christ-centered family  
devoted to nurturing students of all faiths  
through educational excellence  
in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

### CORE VALUES

**FAITH**—Serving Jesus and His Church  
**INTEGRITY**—Cultivating moral character  
**EXCELLENCE**—Pursuing daily improvement  
through life-long learning  
**LEADERSHIP**—Inspiring achievement  
and stewardship  
**DIGNITY**—Respecting God, others and self

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## School Calendar Reminders

Thursday, October 31	Windy City Players- Beauty & The Beast 8:15 a.m. 5K Trick or Treat at Bethany on Cass 10:00 a.m. Halloween Party 12:45 p.m. hosted by Blessed Sacrament 6th Graders
Friday, November 1	End of Quarter Blessed Sacrament Grade 6 "Saints" visiting at 8:10 a.m. All Saints Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs. Johans' class
Sunday, November 3	PTO Pancake and Omelet Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-noon
Monday, November 4	Start of Quarter 2 Picture Re-take day
Wednesday, November 6	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs. Dobbin's class Quarter 1 report cards sent home 5K-Gr. 2
Friday, November 8	Cathedral Spirit Day Yearbook orders due in office
Monday, November 11	Veterans Day Commemoration 9:00 a.m.
Monday, November 11-15	Cathedral Book Fair
Tuesday, November 12	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:15-7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, November 13	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs.. Flottmeyer's class PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 14	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:15-7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, November 20	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Miss Wirth's class- <b>Children Feeding Children</b> food donation collection at Mass