



Mater Dei Academy Weekly

October 28th, 2022

Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Mass will be celebrated by Father Klee Friday, November 4th.
- MDA family hike on Saturday, October 29th at High Banks Metro Park. Food will be provided after the hike. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Kevin Reis.
- Don't forget Heroes of the Bible Costume Day is Monday, October 31st. Students will come to school dressed in their costume (Bible hero or saint). Kindergarten will have school this day. We will be having a celebration from 12-1 pm for the students with treats and activities.
- There will be no school Tuesday, November 1st in honor of All Saints Day.
- We need help! With the Christmas Program sets and props. Mrs. Moss needs to know **ASAP** who will be helping. Lists of items needed were previously sent home with the students. Please contact Mrs. Moss or the school if you are able to help in sets and props.
- Reminder: please have your students work on memorizing their parts for the Christmas Program.
- Please make sure to send your student(s) to school with weather appropriate outerwear (coats, gloves, mittens, hats). Students will still have outdoor recess, as long as the temperature is above 20° F with the windchill.

Thank you for supporting our students!

All Saints Day

All Saints' Day arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their deaths. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored. The holy day of obligation was established by Pope Gregory III (731) when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. This celebration was originally



confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827) extended the feast to the entire Church

and it to be celebrated annually. Around 1668, in the Puritan areas of the United States, All Hallows Eve and All Hallows Day, celebrations were outlawed for being Catholic. Irish Catholic immigrants in the United States revived the practice as a way of celebrating the vigil of All Saints' Day. All Saints' Day is dedicated to and celebrates all those saints who have entered heaven. This includes saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not. All Saints Day is followed by All Souls' Day, November 2nd, the day on which Catholics commemorate all those Holy Souls who have died and are in Purgatory.



Have a safe and blessed weekend.

Dear holy saints of God, we join our prayers of praise to yours this day. With you, we sing of God's goodness, rejoice in God's mercy, and celebrate God's incredible love. Teach us to live as you lived – always thinking of others, always recognizing your weaknesses, always rejoicing in God's gifts, always following Jesus.

Amen

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