



# Hogan's Highlights

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Happy Fall! October is one of my favorite months but it is also one of the busiest as an educator. During this month, quarter 1 will end, PTE will host our annual Curriculum Night and meeting, parent teacher conferences will be held, and our teachers will participate in a staff development day.

The first quarter of a new school year can be an exciting time. It opens up many opportunities for you and for each child. As your child continues to grow both in their learning and faith formation, maybe they will discover a new talent or interest. Maybe your child will earn excellent grades or have a piece of artwork they are extremely proud of. As the year continues, you can help your child achieve great things by setting the stage and encouraging a positive attitude and work ethic.

The partnership between home and school is one that I value in the St. Gabriel Community. Students and teachers share time and space, mind and soul for over 6 hours a day. Consequently, St. Gabriel becomes a privileged place for the total formation of our students. Minds are challenged, souls are nourished, and Christian principals set the standard for every effort in the classroom. (Taken from the Catholic Teacher). This partnership is one reason why our community is strong and one that I am proud to be a part of both professionally and personally.

Please plan to join us on October 6 for our fall PTE meeting and Curriculum Night. We will begin in the gym at 6:00 then students and families will move to their classrooms to showcase learning from quarter 1. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be serving ice cream to all.

The auction is only 3 weeks away! As a reminder, each family is required to purchase 2 tickets (\$80). To purchase those tickets, you may send a check to the school office along with your reservation

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## October-At-A-Glance

Please also check your student's teacher calendar

- 2- Parish Picnic Macken Park 11:00
- 4- Protecting God's Children Class 6:30 Gathering Space
- 6- PTE Meeting and Curriculum Night 6:00
- 7- K-1-2 Field Trip to Kansas City Zoo
- 14- No School Professional Development
- 17- Cell Phone Sallye Presentation
- 19- Quarter 1 Ends
- 25- K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade attending *The Presidents* at St. Charles School
- 26- Report Cards Home SPX Spirit Assembly Parent Teacher Conferences
- 27- Half Day Parent Teacher Conferences
- 28- No School Trunk or Treat and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Haunted House

card that you received in the mail. I am looking forward to the evening and the line dancing!

**Saint Highlight: St. Thomas Aquinas, a brilliant scholar, is one of the many patron saints of student.**



### Living Like Jesus

Living like Jesus is the theme for the year as we live out the final month of this Year of Mercy. What an opportunity to help our faith and learning community remember what is so deep in our hearts, namely that ALL we do, all we are is to reflect Jesus. Who better to reinforce this reality than our most beloved Saints. They too walked the earth, struggled with what humans struggle and yet succeeded in living like Jesus. As we strive toward sainthood, let's keep our heroes and role models in mind. Do not forget Saint Teresa of Calcutta either...a woman of our own times!

October 15

***Our annual school auction is 3 weeks away! Please plan to attend for a night of fun with our school and parish families as we support***

***St. Gabriel School***















