



Father Holland Catholic School

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"Where students shine with the Light of Christ"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In November we acknowledge the Saints in heaven, in purgatory, and on earth. We also remember the Holy Souls of those who have gone before us, and give thanks for the wonderful example of living as Jesus would want us to live!

We will celebrate Mass for All Saints Day on November 1. Please join us and Fr. Cabral as we honor the Communion of Saints and pray for their help in facing the challenge of trying to live a virtuous life.

I will be attending the School Safety Planning and Mitigation Conference on November 2. Topics include: dispelling school safety myths; bullying and its effects on all, and keeping students safe from terrorist attacks – reviewing school crisis plans. What I learn should help FHCS maintain its "safe and nurturing environment."

Mr. Feinstein will visit on November 3. Please have the children wear their Feinstein sweatshirts on that day. If they have outgrown theirs, please send it in for a younger/smaller student to use. Unfortunately, Mr. Feinstein is no longer providing sweatshirts for students. Instead, he is very generously providing tee shirts. We'll be ordering these in the spring.

Saving Sight RI will be here on November 9 to screen PK-grade 3 children.

There is no school on November 11 as we honor our brave men and women who have protected and continue to protect our country each day. May God bless and keep them safe always.

We'll be hosting our annual Flu Vaccination Clinic on November 17 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Information was sent home in the yellow envelopes about how to register for this free-of-charge service. You may register online at www.thewellcomp.com/school or the night of the clinic.

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner for the students will be held on November 18. If you are able to help with this fun (and delicious) event, please arrive at 10:30 to help set up serving stations, prepare plates of appetizers, and set the tables. Help with recess duty is always appreciated; also contributions from each class are listed below.

On November 18 there will be a dress down for Adopt-a-Family - \$3 for one child; \$5 for a family. All money collected will be used to buy gifts for our "adopted" child as part of our Feinstein Good Deeds Program.

At night on November 18 there will be a dance for grades 6-8 from 6:30-8:00. The cost is \$3.00 per student.

There is no school on November 23 as it is a Professional Day for the staff.

We are asking for your help with our needs:

1. Canned goods for the poor – our annual Feinstein food drive in November
2. Lottery tickets for our lottery tree raffle
3. Treasures for our re-gifter room at the bazaar
4. Any gift cards that you do not plan to use for our gift-grab tree at the bazaar
5. Any bottles of alcoholic beverages that you may not want for our liquor basket at the bazaar

All of these must be brought to school by November 30.

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- Picture re-takes on December 1. You must return the entire picture package minus the class picture for the retakes. Students who were absent on October 4 can have their pictures taken on December 1. We have picture order forms here for those who need them.
- Many thanks to the Lagesse family for working so hard to assemble and place the new pieces for our preschool play yard that were obtained through the Trans-Canada Ocean State Grant program.
- Also, many thanks to all who helped make our BINGO such a success. Special thanks to my wonderful committee: Fr. Cabral, Michelle Baillargeon, Janice Denomme, Christine Godin, Bridget Gieseke, and the terrific faculty and staff of FHCS. I couldn't do it without you! Thanks also to Mr. Richard Froment for helping call back the lucky numbers. Perhaps we'll do another Bingo in the spring.
- We will be switching to donuts on **Tuesday** instead of muffins (the kids just did not like them that much). The price is still \$1.00. All proceeds will go to support field trips/activities for our children.
- Thanksgiving dinner donations
 - PK & K-drinks (juice boxes, small bottles of water, etc)
 - 1-cans of corn
 - 2-bread
 - 3 & 4-gravy & cranberry sauce
 - 5 & 6-desserts
 - 7 & 8-appetizers

Reminder: Winter uniforms for our young ladies begin on November 1.

God bless you and grant you a Happy Thanksgiving,
Shawn A. Capron & Fr. Clifford J. Cabral