

OCTOBER NEWS

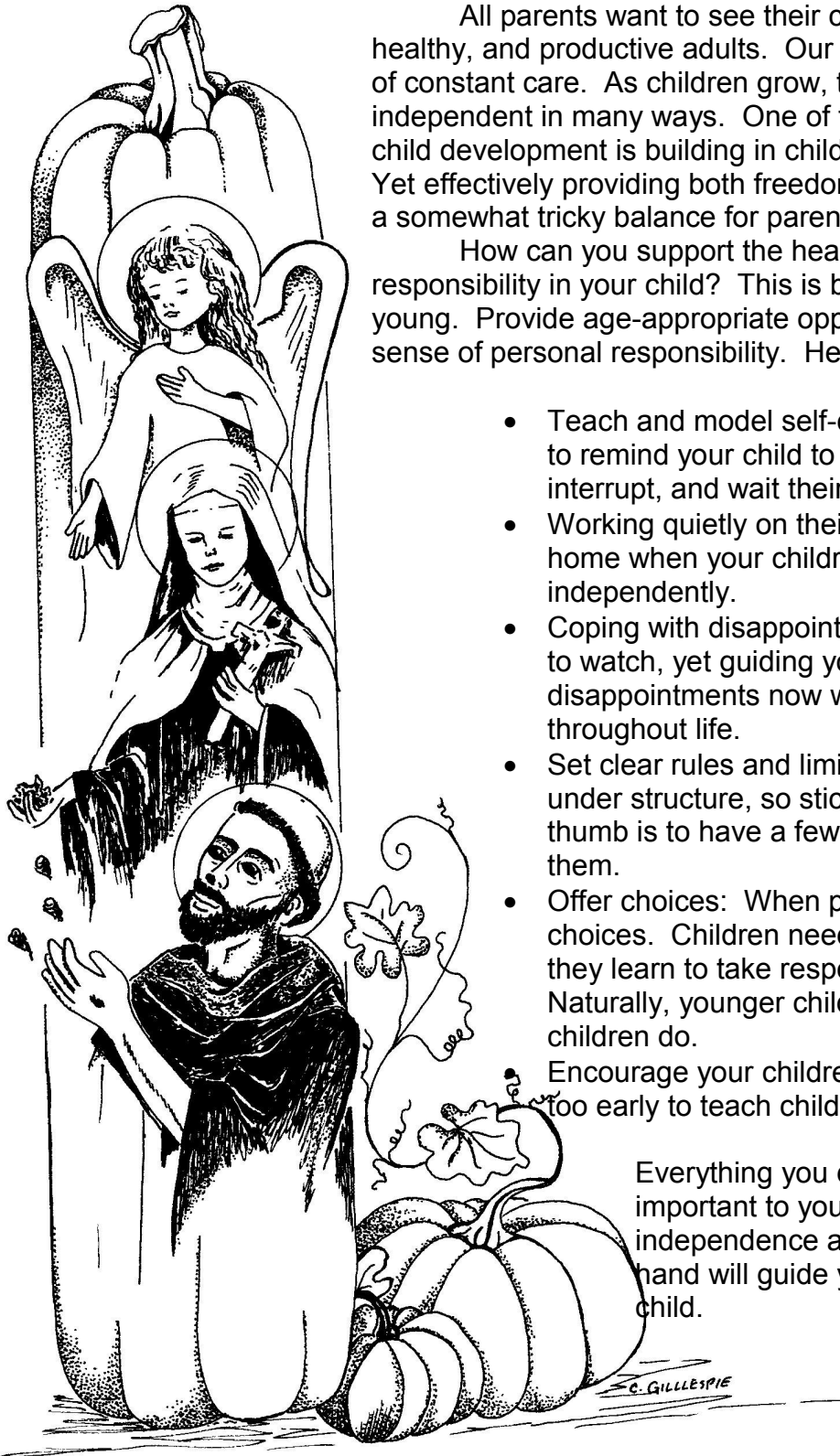
Dear Parent:

All parents want to see their children grow and become happy, healthy, and productive adults. Our children come to us as infants in need of constant care. As children grow, they become capable of being independent in many ways. One of the most important aspects of healthy child development is building in children a sense of personal responsibility. Yet effectively providing both freedom and responsibility for children can be a somewhat tricky balance for parents.

How can you support the healthy development of personal responsibility in your child? This is best accomplished when they are young. Provide age-appropriate opportunities for your child to develop a sense of personal responsibility. Here are a few simple ideas:

- Teach and model self-control: Mealtime can be an opportunity to remind your child to listen when others speak, not to interrupt, and wait their turn to speak.
- Working quietly on their own: Establish some quiet times at home when your children are encouraged to study or read independently.
- Coping with disappointment: This is often difficult for parents to watch, yet guiding your children in dealing with small disappointments now will help them deal confidently with them throughout life.
- Set clear rules and limits in your home: Children can thrive under structure, so stick to the limits you set. A good rule of thumb is to have a few important family rules and enforce them.
- Offer choices: When possible, offer your children appropriate choices. Children need the opportunity to make choices so they learn to take responsibility for their own behavior. Naturally, younger children need simpler choices than older children do.
- Encourage your children to lend a helping hand: It is never too early to teach children the joy of serving others.

Everything you do to teach the values that are important to you will help your child along the path to independence and responsibility. Know that God's hand will guide you in this very important work with your child.



SCHOOL NEWS

FAMILY MASS—Sunday, October 2, at 9:30, the Grade 1 students are to be highlighted during the Family Mass. Since October is the month the Church sets aside to honor the Blessed Mother through the rosary, each 1st Grader is to receive a rosary. They are to sit together until after Communion when they will be called up to the altar to recite the Hail Mary. A Coffee and is being held in the Lunchroom right after Mass. All St. Jane Families are encouraged to attend the Family Mass.

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS—There are no classes on **October 10**, in honor of Christopher Columbus. School is to be dismissed **Thursday, October 20, at 1:30** and **Monday, October 31, at 11:30**.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE—If you have any uniforms that your child has outgrown, please donate them to the Uniform Exchange. This program is especially in need of girl's jumpers, skirts, and vests. Uniforms should be sent to the office in a bag marked Uniform Exchange c/o Laurie Mackert (girls) or Maria Flores (boys). There is no charge when you obtain a uniform from this program. We are happy to have such a program so parents are encouraged to take advantage of it. Please contact Laurie Mackert or Maria Flores if your child needs a uniform.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY—Representatives from the area boys/girls High Schools will be at St. Jane's on **Friday, October 21**, to meet the students in Grades 7 & 8. The co-ed schools plan to conduct their sessions on **Tuesday, October 4**. At that time, the various programs, curricula, and extracurricular activities which are offered by each school will be carefully explained to the students. Please speak seriously about choice of high schools with your child. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the upcoming Open Houses at the High Schools. The St. Jane students and their parents are also invited to attend High School Night at St. Daniel the Prophet on **Thursday, October 13, 7:00-8:30 P.M.**

INTERIM REPORTS—In order for parents to have a better understanding of their children's current achievement, an Interim Report is being sent home each trimester for students in Grades 1-8. Please look for these to be included in the Wednesday Folder on October 5. It is also important to be aware of the fact that it is early in the year and there are not a lot of grades to be included for the first Interim Report. So continue to monitor your child's progress when tests come home for signatures.

LUNCH MOMS—Special thanks to the moms and dads who have volunteered to assist in the Lunchroom. If anyone else is available, please contact Karen Durnell. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of these volunteers, the Lunchroom is in good hands. All volunteers are reminded that they must complete an online Criminal Background Check, a CANTS form, a Code of Conduct form and Virtus Training if they wish to work with children. Further information is available in the office.

VIRTUS TRAINING—A Virtus Training Session is being held **Thursday, October 27**, 6:00-9:00, in the Lunchroom. Registration must be completed on line. Further information can be found in this week's Wednesday Folder.

RECESS—It is important that the children enjoy a few minutes of fresh air at recess. Please dress your child so they will be comfortable outside. Unless a student has a doctor's excuse, they are expected to go outside during recess.

LUNCH REMINDERS—Please keep a copy of the current month's lunch order so that you know which days your child has ordered a lunch and which days your child needs to bring a lunch. When placing the order, it is important that you select which kind of milk you would like your child to have with his/her lunch. When no selection is made, white milk is automatically ordered for the child. Also, the circles on the lunch forms need to be filled in using black or blue ink. No X or -- marks are to be used. Any marks other than the filled-in circles cause errors and miscounts. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these forms.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES—Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Friday, November 18**. Request forms are being sent home on **Wednesday, October 26**, and are to be returned by **Friday, October 28**. Conference schedules can be expected on **Wednesday, November 9**.

CHILDREN'S CENTER—The before/after school program is in full swing. Welcome to all students and their families. This program is open to all St. Jane's students and a once-a-year fee is all that's needed. Your child may stay daily or occasionally. You pay only \$4.00 an hour for the actual time used. The Center is open from 7:00-8:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. (11:30 or 1:30 on half days) until 6:00 P.M. This program is not just for working parents. Any child registered with the Center can stay any day. Think in terms of jury duty, traffic court, family illness, or Christmas shopping. Your child will be safe, dry, and fully entertained. This program offers daily snacks, free play, homework opportunities and art and craft projects. For additional information call Sandy Ramirez at the Children's Center at 767-3450.

SCHOOL BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE REMINDER—Parents are reminded that tuition is due on the 15th of each month—September tuition payment was due September 15th and is considered late if received on October 16th or later. A late fee of \$20 is charged for late payments. If you have any questions, contact the school office at 767-1130. It is important that tuition payments are made in a timely fashion as it helps us manage our budget.

CLARIFICATION OF 2011-2012 FUND RAISING COMMITMENT—As stated in the 2011-2012 Tuition Agreement, each family is expected to raise \$500 through participation in Market Day, Manna, the Wrapping Paper Sale, Candy Sale, Monthly Tuition Raffle, or the Magazine Drive. For Manna, the family credit earned is based on the percentages offered by the retail stores. For example, if you purchase \$100 in Jewel (4%) certificates, you would earn \$4.00.

Since there is a 50% profit from the Wrapping Paper Sale, 50% of your total order is applied toward your fund raising commitment. The Candy Sale also earns a 50% profit. In addition, half of the \$10 tuition raffle ticket is put towards your commitment. Likewise, St. Jane earns 40% profit from the Magazine Drive, so that amount is also applicable to the fund raising commitment. Since Market Day earns a 10% profit, families earn 10% of the total. Families are expected to take care of this obligation by April 15. Those families who exceed the \$500 commitment shall receive a tuition credit equal to 60% of the additional amount. If you have not earned the \$500 by then, a check must be written for the difference or the entire amount. Hopefully, this explanation clarifies the manner in which the fund raising commitment is being administered for 2011-2012.

PARISHIONER/NON-PARISHIONER STATUS—Families are reminded that in order to maintain their Parishioner status for the 2012-2013 school year, they must attend Mass regularly and use their Sunday envelopes. Mass attendance is being monitored through the use of the envelopes. Those who do not attend Mass on a regular basis will be considered Non-Parishioners for the 2012-2013 school year.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION—The monthly meeting is on **Wednesday, Sept. 28**, at 7:00, and any interested parents are welcome. All coaches or a representative from each team are expected to attend. The Gym Schedule and plans for the Super Bingo, scheduled for **Sunday, October 30**, are on the agenda for this meeting..

LOST ITEMS--Be sure to mark your child's name in gym uniforms, school uniforms, lunch bags or boxes, hats, gloves, jackets, etc. Almost every day lost items are turned into the office. Many are not marked with student names and therefore cannot be traced and returned.

THANKS—Special thanks is extended to the following families who have generously donated paper/office products to our school—Bannon Family; and toys—Zebrowski and Mendoza Families. If in your fall cleaning you come across toys which your children have outgrown but are in good condition, please consider donating them to Kindergarten or Preschool. If you have books which your children are no longer reading, please consider donating them to the school library so that other children may enjoy them.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL REMINDERS—Since there is no playground supervision before 8:00 A.M., it is expected that students arrive in time to enter the building. There are to be no running games, or throwing of footballs or baseballs prior to entering the building. Please discuss this matter with your child(ren) as safety is an important concern as children gather for school each day. Parents are also reminded that **no** vans are to park in the front row in the parking lot as they obstruct the children's view as they look for their parents at dismissal. The alley behind school is a **No Parking Zone**. Parents are **not** to drive into the alley in order to pick up their children. Also, please be mindful of your speed as you drive in and out of the lot. No child's safety should be compromised because of drivers who are in a hurry. Our first concern is for the safety of all the children.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION LETTER – FROM C. GREGORY VEITH

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970's contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. We too have buildings that contain asbestos materials. The primary concern arises when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

Your school has been inspected and some asbestos-containing materials were identified in your building. The materials are distributed in various locations and include floor tile, pipe insulations and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students. Your Inspection Report and Management Plan outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the materials in a safe manner. You have had, or are in the process of having, your people properly trained to successfully administer this program.

A copy of the Management Plan is on file at the Administration Office, 155 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois and at your local school office for your review if you so desire.

FEE PAYMENT DAY/BOOK DAY—The 2011-2012 school year got off to a great start on Fee Payment Day, August 11. Thanks to the following people for giving up a Wednesday evening to assist with tuition collection and the many other tasks involved in this day: Maureen Kurtovich, Sandy Ramirez, Karen Durnell, Dan Freeman, Kayla Freeman, Frank Benitez, Becky Bell, Anne & Greg Michalik, Kelly Myers, Ed Gazda, Hannah Brown, Pat Matula, Diane Szymusiak, and Genna Ruiz. The 8th Grade helpers: Timmy Nichin, Sarah Harmon, Erica Gens, Jake Hasan, Marissa Cappello, Dorian Ruiz, Matthew Michalik, Amanda Baran and Matthew Ramirez for a good job selling the pencil cases and distributing school supplies. The success of this day was due to the dedicated efforts of those who assisted and for that we are most grateful.

LICE—As the weather gets colder, it is not unusual for cases of lice to surface. If your child should develop lice, they must be treated with Nix shampoo, according to the instructions on the box. In order for the child to return to school, the empty box of Nix must be brought to school as proof of treatment. 10 days later they must have a second treatment, repeating the above regulation. Due to its contagious nature, lice must be reported to school so that parents can be notified immediately. While I am aware of some of the negative attitudes concerning lice, there is no need to be embarrassed about it. If treated properly, lice can be easily remedied.

TARGET—TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION—Help raise money for our students through Target’s “Fund Raising Made Simple” Program. To participate, just apply for a Target Guest Card and designate St. Jane de Chantal as the school where you would like your 1% donated. Upon approval, you will receive a Target Guest Card to use every time you shop at Target. In addition, you will receive a 5% discount each time you use your Target Red Card.

All are encouraged to participate in this fund raising effort as it is another example of a win-win situation where the school benefits from regular purchases made by our families. Recently St. Jane received a check for \$290.91 which reflects the sales from the past year.

CANDY SALE—Families can expect the candy to come home October 6th. The sale is then to run for the next two weeks. Those families who agreed to participate in the Candy Sale are to receive further information with the boxes of candy. Thank you and good luck to those families who plan to sell candy!

FALL FEST—Many thanks to all who were involved with the 11th Annual Fall Fest--whether you were on the planning committee, volunteered that day, bought a Cow Pie Raffle Ticket or simply attended the festivities. Not only was it a financial success, but also a social success, as many families, parishioners and visitors gathered to participate in the many activities.

As of this writing, there are still a few outstanding bills which must be paid before a profit amount can be determined. Proceeds from this event are being used to support our existing academic program.

In addition, a great big “THANKS” is extended to Lou Rexing and his crew from the Holy Name Society for their 8th Annual Cow Pie Raffle. Through the funds realized from this event, the Leveled Readers for the new Reading Program in Grades 3-5 have been purchased. We cannot thank the Holy Name Society enough for their continued support of our Parish School. Your Cow Pie Raffle has certainly made a difference in the lives of the St. Jane students. As always, we are looking forward to next year.

Be sure to check the website for some great pictures of the Fall Fest taken by Ed Gazda.

GARAGE SALE—Do you have valuable items around your house that could be sold at a Garage Sale? If you do, consider participating in the St. Jane Garage Sale on Saturday, October 22, 8:00-2:00, which is taking place in two locations, Ward Hall and the School Lunchroom. Tables are available for \$17 or two tables for \$30, which is a great price. The money from your sales is yours to keep. Interested individuals should contact Donna Flanagan at 767-6639. The Garage Sale is a win-win situation—earn a little money for yourself and support St. Jane at the same time. In addition, St. Jane has rented two tables for which table-top donations are being requested. No clothing or shoes please.

So, if you have any items which you are not using, but someone else could use, please send them to school by October 14, to the attention of Melissa Weyer. Any questions regarding these donations should be directed to Melissa Weyer at (773) 573-4866. All profits from these two tables will be given to St. Jane. We're looking forward to a successful Garage Sale. Volunteers are also needed to assist in the Kitchen and with security.

CARSON'S COMMUNITY DAYS—St. Jane de Chantal School is participating in the Carson's Community Day Event on **Friday, November 11, and Saturday, November 12**. Coupon booklets, which contain a \$10 coupon for any purchase, a 30% off early bird coupon, a 20% off shopping pass which can be used over and over on those days, and 10 special bonus offers, are being sold for \$5, all of which is retained by St. Jane. The money which is earned through the sale of Carson Community Days Coupon Booklets is for the Marian Zientek Parent Club Scholarship Fund, which awards 2 \$300 scholarships to SJS graduates. Marian Zientek served as the President of the Parent Club for many years and was devoted to the annual Craft Fair, which funded these scholarships. In May 2008 she lost her battle with stomach cancer, so the Parent Club Scholarship has been named in her memory. Please support this effort by urging your family and friends to purchase these \$5 coupon booklets. St. Jane also has the opportunity to sell these booklets at the store on the days previous to and on the day of the sale. If you are able to assist us with this effort, please contact the school office. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to the Marian Zientek Scholarship Fund should send their check to the school office: attention Nancy Andrasco.

SUMMER BRIDGE ACTIVITIES BOOKS—All students who turned in completed Summer Bridge Activities Books attended an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, September 1. They also received an out-of-uniform slip to be used on five Fridays of their choice. We are very proud of these students for accomplishing this task. A word of thanks is extended to their parents for supporting this summer activity.

Kindergarten—Morgan Mosqueda, Alexandra Di Pasquale, Julia Perez, Dana Tully, Nicholas Arvetis, and Sophia Centeno

Grade 1—Alexis Dixon, Nicholas Czochara, Maura Degnan, Morgan O'Shaughnessy, Joseph Bedtke, Meghan Degnan, Michael Munoz, Natalia Zavala, Angela Quesada, Kathleen Norton, Erin Norton, Michal Gacek, George Raphael-McElroy, Dominic Gentile, and Sara Halpin

Grade 2—Donna Dlugopolski, Victoria Flores, Michael Gentile, George Green, Octavio Martinez-Teutli, Jake Merda, Janessa Mosqueda, Matthew Mosqueda, Maya Reina, and Ashton Zigler

Grade 3—Cassandra Horne, Joey Munoz, Jaden Hernandez-Maxson, Makayla Degnan, Omar Meraz, Daniel Costa, Donatella Raphael-McElroy and Ewelina Gacek

Grade 4—Kayleigh Pudil, Alexa Benitez, Lindsay Degnan, Julian Ruiz, Julian Salgado, Adrian Del Bosque, Matt Dixon, Juan Berumen, Alexis Degnan, and David Connelly

Grade 5—Maggie Degnan, Vivian Korolewicz, Kelsey Simon, Luisangel Perez, Bobby Flores, Erin Degnan, Emily Dlugopolski, Sarah Merda, Jacob Waksmanski, Jessica Witkowski, Anita Raphael-McElroy, and Isaac Garcia

Grade 6—Anthony Raphael-McElroy and Ashley Pontrelli

Grade 7—Matthew Zebrowski, E.J. Hernandez, Emily Degnan, Sarah Michalik, and Jackie Harmon

TUITION RAFFLE—Once again, a monthly Tuition Raffle is being made available to St. Jane Families. Tickets are being sold each month for \$10, and must be purchased by the 15th of each month. \$5 of each ticket goes toward your fund raising commitment. The winner receives \$315.00, which is equivalent to one month's tuition for a one child family. This is a win-win opportunity as it helps families earn their fund raising commitment and raises additional monies for St. Jane. Look for the tickets in the Wednesday Folder.