CSM Update for Families - October 19–23

A Message from Mrs. Clamp

After a short week last week, we are looking forward to having everyone back together for a full week of school.

Last week, while students were away, our teachers and school staff spent time learning, planning, collaborating and working together so that we can continue creating strong, responsive learning environments for every student. I am grateful for the professionalism and care our staff bring to this work.

This week is also **Catholic Education Week**, and it gives us a special opportunity to recognize what a gift Catholic education is.

We are blessed to live in a place where publicly funded Catholic education allows students to grow academically while also learning about faith, prayer, service, compassion and what it means to live as followers of Christ.

Thank you for choosing Catholic education and for partnering with us in the education of your children.

As always, thank you for trusting our school with your children.

Mrs. Clamp

Catholic Education Week

October 17–23, 2026
Theme: The Power of the Holy Spirit

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
— Romans 15:13

Saint: St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Catholic Education Week invites us to reflect on what makes Catholic education distinctive.

This year’s theme reminds us that the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives — bringing hope, joy, peace and courage.

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati offers a beautiful example for young people. He lived his faith not only through prayer, but through friendship, service, joy and care for people in need. His life reminds us that holiness is not something separate from everyday life. It is found in the way we treat others, use our gifts and respond to the needs around us.

At CSM, we hope our students come to understand that faith is something we **live** — in classrooms, on playgrounds, with friends, in service, and in the choices we make each day.

💙 **Thursday, October 22 is Wear Blue Day** in celebration of Catholic Education Week.

Faith in Our Week

October Scripture
“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”
— 1 Corinthians 12:27

Catholic Education Week reminds us again that every member of our community has something to contribute.

Our students bring different gifts, cultures, personalities, strengths and ways of learning. Our families bring different stories and experiences. Our staff bring different talents and areas of expertise.

Together, we create something none of us could create alone.

Our hope is that every child at CSM knows:

I belong here. I have gifts to share. I am an important part of this community.

Growing in Our Catholic Faith

Why Do Catholics Use Holy Water?

You may notice holy water near the entrances of a Catholic church.

Catholics often dip their fingers into the holy water and make the **Sign of the Cross** when entering and leaving the church.

Holy water reminds us of our **Baptism** — the sacrament through which we become members of the Christian community.

It is a simple physical reminder of who we are and of our call to live as followers of Christ.

This Week at a Glance

Monday, October 19
🏐 Grade 5/6 Volleyball Practice

Tuesday, October 20
Regular School Day

Wednesday, October 21
🏐 Grade 5/6 Volleyball Practice
📦 Old Dutch Chip Orders Arrive

Thursday, October 22
💙 **Wear Blue for Catholic Education Week**
🏃 Run Club

Friday, October 23
🏐 Grade 5/6 Volleyball Games at St. Paul School
Boys and girls each play at **2:00 PM and 2:45 PM**

📍 St. Paul School
1212 12 Avenue North

School Updates

Revised Bell Times — One Correction

Thank you to families for reviewing the revised bell times that were shared on Friday.

Time	Activity
8:35 a.m.	Entry bell
10:00–10:20 a.m.	Morning recess
12:00–12:38 p.m.	Lunch and outdoor play
2:20–2:40 p.m.	Afternoon recess
3:30 p.m.	Kindergarten dismissal — North door
3:50 p.m.	Grades 1–6 dismissal

We apologize for one error in the information that was sent. Our afternoon recess time was listed incorrectly.

The correct afternoon recess time is:

2:20–2:40 PM

The previously shared communication listed **2:00–2:20 PM** in error.

All other revised bell times shared on Friday remain unchanged. Thank you for your understanding.

Old Dutch Chip Orders

Our Old Dutch chip orders are expected to arrive on **Wednesday, October 21**.

We will send families a message once orders are sorted and ready for pick-up.

Thank you again for supporting this fundraiser. Funds raised will support **equipment or other needs connected to physical education, recess and outdoor learning**.

Halloween at CSM

On **Friday, October 30**, we will acknowledge Halloween as part of our Grow & Glow Assembly, including a costume parade.

Halloween can be an exciting tradition for many students, but we also recognize that **not all families celebrate Halloween, or celebrate it in the same way**.

We want every student to feel completely welcome at school that day.

Students may choose to:

- wear a costume;
- wear **orange and black**; or
- wear their **Colour Team colours**.

All three options will allow students to participate in the fun and earn Colour Team points.

As always, we ask that costumes be appropriate for an elementary school setting and allow students to participate safely and comfortably throughout the school day.

Looking Ahead

Next Week

🏐 Volleyball continues
🏃 Run Club continues

Friday, October 30
🎃 Halloween / Grow & Glow Assembly and Costume Parade