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Dear Boys and Girls: We are in the month of October, the Month of the Holy Rosary. I know you are praying at least one decade of the Rosary in each of your religion classes on a daily basis. Please continue to do so for world peace and for the many sick persons in our school family: Mr. Brennan, Mr. Huard's brother, Mr. V's dad, Mrs. Shirley Holton, David Lafontaine's grandmother, Mrs. Allard, our three Sisters of Charity battling cancer, Mrs. Daly's mother, Mr. Potter. I know I am forgetting someone, so just ask the good Lord and Our Blessed Mother to help all of these persons through their various illnesses and pains. We also have much to be thankful for at this time of the year: new students that bring our enrollment up to 173, new and brighter lights in the gym, a chef that never stops giving, teachers who are available after school to help you with your school work, the END of standardized testing, and all of the many daily blessings that just never stop coming our way, the ones we take for granted. Always be a grateful person. Each day, show an attitude of gratitude to God, by thanking Him for these many blessings.

Monthly school Mass will take place this Friday at St. Joseph Church, 9:00 a.m. with grade 7 preparing. All families are invited to attend.

School will not be in session next Monday and Tuesday due to the Columbus Day and Professional development days.

Wine Tasting Committee—next meeting is October 14th in the school library at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars! Our 2nd annual Wine Tasting fundraiser will take place on Nov. 5th from 7-10 p.m. Come enjoy an elegant evening of wine tasting! The committee is accepting cash donations to purchase a few large raffle items to draw more people. Donations can be sent in with your child in an envelope marked "Wine Tasting". We need everyone's help to make this successful. All proceeds will benefit the school athletics program! Up coming meeting dates are Oct. 14 & Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Cristoline and Food Court Brochures— [correction from last week] Orders will be coming in **next Wed., Oct. 12**. We need several persons who are free during the school day to help sort the food court orders. Call the school office or get in touch with Christopher Bennett (860-423-4717) to let him know you will help. Many hands make light work. **SPECIAL NOTE:** If your child is unable to bring the order home on the 12th, please, please, please come into school and pick up your order after school.

Lyman Pies and Cookie Dough fundraiser begins today and ends Oct. 19th. Order sheets are enclosed.

50/50 Club—October winners: John Dusza, #63 and Dorothy Rondeau, #79. Congratulations. It's never too late to join. Call Roland Huard at the school and become a part of the action.

Cross Country Challenge make up race will be tomorrow, Thursday, Oct. 6th at Sweeney School.

Clothes hangers needed for our uniform exchange closet. Child size hangers would be appreciated. Thank you to all who have donated used uniforms since the beginning of the year. We appreciate your contributions.

Attention Parents of Students in Grades 5,6,7, & 8—On October 19th, from 7 – 8 p.m. SMSJ will be hosting a high school night in the gym. Between 10-12 surrounding high school will be here to show you what they have to offer. **THIS IS NOT JUST FOR 8TH GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS.** It is important that you start to look ahead and see all of the options available. Just because some of these high schools are private, does not necessarily mean they are beyond your financial means. Most of the Catholic schools offer large amounts of scholarships, so come and see what it's like.

Sunshine Photos will be at the school October 18th and 19th. Oct. 18th—class pictures in full dress uniform; 19th, individual photos in appropriate clothes of your choice. Forms will go home next week.

(7) ENCLOSURES: Wine Tasting Flyer, Lyman Pies (2 flyers), Eastern Hallowe'en Party (PreK-2), Windham Rec. Poster Contest (K-8), St. Bernard Cheerleading clinic (gr. 6-8 girls), St. Bernard School (gr. 7 & 8).

Thought for the Week

(From the Wit and Wisdom of Benjamin Franklin)

On Church and State: “When religion is good, it will support itself, but when it cannot support itself and God does not take care to support it, so that its professors are obliged to call for the help of a civil power, it is a sign, I apprehend, of a bad one.”