



28 October 2016

Planning Ahead

Thursday, 3 November – **School Pictures**. C&R Creative Studios, Brooklyn, will be taking our individual student and class pictures this year. Weather permitting, pictures will be taken **at the park on Thursday morning, 3 November**. Students will NOT order their pictures before Picture Day. C&R has informed us that they will be taking the pictures, then sending a sample home in a few days with an order form so that you can see what the picture looks like before you order. As before, students are permitted to wear a different top for Picture Day, but must wear the regular navy pants or skirt. Because it may be a bit chilly at the park on Thursday morning, I would suggest long sleeves. A long-sleeved shirt or blouse or an attractive sweater would be appropriate. C&R is suggesting that you avoid tops that are mostly green or yellow as they may blend in too much with the background. Wearing a sweatshirt or hoody for their picture will probably **not** make the best picture.

Friday, 11 November – Veterans' Day. **End of 1st Quarter**. FJS HAS SCHOOL on this day.

Thursday-Friday, 17-18 November – **Parent-Teacher Conferences**. Early dismissal on Friday, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, 18 November – deadline for **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes. As announced at PTF, our Christmas project again this year will be supporting Samaritan's Purse with shoeboxes packed for needy children around the world. More information to follow, or you can check the website at <<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>>.

Wednesday, 23 November – **Thanksgiving Feast**. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, 24-25 November – **Thanksgiving Vacation**. NO SCHOOL.

Building Temperature

It's the time of year again when outside temperatures fall and we need to heat the building. Due to the very warm weather just a couple weeks ago, the change seems more dramatic than usual and students' complaints seem more vigorous than I recall from previous years.

As before, the building is heated to 72°F all day. This has been determined by several studies to be a temperature at which students and office workers can be most productive. Several of our high school students in particular are protesting that there is no way the thermostat is correct! I have challenged them to bring in their own thermometer to verify that the room temperature is, in fact, 72°F ±1°

While the school does not provide long-sleeved uniforms, students are permitted to (1) wear a solid-colored (any solid color), long-sleeved tee shirt **under** their school shirt, and/or (2) a **solid white or navy blue** sweater or sweatshirt, with or without a hood while at school. Other colors as well as patterns, prints, designs, graphics, and logos are **not** permitted.

Thanks for your help in encouraging your children to dress appropriately as we experience once again the change of seasons.

Enjoy fall!

James E. Gochnauer, Principal