

Dear Parents:

November 13, 2023

There is a new grant opportunity from the Michigan Department of Education to provide funding to improve the health, safety, and wellness of learners. Non-public schools are eligible to apply and the award for our school could be approximately \$10,000 for mental Health and \$10,000 for Safety and Security. **Community input is necessary in the application process.** Please respond to this email by sharing ideas for initiatives, programs or materials that you feel would benefit our students.

Some of my thoughts for the **Safety and Security** portion of the grant, would be to upgrade our door locks so they can be opened with badges for getting around quicker. For the **Mental Health** portion of the grant, counseling or psychological services could be contracted using these funds. However, any other ideas or innovative initiatives will be considered and discussed at the next school commission meeting. Thank you!!

All school families must complete 30 volunteer hours every year. By now, you should have received an email with the total volunteer hours you have completed thus far. **If you did not receive an email with an update, it means your current hours are zero.**

If you are having difficulty doing your volunteer hours, call the office, there is usually something we can suggest that might work for you.

This week, we will learn about the virtue of kindness. **Kindness means expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others and anticipating their needs.**

Our students and families have been contributing every Thursday through tithing envelopes to help CareNet, the organization that extends **kindness** and help to pregnant women and their families. This first quarter, we collected a total of \$406.31 for CareNet! We will continue supporting this great organization through our tithing at the weekly Children's Mass.

Tomorrow Tuesday, November 14 is picture retake. If your child is having their picture retaken, he or she may be in color clothes but please make sure they bring a uniform to change after.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Farney



Another beautiful bulletin board by a generous parishioner and supporter of our school!