



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

OCTOBER 8-14, 2020

Dear Catholic Academy Family:

Happy belated Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, which we celebrated yesterday! I cannot wait to restart our monthly praying of the Holy Rosary on October 16th!

Please review all contents in and attached to the Knightly News very carefully. This is the major source of weekly communication, and we do our best to ensure we consolidate communication as much as possible for every Thursday.

## **SPECIAL HALLOWEEN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MRS. CHODKOWSKI:**



Due to my concern for our children having lost so very much of their "normalcy" over the past year, I would like to provide a safe Halloween opportunity here at school during the school day. On Friday, October 30th, all staff and students are encouraged to come to school dressed in Halloween costumes!!! (Costumes must not include blood, gore, weapons, or anything immodest. If you have any hesitation, contact me.) If students or staff choose not to wear costumes, they can dress down in Halloween colors. Remote students will be invited on-site for an outdoor, class-by-class Halloween parade! All details will be forthcoming! Classrooms will have Halloween parties and special Halloween activities going on for both on-site and remote students. **\*Please Note: Halloween masks are NOT considered barriers or protective measures against Covid-19. Should staff or students wear masks for Halloween, an actual PPE mask MUST be worn underneath it.**

I am also asking that parents consider donating LARGE (3 to 5 lb bags) of NUT-FREE candy to the school!!! Please mark the name of the CHILD and GRADE on the bag when it is sent in to the office, as I will be awarding 1 KNIGHTLY HOUR per LARGE bag of candy donated! In order for hours to be awarded, bags MUST be clearly marked! If you donate more than 1 LARGE (3 to 5 lb bag) of NUT-FREE candy, you will receive an hour per bag. It is my intention to collaborate with Parent Ambassadors to arrange for the candy to be safely bagged in treat bags for students to receive on their outdoor parade!

I'm also planning a VIRTUAL PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST for this day!! There will be SO much fun on October 30th, and I pray that this day makes memories for all of us of the new Halloween we can celebrate in this way during this special year. Again, any questions, please let me know!

God bless you, dear friends. Stay healthy!

Mrs. Chodkowski



- ❖ We are always grateful for our partnership in Catholic education and are proud to begin planning for a family business directory on our website. Immediate family members of current students and staff are most welcome to participate at absolutely no charge! Please complete this brief form below and we will add you to the directory.
  - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQbESPXbbHYoCdcDK\\_znIQyag6gT2DbUdqrblOifl0ypBrLA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQbESPXbbHYoCdcDK_znIQyag6gT2DbUdqrblOifl0ypBrLA/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- ❖ You can make a difference while you shop Amazon Prime Day deals on October 13 & 14. Simply shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4025322](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4025322) or with AmazonSmile ON the Amazon Shopping app and AmazonSmile donates to Catholic Academy of Waterbury.
- ❖ Please view the volunteer opportunities attachment for an opportunity to fulfill your Knightly Hours
- ❖ **Winter uniforms** begin the day after Columbus Day, October 13, 2020. Uniform and Dress Code information can be found beginning on page 27 of the Family Values Handbook
  - <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1599484066/stmaryschoolwtbyorg/cbfevbsarrb80fxbmikf/FamilyHB2020-2021CAWFamilyValues.pdf>
  - **NOTE: As we begin wearing Winter uniforms on Tuesday, October 13th, CAW will be making the ties for boys optional. The reason for this is strictly due to the pandemic and the difficulty with sanitizing the ties as often as they would need to be sanitized if they were to be worn daily. While we welcome our boys to wear their uniform ties, we ask that they be sanitized after each time they are worn. If this presents difficulty for the family, the child will not be penalized for not wearing a tie during the pandemic. Remote learners should follow the same protocol. Thank you!**
- ❖ Catholic Academy of Waterbury is proud to begin publishing blogs to offer a variety of perspectives on our school community! Our first, written by our former Music and Physical Education Teacher (and now Archdiocesan Seminarian), Mr. Spencer Malley, will provide you with a glimpse into life at the Seminary and offers thoughtful inspiration for our students and everyday life in the Catholic faith
  - ❖ There will be two virtual Internet Safety Presentations taking place very soon; a parent/teacher training and a student training. Please see the attached flyer that came to us through the State of CT.



## **BOO-GRAMS FOR SALE!!!!**

Send a special Halloween treat to your child and their friends for only \$1.00 each. Look for information to be sent home soon or view the attachments.



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



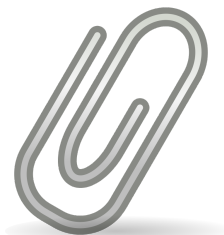
### STUDENT OF THE WEEK- Angela Shivas (grade 5)

She is always on time and prepared for her lessons in class, and participates frequently in class discussions. When she was out sick, she joined us remotely without needing to be asked, and participated just as much from home. She has welcomed our newest student, and always includes all classmates during recess. We're incredibly proud of her!

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## Attachments (5):

- ❖ Boo-Gram
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- ❖ Internet Safety Presentation 2020
- ❖ Support Catholic Academy/Amazon Prime Day
- ❖ Volunteer Opportunities



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