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Hello St. George Parents,

I send my sincere appreciation to all of you parents who put trust in our staff to keep your precious children safe. I appreciate your understanding of the timeline we work under. We have 274 students using six buildings across campus during the week, and classes are moving around all day long.

I know that your first reaction may be to call or text your child. The students do not have their phones on them, so call our office with questions. If they see or hear you panic, that will make them more scared. If you see something unusual and suspicious in the neighborhood, call us. We work together as a community caring for each other.

We pray in thanksgiving for our safety, and we pray for peace and healing in the world for all those who suffer.

WOW! We could not have chosen a more perfect day for the Jogathon! THANK YOU so much St. George for your fabulous fundraising. I think it is the first year we hit our goal BEFORE the start! To all the volunteers, please make sure you log your time on the Service Hour Forms.

Last time I checked we were at \$69,000! Donations are accepted through October 6th if there are still a few family and friend you want to *tickle*! We will have final stats next Thursday. Stay tuned to see the top three fundraising classes and families!

KEY UPDATES

4th-8th grade CYO Basketball registration CLOSES SOON!

New this year, CYO Parents/Non coaches who sign their children up to play are now also **required** to take a parent workshop at <https://enuggetlearning.com/parentlikeachampion>.

If parents don't take this class, *your child will not be allowed participate in CYO.*

EVENTS

- Thurs. Oct. 17- Seattle Police Community Service Officer Janice Young (family member of several St. George families) is organizing a **Seattle Police Safety Fair** for the student and families from 1-3:30.

The event goal is to showcase various gadgets, services, and programs related to first responders/public safety.

- **K-8 Parent, Student & Teacher Conferences**, Oct 23, 24, 25th Go the attached link. Scroll down on the left side of the page until you see your classroom teacher's name. Sign up for an available slot Wed-Friday.

Because we value the partnership with our parents in empower student learning, we have **specifically carved out this time to meet with each family K-8**. Please respect the purpose of these days, and plan your conferences *within these parameters*. In other words, *do not ask the teachers* to come early or stay late on different days because you want use this as vacation time. It doesn't respect the teachers time as they do not get overtime.

It is the **expectation that all students, Grades 2-8**, will participate with their parents and lead part of the conference. This helps them understand their own responsibility and accountability for their learning.

You are the most important key to your child' success in school and we thank you for your partnership! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5A922ABFDC70-51815274-2024>

- **Fri. Oct 25 Halloween Carnival** – Info coming next week!
- **Sat. Oct 26th 6:30-8:30 Middle School Dance** hosted by 8th grade parents. Permission slips will be sent home closer to the date.

REMINDERS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Participation in politics is a Christian obligation: “We, Christians, cannot ‘play Pilate’ and wash our hands... We must participate in politics because **politics is one of the highest forms of charity** because it seeks the common good. And Christian lay people must work in politics.”

<https://capp-usa.org/catholic-social-teaching-voting/>

This year your student will be participating in the **Washington State Mock Election**. Students K-8 will receive a ballot that is age appropriate to cast their vote. I am so excited to have the opportunity for them to practice such a special right we have in the United States. Voting for Saint George will take place the week of 10/29-10/31 during library class. As always, voting is personal and will be anonymous. The 8th grade student council has the important job of counting the votes.

I will be out of town Friday and Monday for the Celebration of Life for my brother-in-law in TN. Please keep my sister and her family in prayers. The staff has everything handled! THEY are the BEST!

In peace,
Monica Wingard