



01/25/2024



SNOW DAY POLICIES - I apologize again for confusion on snow days, remote days, etc. We have a new superintendent at the Diocese this year and it's been a bit of a learning curve. Since the last time I sent out the policy that said we were to follow local schools, there has been another modification. We are now allowed to make our own decisions based on our individual circumstances. This is why we were able to have a late start on Tuesday while public schools were remote (many of them would have liked to have a late start but various factors did not allow them to). So in the future, there may be days that public schools have to call off for cold weather, but we may have school because we do not have a bus system or very many, if any, students who have to walk. Student safety is always our number one concern and will take priority when making decisions. When we are able, getting our students in the classroom is always more beneficial to their academic progress than days off or remote learning. I thank you for your patience and understanding. Please know that I have not taken any of these decisions lightly - in fact, the last couple of weeks may have been my most stressful yet this year! - Mrs. Fox

Jan. 28, Sun.: CELEBRATING OUR PARISH *Listen to the Word of God at MASS!!*

OPEN HOUSE 8:00 - 9:15 a.m. Come see what St. Malachy School is all about! - You are invited to attend Mass. St. Malachy students will lead the 9:30 a.m. Mass and the school choir will lead the singing.

JOE'S FRIED CHICKEN DINNER: At the Rantoul Knights of Columbus, you can enjoy Joe's famous fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, a vegetable, coleslaw, roll, dessert and a drink for a **free will donation**. (11a.m. - 3p.m.) **EVERYONE is welcome.** *Students who attend will have a free dress day on Mon., Feb. 5th.*

Students may bring money in to purchase candy after his/her lunch Jan. 29 - Feb. 2. (Candy is \$.25 per piece.)

Jan. 29, Mon.: CELEBRATING OUR NATION *The Mustard Seed...Faith starts small.*

SPIRIT DAY! Spirit wear- Go all out with your Tiger Spirit! CSW Prayer Service in the morning. Nation songs will be played throughout the day. School pep assembly to end the day. **GO TIGERS!**

Jan. 30, Tues.: CELEBRATING VOCATIONS *Jesus served his disciples by washing their feet.*

CRAZY SOCK DAY! Regular Tiger Tuesday apparel. (Uniform bottoms) School body will be praying the Living Rosary to start the day. Leaders from neighboring Churches will be invited for lunch. Keep Fr. Phelps in your prayers today...

Jan. 31, Wed.: CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS *The Story of Creation.*

PAJAMA DAY! (No slippers, follow free dress guidelines) Litany of Saints in the morning with Fr. Phelps. Special activities for the students throughout the day.

Feb. 1, Thurs.: CELEBRATING FACULTY & STAFF *Joseph's Coat of Many Colors.*

COLORFUL MISMATCH DAY! (Wear as many colors as possible) Monthly prayer service in the morning. Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest throughout the day. Students will watch the musical "Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat". Special snacks for the teachers will be provided.

Feb. 2, Fri.: CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY *Noah's Rainbow... A sign of God's promise.*

RAINBOW DAY with uniform bottoms! (PreK-Yellow, Kindy-Green, 1st-Blue, 2nd-Orange, 3rd-Purple, 4th-Red, 5th-Blue, 6th-Orange, 7th-Green, 8th-Purple, Special teachers/staff-pick a color to join the rainbow.) Weekly School Mass along with Adoration. Students will be making Valentines for the Nursing Homes and Homebound.

JOE'S FRIED CHICKEN DINNER: We will also be selling 50/50 tickets with a drawing at 3:00 PM. Need not to be present to win. All families attending will receive a free dress for your child for Mon., Feb. 5th. **Volunteers for service and desserts!** Sign up available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4BAAAA2DA2FFC43-46989213-joes/>

*****BAKERS needed:** We are in need of several desserts! Dessert drop off will be Sunday from 8:00 AM-10:00 AM at the Knights of Columbus. Any questions, please reach out to Vanessa Martinez.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Home & School teacher appreciation committee is providing lunch & dessert on Thurs. Feb 1st. If you can help with lunch/recess duty from 11:40 – 12:30 please call the school office.

BOOK FAIR: St. Malachy will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair next week during Catholic Schools Week. The fair will be open each day during lunch/recess and after school. It will also be open during our Open House on Sunday from 8:00 - 9:15. Students will be visiting the fair as a class during their scheduled library time. The online portion of the fair will run from Jan 29-Feb 11. All purchases will have a 9% tax rate added to the total. ***Dogman The Scarlet Shedder is available for preorder for \$16.34. This book will be shipped March 19th. If you would like to preorder, please send a cash or check *made out to St Malachy School" in with your student.*** - Our website for the fair is <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmalachyschools>

- Information about setting up an ewallet for your student can be found at:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/fairs/hub/ewallet.html>

- If you are able to help work the bookfair, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4FAEA82FA6FEC25-47394015-stmalachy>

TIGER CLUB TICKETS were due Jan. 18th. Families that did not turn in their tickets, there is still time to submit for the Feb. drawing. As a reminder, K-8th grade families are required to sell 20 tickets per contractual enrollment agreement. If tickets are not sold you will be invoiced for these with payment immediately due.

JANUARY TIGER CLUB WINNERS: \$1000.00 – Steve/Heidi Long, sponsor – Tucker Fox; \$500.00 – Nikky Flesner, sponsor - Jack Flesner; \$250.00 Katelyn Riffle, sponsor – Andrew Ferguson; \$100.00 – Kim Kaiser, sponsor – Cora Mullins

CRAYONS: The 3rd grade is collecting broken crayons for the crayon initiative program. We will send the crayons to a company that makes them into 3 sided crayons for kids in hospitals. It takes 1 pound of crayons to make 5 packs of recycled ones to ship to kids in hospitals! Thanks for all your help!!!

REMINDER: As we have gotten snow and ice, we have seen a rise in boots/shoes that do not comply with our dress code. As a reminder, all shoes have to have flat soles, no heels. This includes boots that have a slight notch and rise in the heel. Snow boots may be worn to school when necessary, but must be changed upon arrival.

FEBRUARY DATES

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| 1 | Ed. Commission Mtg. 5:00 p.m. (<i>Change in calendar</i>) |
| 3 | Confirmation Retreat 11:00 – 5:00 p.m. Newman Center, Champaign / K of C Trivia Night |
| 5 | Free Dress for attending Joe's Fried Chicken Dinner |
| 7 | Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| 13 | Faculty Meeting 7:00 a.m./Mardi Gras |
| 14 | Ash Wednesday |
| 15 | PreK- 3 rd grade: Krannert Performance / Senior Citizen Luncheon 11:00 a.m. |
| 16 | Dismissal 12:00 / NO Lunch / NO AFTERCARE / Fac. Mtg. 12:30 p.m./
Optional Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Presidents' Day / No School |
| 23 | 6 th – 8 th Valentine Dance |

TUITION RATES FOR 2024-2025 have not been finalized. We will immediately publish once confirmed.

COLOSSAL CLUB TICKETS are in! Each ticket is \$100.00 and only 100 tickets are sold! One winner will receive **\$2500.00** with the drawing held at the annual school Auction on April 13th. Proceeds for the tickets will support the additional school gutter work. Get your ticket today by calling the parish or school office.

TUITION TAX STATEMENTS: It's time to begin preparing and filing Income taxes. The information you need regarding the tuition you have paid can be acquired through your FACTS account. For your convenience, attached please find the instructions to retrieve tuition payments you have made to St. Malachy School. Any questions, please contact the school office.