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Mary M. McKiernan, Principal

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Dear Parents,

It is fitting that we complete IOWA testing today, Monday, October 13th and gear up immediately for our annual community fest. The students and teachers worked diligently during the week and are so looking forward to celebrating this weekend. The campus is buzzing with activity and excitement. Remember, our job is to pray for good weather.

This year the school will be hosting a booth to market our Blue Ribbon School. Please send your friends and neighbors to the school booth so that they can find out about our excellent school and receive some delicious give-a-ways. The booth will be near the children's games or in the area near the information booth. Thank you for your volunteer hours which will help our community fest to be successful.

For our Thanksgiving Feast we will be returning to a former tradition. The school family celebration has grown in numbers. The large numbers have made the school celebration more difficult to manage from the perspective of volunteers available to host, finances, and the safety of our children. Discussions with homeroom moms and faculty brought us to the following:

- Grades 5 through 8 will celebrate with cider and donuts after the 8:30 am Liturgy on Tuesday, November 25th. The celebration will take place at the picnic tables.
- Grades K through 4 will wear their Pilgrim / Indian costumes to school on Tuesday, November 25th. If they choose, students will purchase the school lunch which will be chicken pot pie or bring their own lunch. Home and School will provide a Thanksgiving dessert for students in grades kindergarten through grade 4.
- Grade 3 has traditionally presented a Thanksgiving Play for us. K through 4 will attend the play. As always, parents are invited to come and take pictures, and see our third graders perform. More information will follow about times and locations.

Looking forward to seeing you on the weekend.

God Bless,
Mary M McKiernan, Principal

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