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Sister Catherine Lee, Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

GO SOX!!! Now we can get some good nights' sleep!!! In our excitement at school our students donated over three hundred dollars to the Jimmy Fund. I am grateful to all of you who helped them participate in this worthy cause.

During the month of November we are participating in the St Jude Mathathon which helps so many seriously ill children. I thank you for helping your youngsters participate in this meaningful reaching out to others. They have been very successful in past years and I am sure they will again do well this year. Most of our enthusiasm in this project comes from the students in grades one through five and a few from the middle grades. We are strongly suggesting that the student sin the middle grades become involved. They all received the information last week.

On Wednesday evening, October 31 at 4:00pm, Saint Ann Parish is having a special Mass to celebrate the Eve of All Saints. The children may come to Mass dressed as their patron saint or favorite saint to help them understand that Hallowe'en is actually a day that has Christina meaning and roots. Please encourage your children to participate. Only costumes of saints may be worn during the Mass.

Our monthly Mass at school will be on Thursday, All Saints' Day, at 10:45am. All are invited to attend. The seventh grade students are participating in the readings and other parts of the Mass.

Thanks to all who planned and executed the Hallowe'en Dance for the children. I'm sure a good time was had by all.

Starting November shorts or skorts may no longer be worn. For warmth, the girls may wear **dress** slacks. The girls in all grades, one through eight, must wear a navy vest when wearing the slacks. Grades one through five may wear a navy vest sweater. Girls in grades six through eight must wear their school vest. In other words, when slacks are worn, **a vest must also be worn by all girls**. Of course, the regular uniform may be worn even when slacks are an option.

Parents/guardians of the children who will be participating in the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time will have a meeting regarding the sacrament. You will note on the calendar that two meetings are scheduled, one on Sunday morning, November 4 and one on Tuesday evening, November 6. You only have to attend one of the meetings.

In the Archdiocese of Boston all volunteers involved with children in the schools and parishes must take part in the program, **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**. A workshop for this program will be presented at Saint Ann's on the evening of November 27. If you have never been certified for this program you must attend the workshop in order to continue to volunteer for any school function. Please put the date on your calendar. More information will be coming later in the month.

This month will go by quickly. Please check your calendars for all the important dates. Notice, especially the date of our Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, November 24. Many of you have been very supportive and have worked very hard in the past. It is surely appreciated. I ask all to support us in the raffles, with help on the day, and by attending the fair. No doubt you will find some nice Christmas presents for you friends and relatives. There will be food and fun activities for the children. Come and enjoy the day!

I know it is early but I am letting you know the dates of the Christmas programs so you can make plans to attend. They will take place on the evenings of December 13 for grades one through three and on December 20 for grades four through eight. K1 and K2 programs will take place on the morning of December 19 at 9:30am. More information will be sent out later about the times and what the children will wear for the programs.

May God continue to bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Catherine