



November 2018

Dear Families,

October was filled with lots of activity! We loved seeing the children's smiling faces on Picture Day. The children were very busy all month practicing their Halloween songs to sing to everyone at Angela Hospice and St. Joseph Care Center. Everyone enjoyed hearing their little voices and said they sang beautifully!

NO SCHOOL: Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 15 & 16, 2018. Parents will soon receive notices from their child's teacher regarding scheduled conference times. There is **NO SCHOOL** on conference days.

MITTEN COLLECTION: We will be collecting handmade and store-bought mittens for "Mittens for Detroit" November 1 through November 20, 2018. Their greatest need is for pairs that fit teens through the elderly. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FUNDRAISERS: All families are invited to join us at Chuck E. Cheese on Friday, November 9, 2018 from 3 – 9 pm. It is located at 44275 Twelve Mile Road, Novi, MI 48377. Chuck E. Cheese will donate 15% of the sales (food, merchandise & token deals) generated by our participating friends and family members. Come and have fun and help support our school.

Henna Painting: November 1 and November 2, 2018, children and adults are invited to have their hands painted, using henna. Henna is plant based temporary design on the hands (or can be on any part of the body), which fades away eventually in couple of days. Mrs. Desai and Mrs. Ananya will be volunteering to do the painting from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children: \$5, Adults: \$8.

Usborne Books: To receive books before Christmas, shop on-line starting November 19, 2018 by visiting www.ExploreUsborneBooks.com >click SHOP>select Montessori Center of Our Lady eFair. Usborne Book Fair will be visiting our school on December 19 and December 20, 2018.

AMAZON SMILE: Do you shop on Amazon? If so, we (Felician Sisters Child Care Centers, Inc.) are officially registered on *amazonsmile* Foundation. Every time you shop on Amazon.com and select Felician Sisters Child Care Centers, Montessori Center of Our Lady will receive cash back. All you need to do is click the link below and put in your Amazon log in information to connect your personal Amazon account to Amazon Smile:

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Just remember to login to Amazon Smile instead of your regular Amazon or Amazon Prime account when doing your personal shopping. You will see a note at the top of the page saying you are supporting the Felician Sisters Child Care Centers. Happy Shopping!

POINSETTIA AND WREATH SALE: You should have received the poinsettia and wreath order forms for the upcoming holiday season in your child's backpack. The profits will go toward playground and peace garden enhancements. Orders and payment are due back on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. You can pick up your order on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 in the Activity Room after 12 noon.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: We will once again be sponsoring 5 families this Christmas season. Details to follow in the upcoming month.

COLD WEATHER: The cold weather has arrived! The children go outside every day. Send your child to school with appropriate clothing for chilly weather. Please also remember to label all their clothing and accessories.

FLU SEASON: Flu season is upon us. Any child who has experienced fever, vomiting, diarrhea, severe cough or extreme nasal congestion within the past 24 hours should not be in school. Children must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school after being sick.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP: Thank you for your cooperation with the drop-off and pick-up procedures. As a reminder, do not park in front of the main entrance doors or the handicapped parking spots. Also, when parking at the curb, be sure your car is parked parallel to the curb so other cars can get by you when exiting the loop. You are welcome to park in the parking lot and walk your child into the building. Please share this information with your child's caregivers as well. When we all work together, drop off and pick up times will run smoothly.

NOVEMBER MISSION REFLECTION: In his 2013 apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis noted that "We have to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing. All around us we begin to see nurses with soul, teachers with soul, politicians with soul, people who have chosen deep down to be with others and for others" (273). In essence, Pope Francis is telling us that the moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members, thus the poor have the most urgent moral claim on the conscience of the nation. Answering the call to be with the most vulnerable is what the Felician Sisters have modeled for nearly 145 years in North America. It is our hope that through service to others, our students will graduate thinking of others and showing respect and dignity for every person they encounter.

Prayers: Starting in November there will be a "prayer box" placed at the entrance of each center. If you a parent, relative, faculty member, or child, wish all of us to pray for a special intention that you have, write it on a slip of paper placed near the "prayer box" and place it inside the box. When the children and their teachers go to the chapel to pray they will take these intentions with them in their hearts and pray to God for all the needs and concerns listed. May God bless us all and our wonderful child care centers.

~ Sister M. Juanita Szymanski, Mission Leader

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IMPORTANT DATES:

November 1 & 2: Henna Painting Fundraiser 3:00-4:00 p.m.
November 7: Family Action Committee meeting 8:15 a.m.
November 9: Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser 3-9 p.m.
November 14: Poinsettia and Wreath Orders Due
November 15-16: **NO SCHOOL**: Parent Teacher Conferences
November 22-23: **NO SCHOOL**: Thanksgiving Holiday
November 30: Kindergarten Leadership 11-1 p.m.
December 3: Option 2, Final Payment Due
December 5: Poinsettia and Wreath Pick Up-Activity Room
December 7: **NO AFTER CARE**-Staff Christmas Dinner

On behalf of our entire staff, we thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy the holiday break with your family! Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Shiranthi De Silva
Program Director



“Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future.” – Maria Montessori

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Mission Statement: Guided by our Catholic and Felician traditions, we nurture and educate the whole child in a peaceful and faith-filled environment.

Vision Statement: Provide a foundation by which children reach their full potential guided by Felician Core Values.

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