

November 16, 2018

Dear Parents,

I actually went to the cafeteria today and thought, “Why are we having pizza on Monday?” Yes, I’m just as discombobulated as you are. Yesterday’s power outage was inconvenient and poorly timed but such are the intricacies of LG&E and Mother Nature. We had power at school until 6:40am which is why parents were given such short notice on the delay/cancellation. I understand some didn’t receive the first Reach Alert. This was most likely due to poor cell reception, not the Reach Alert program. If you have not signed up for Reach Alert, it’s time! Directions can be found on both the current weekly information page as well as the archived posts pages of the website. Updates to the system must be done by the user, not the office. We don’t know everyone’s passwords or preferences. If you need further guidance, let us know. I strive to communicate as quickly and as transparently as possible while still taking the time to make sure the information I share is accurate. Patience and prudence are the virtues of the day!

To make matters more interesting, there was also “discussion” regarding the potential use of a distance learning day if we were not in session today. Distance Learning is one of many policies that we, faculty and administration, review on a regular basis. Last May we decided to change the start day of distance learning to the SECOND snow day instead of the third. This was done primarily to give me wiggle room should we have several days off in a row. I understand the joy parents feel in becoming the teacher for the day and that the joy is compounded exponentially on multiple snow days in a row. Starting on day two is also more in line with other schools in the archdiocese. Now, for example, should we have consecutive days, I can call an audible on day three to relieve the pressure. This change was noted and highlighted in the Parent-Student Handbook (p. 38) that everyone signed off on at the beginning of the year. No surprises, no fine print, just following policy. Some grades have already sent packets home, others will be sent home today along with report cards for the first trimester. Put them somewhere safe—our next snow day will be a distance learning day!

The last bit of concern from yesterday’s cancellation involves picture retake day. This event has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 27. If your child needs a picture taken/retaken, he/she can wear free dress top and bring a uniform with them to change into afterwards. If you have a picture packet, it must be returned that day.

Finally, with the balmy temperature of 39 degrees, children went out for recess today. Keep in mind that we will go outside as much as possible so dress appropriately. Our stay inside cutoff is 32 degrees including wind chill, otherwise, out we go! Enjoy your weekend and the short two day week ahead, being thankful for all aspects of our St. Aloysius community.

*Mrs. Hayslip*