



# ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

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Good afternoon Families,

This week the nation celebrates Fire Safety/Fire Prevention week. It is celebrated annually in October to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Chief Hickey and our other local firefighters visited the elementary campus to speak about fire safety not only at school, but at home too. Although the rain prevented the children in PreK through grade four from going outside to look at the fire engine, they are coming home with a lovely gift from our first responders. We are most grateful to our firefighters and appreciate their visit.

In addition to celebrating fire safety here at ASA, we also celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. Students in grades 3-8 attended a presentation on bullying brought to us by the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. Ms. Westerlind, the Community and School Outreach Coordinator who spoke to our students last year as well, identified the different forms of bullying and cyber-bullying. She cautioned everyone about the information we post on the Internet. She also informed students how to protect themselves and their identity, and stressed the fact that on the world-wide web, there is no such thing as "Delete". For the elementary students, all of this comes on the heels of the Officer Phil Program last week that also emphasized safety and friendship. For the middle school students, the week culminated in an anti-bullying awareness activity. This final exercise had the students covering up the hurtful and negative character traits (printed in black and blue) on the hallway bulletin board with the positive and colorful character traits that illustrate how they would each like to be known and remembered. Thank you to all the students, faculty and staff who worked to make this week both memorable and successful.

Remember that there is no school on Friday, October 11 (PD Day), or Monday, October 14 (Columbus Day), and that our winter uniform begins on Tuesday, October 15. Please also mark your calendar for the FASA sponsored Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26, and look for the Sign-Up Genius in this VE for opportunities to volunteer at this really fun and "mad" (scientist) event.

Go Patriots!

Yours in Christ,

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