



BLUE NOTE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

HSCS WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 22: End of 1st Quarter. **Early dismissal @ 1pm**

Oct. 28: Parent-Teacher Conferences 2pm-8pm. **Early dismissal @ 1pm.**

Oct. 25-28: Scholastic Book Fair & Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 29th: No School

Oct. 25: Board Meeting 6pm @ OLS Parish Center

Oct. 30: HSA Trunk or Treat 11am-2pm @ SCM Parking Lot

REMINDERS:

- Trunk or Treat is coming Oct. 30th from 11am-2pm at the SCM Parish Center Parking Lot.
- We have two early dismissal days this month: **Oct. 22 & Oct. 28. Students will be dismissed at 1pm on these days.** Please be sure to have arrangements made.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28th from 2pm-8pm. Students will be dismissed at 1pm on this day. PreK-2nd grade parents will need to arrange an appointment. An orange sign up sheet was sent with last week's Blue Note. If you have not turned in this sign up form, do so as soon as possible or call the office for available times.

Teachers for 3rd-6th grade will be in the OLS Parish Center on a drop in basis. Dr. Spann will also be available to talk during conferences as well. Again, the orange sheet can be used or call the office for available times.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The book fair will take place Oct. 25-28. Students will be able to view the fair on Monday, Oct. 25th with no sales taking place on this day. Volunteers will be at the book fair throughout the week for students to purchase or for families to drop in and purchase.

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH CRITERIA

We will soon be announcing student of the month for September. In deciding how student of the month should be selected, I noticed that teachers had some different ideas and may use different criteria. Also, since everyone received a student of the month award it felt more like a participation trophy than being recognized for certain behaviors. So, as a faculty, we came up with the following criteria for student of the month (listed below). Students can be selected for this award if they fall into one or more of the criteria. Their certificate will reflect which criteria they met. Along with a certificate, students will have pizza or donuts with the principal.

1. Academic - grades (90% or higher), class participation and completing at least 95% of their work.
2. Effort - working hard, raising their potential, persevering, showing progress or improvement
3. Character - displays initiative, honesty, respect, responsibility, compassion, trustworthiness, integrity, and optimism
4. Behavior - no referrals, shows self-control, role model
5. Social Relationships - leadership, willingness to help peers, show respect to adults & peers, makes the school a better place, acceptance and tolerance of the differences of others, positively lifts up others
6. Attendance - good daily attendance, no excessive tardies, or shows an improvement in attendance
7. Attitude towards learning - self motivated, and going beyond basic expectations.

GOTCHA SELECTION

I have been asked to explain a bit about the Wednesday Gotcha selection system. With this process, staff recognizes students for certain behaviors that they feel should be rewarded. It could be actions such as holding a door open for fellow students without being asked or improving in their school work or being kind towards a fellow student. Gotcha's are written by the staff and then placed in a grade-level specific jar for Dr. Spann to draw from each Wednesday. Each grade level then will have one individual receive a Gotcha in a given week. In doing this, Dr. Spann pulls a paper at random and attempts to make sure all students are recognized at some point. Know that the Gotcha system is in place to help reinforce Catholic/Christian behaviors, character traits, and virtues that we want to instill in our students.