

October 1, 2018

Dear Hynes families:

This school year has been full of so many wonderful events to show that “Hynes All-Star” school support! Thank you for attending Learning About Literacy sessions during the month of September. Our reading program has so many important components, and we know from experience how valuable it is to communicate these with families. Grandparents Day was extremely well attended. We hope that those who attended enjoyed the classroom activities which were planned and implemented by the teachers.

This fall has many exciting opportunities for families to engage with our school community and we look forward to continuing to strengthen home-school connections.

Quarterly exams for students in grades 1-8 will be administered between October 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will distribute schedules and study guides at each grade level. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Spirit Day is Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite Hynes t-shirt. This is the only part of the dress code which is relaxed on Spirit Days.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Join the student body in collecting a donation for the American Cancer Society with Think Pink/Black and Gold Day on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Students pay \$2 to show their Saints spirit by wearing pink or black and gold shirts and socks. Look for a flyer which will be sent home next week.

Develop financial literacy with your child. Students can “bank at school” and learn how to make decisions about making deposits into their accounts. Hancock Whitney Wednesday is on October 10<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to open an account for your child before this.

Fall Break is a time to take a short recess from the academic demands of school. It will be Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> -Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The second quarter begins on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Report cards from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will be distributed in your child’s homeroom classroom on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 3:15-5:30 PM. Please be sure to take the time to briefly meet with the teachers. Students who are enrolled in PreK and Kindergarten will NOT have school on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Conferences will be individually scheduled by the Kindergarten homeroom teachers throughout the day from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Our PTO has been readily preparing for several upcoming events; join in on all or select the ones that appeal to you the most!

1. City Park Night is Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a private event for Hynes ticket holders. Come out and join a night of family fun as we celebrate the start of Fall Break. Classes will resume on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, with the start of the first quarter.
2. The annual Hynes Spooktacular and Monster Dash Fun Run are scheduled for Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Start planning your costumes and car decorations now.

Let’s make October a wonderful month as we all look forward to cooler temperatures and fun events around Hynes!

Mrs. Douglas