

Saint Michael School
RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN
October 28th – November 1st, 2019

Red Ribbon Week affords our students the opportunity to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. The tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs was instituted in 1985. This mission continues today as we continue to work towards the creation of a DRUG-FREE AMERICA!

Next week we will be participating in “Theme Days” in an effort to get students involved and excited about living a drug-free life. Through fun activities and creative approaches to anti-drug education, Red Ribbon Week participants promote positive choices, good character, and a healthy lifestyle for children of every age. Our theme days for next week are as follows:

MONDAY – OCTOBER 28th – DRESSDOWN

THEME: “CHOOSE YOUR DREAMS, NOT DRUGS”– Students are permitted to wear pajama bottom pants or sweatpants with pajama tops. Tops can be short or long sleeved. No leggings or yoga pants.

TUESDAY – OCTOBER 29th – DRESS DOWN

THEME: “DON’T LET DRUGS MIX YOU UP”–Students will show their pride in being drug free by wearing mismatched clothes. **LEGGINGS, JEGGINGS, TIGHT FITTING PANTS OF ANY KIND OR JEANS WITH ANY RIPS- BIG OR SMALL ARE NOT PERMITTED.** Loose sweat/athletic pants are permissible.

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 30th – DRESS DOWN

THEME: “SCHOOL IS COOL ...WE ARE DRUG FREE” students will show their pride in their school by wearing “School Spirit Wear.” **LEGGINGS, JEGGINGS, TIGHTFITTING PANTS OF ANY KIND, OR JEANS WITH ANY RIPS – BIG OR SMALL ARE NOT PERMITTED.** Loose fitting sweat/athletic pants & jeans are permitted.

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 31st – DRESS DOWN

THEME: “SAY “BOO” TO DRUGS”– students are to dress down in clothing that will make dressing up in their costume for the Halloween Grand March @ 12:30 PM as easy as possible. This theme is to remind students that drugs are scary and never an option. **REMINDER: PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD’S ATTIRE IS APPROPRIATE, THEREFORE, NO JEGGINGS, TIGHT FITTING PANTS OR JEANS WITH RIPS-BIG OR SMALL MAY BE WORN. Leggings can be worn IF their shirt is mid-thigh in length.** Teachers will be sharing additional details about their classroom Halloween celebrations next week.

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 1st – SCHOOL UNIFORM

THEME: “HATS OFF TO BEING DRUG FREE”– students may wear their favorite hat or headband to school. Wearing them during class will be at the teacher’s discretion. Hats and lavish headbands will not be permitted to be worn during Mass.

Regarding **FOOTWEAR**, sneakers are preferred. Open-toed or open-back shoes or Crocs are **NOT** permitted. Socks must always be worn with footwear; no-show socks are acceptable to wear on dress down days with appropriate shoes. Boots may be worn, however be mindful of the size of the heel. Also, big, clunky hunting or work boots should not be worn as they will take a toll on our floors.

I trust that the teachers and I have your support in enforcing the dress requirements for each day. We are looking forward to our dress down days. **If your child is not in compliance with the dress down regulations for any given day, they will be issued a school uniform that we have on hand to wear.** Future dress down days will be contingent upon how well students adhere to the above-mentioned dress down guidelines. Our expectations are clear, however, if you have any questions please call me.

Additional Activities:

- All students will be given a Red Ribbon on Monday. This ribbon symbolizes their commitment to lead a drug-free life. **They are asked to wear this ribbon every day during the week.** Throughout the week, random name drawings will be held. If the student whose name has been drawn is wearing his/her Red Ribbon, he/she will win a prize!

- Students are encouraged to bring in hygiene and non-perishable food items throughout the week to show they are “united” as a school family to help meet the needs of others in our community. All items will be donated to the Dorothy Day Outreach Center. Please refer to the “**FOOD FIGHT**” flyer that is attached for items in most need.
- There will be a **faculty pumpkin decorating contest** in which the students will be the judges. Each student will cast their vote for their favorite. Prizes will be awarded for the top three entries. The contest will be held on **November 1st**.
- All students, faculty, and staff members will sign a banner depicting the slogan: “**I BELIEVE IN ME: HAPPY, HEALTHY, & DRUG FREE**”

We hope to make our students aware that a healthy and drug-free future is available to each one of them. We want our students to join others across the country by impressing upon them that it is important to “**BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE DRUG FREE.**”