



September 26 – 30, 2016

"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." John 16:33

It seems that some of our families received an email from Lifetouch regarding school pictures. School pictures are NOT September 27 but on OCTOBER 27. More information will be sent as we get closer to that date.

MONDAY – H.U.G.S. Program

Our H.U.G.S. Program (**H**omework **U**nder the **G**uidance of **S**taff) begins today. Thank you to Mrs. Honan for organizing the volunteers for this program and thank you to our staff members who volunteer to help. H.U.G.S. is not a baby-sitting service, its purpose is to provide a place for homework. It is our expectation that children will work during the program and will not interrupt others. If children are disruptive to others they will not be able to participate in this program. For those using the program please speak to your child about using their time wisely. H.U.G.S. is open to all students in grades 2 through 8. If your child is going to H.U.G.S. please send a note to your child's teacher. Students will be dismissed at 4:15 at the gym doors.

THURSDAY

Today members of the Jackson Police Department will visit and observe our lockdown drill after which they will offer advice on what we may be able to do to improve and so they have an understanding of what they may encounter should they be called for a real emergency. So please do not be alarmed should you see police vehicles on our campus today.

Please join us this evening at McDonald's on County Line Road at the ShopRite Plaza from 4:00 – 8:00. Our faculty, staff and P.T.A. members will all be on hand. 25% of every item purchased (you must use the [voucher](#) found on our website) will be donated to our P.T.A. I look forward to seeing you all there.

COMING SOON

Due to the efforts of Mrs. McEwan, I spoke with a representative from a group called Small Factory Productions who provide art, technology and multi-media after-school classes. We hope to have a robotics class for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 available in October. We envision it to be run similar to the Mad Science program we have in place for our K-5 students. A flyer with more details will be sent home via email once I receive it from the company.

P.T.A. NEWS

DINING TO DONATE - McDonalds Night Thursday September 29, 260 N. County Line Rd, Jackson. [Vouchers](#) can be found on our website.

FREEHOLD RACEWAY CAR WASH FUNDRAISER - If you wish to purchase and support our school please send in your money (\$17 for each voucher) and the vouchers will be sent home with your child. Vouchers never expire and make great gifts!

CUPCAKE WARS - Monday, October 17th 6-8pm in the Cafeteria - all are welcome to enjoy some treats! If your child wants to be a baker, please send in the [completed form](#) by Friday October 7th to the PTA.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Annual Gift Auction will be Friday March 3, 2017 at Battleground Country Club in Manalapan, NJ.

Please be sure to visit the school website for more detailed information regarding the PTA events and fundraisers plus how to sign up and volunteer!

KIDSTUFF BOOKS - Thank you to everyone that came to help organize and distribute the KidStuff Books. Books were sent home with the youngest child of each family on Back to School Night. If you would like to purchase the book, please send the \$25 payment back to school in the envelope provided. If you would not like to purchase the book, please send it back into school with your child. Books and payments are due by September 30th.

PTA ENVELOPE - If your envelope is still on your counter please send it in; we are still processing payments. If you have lost your envelope, please simply address an envelope to the PTA RE: Dues and enclose \$25 per family. Next month school directories will be sent to those families who have sent in their PTA dues.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the PTA table during the BTS Nights - we hope you enjoyed the snacks and got information on what we have going on this year!

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<http://staloyssiusschool.com/p.t.a.html>

Have a great GATOR week!

Peace,
Ms. O'Connor