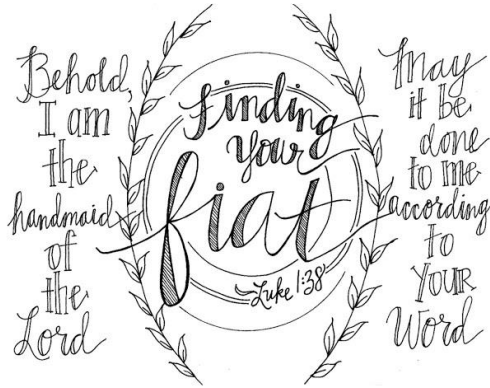


Freshman Retreat – Let It Be Done Unto Me



Monday, August 15th we gather in community for Freshman Retreat. This year's theme will focus on the pillars of our Marianist charism and how those pillars fit into your life here at school and beyond.

What to wear: Jeans or sweats and a school appropriate shirt (no tank tops, mid-drifts, obscene or offensive messages, etc).

What to bring: **A refillable water bottle.** Snacks, drinks, and lunch are all provided (if your child has a special diet, please provide a sack lunch). Even though this is the first day of school, please do not bring school books, backpacks, computers, etc.

What we will eat: We will have a mid-morning snack of yogurt and muffins. For lunch, we will have Chick-Fil-A, chips, fruit, and a Rice Krispie. Be sure to bring your own water bottle!

What time: Retreat begins at 7:40 sharp in the Commons. Please report to the Commons by 7:35 to find your group and nametag. Retreat is over at 3:00.

Where do we go: Retreat will take place at Gross Catholic.

What will we do: Pray and talk as a community; play games and run around (dress for crazy activities); grow in our faith and respect for one another.

If you have any questions, please email me at msweetmon@gcgmail.org

Yours in Christ,

Father Jeff Moellner and Mrs. Michele Sweetmon

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Whether this is your first child in high school or you are a returning family, we want to say THANK YOU for entrusting your child to us at Gross Catholic. We take pride in being a family-based community committed to helping your child become faithful, compassionate, and driven!

HOUSE SORTING CEREMONY

ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH, YOUR STUDENT WILL BE SORTED IN TO ONE OF FOUR HOUSES. S/HE WILL REMAIN IN THAT HOUSE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. ON SORTING DAY, YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE A HOUSE T-SHIRT. THIS SHIRT MAY BE WORN WITH UNIFORM BOTTOMS EACH MONDAY AND ON FIELD DAY.

THIS SHIRT IS FREE, BUT SHOULD YOUR CHILD LOSE OR OUTGROW THE SHIRT, A NEW ONE COSTS \$12. FOR THAT REASON, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ACCURATELY ORDER THE T-SHIRT SIZE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL REQUIRE. **IF YOU WERE NOT AT COUGAR 101, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CHILD'S SHIRT SIZE TO MSWEETMON@GCGMAIL.ORG**

MARIANIST MISSION PROGRAM

In order to create more of an "encounter" when completing service, all students will participate in 2 "events" of service as designed by Campus Ministry. There will be a representative of Gross Catholic at all of these "events" who will be responsible for taking attendance (students will no longer log their hours). In addition, the hope is that students will work with new people, in order to gain an appreciation for differences and to hone their leadership skills. All students will receive emails and Google Classroom updates from Campus Ministry with "events" that are approved for Mission Hours. Students, then, must pre-register for these events through an online link.

One of the "events of service" is the Fall Cougars on a Mission Day which takes place on the Wednesday of Homecoming Week. For Sophomores, the 2nd "event of service" will be their class retreat.

GRADE	EVENT OF SERVICE # 1	EVENT OF SERVICE #2
FRESHMAN	Summer Service Days	Fall Cougars on a Mission
SOPHOMORE	Sophomore Retreat	Fall Cougars on a Mission
JUNIOR	**Sign-up for an event of service organized by Campus Ministry	Fall Cougars on a Mission
SENIOR	**Sign-up for an event of service organized by Campus Ministry	Fall Cougars on a Mission

Freshman Summer Service Days: June 11, June 21, July 27, August 10

****If your student has not completed a Summer Service Day, please sign-up today
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ACAF2CA02-freshman1>)!**

If you are not receiving emails with information about Summer Service Days, please let us know so we can get you into the email database.