Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1st Corinthians 15:58)

It is important that we “know” that as we try to teach and raise our children in a manner according with the truth, with our faith, that we do not labor in vain. We are truly doing God’s work, work of infinite and eternal importance and effect. We are teaching and raising our children for important temporal purposes and for transcendent eternal ones.

And, it is important we “know” our time and our labor is not in vain. And, it is just as important that we “know” without God and His purposes, all of life is vain. Without Him life is a meaningless, purposeless trek from birth to oblivion. For only with God can life become meaningful in its ultimate sense and in its immediate sense.

Within the certainty and meaning which derives from the existence and nature of God, all our most precious things are imbued with a divine radiance and a godly essence. Our love for our spouses and our children, our love for our fellow man and for our country, our love for the truth, for beauty, for goodness, for meaningful work and a joyful attitude - all these and a host of other facets and features of a truly full life rely on God for their essence, substance and meaning. And so, we can know that we labor not in vain, nor do we live in vain, as well. For devoting ourselves and our lives to Him and His work is the sole and singular path to a meaningful life, a life transcendent of the inevitable vanity of a temporal existence that ignores God and a real, intimate relationship with Him.

**Fall Break:** It is our hope all of our families enjoy the week together. Have a restful, relaxing and rejuvenating break from the usual routine.

**Fall Break Office Hours:** I will be out of the office and town until next weekend. If you need anything Susan Gerstner will be available on a limited basis for the week. Please contact her through the school office phone or email to have your questions answered or to arrange a time to meet.

**School Closed: Friday, October 19th for Parent Conferences**

**Scheduling Parent Conferences:** Please be sure to schedule your conferences through Option C as soon as possible to insure the widest selection of appointments.
Community-in-Action Meetings: This is SJV’s parent-teacher group. There will be two meetings each semester, one at 3:30 after pick-up and one at 7:00 in the evening. They take place in the library. The first meeting of this semester is at 3:30 on Wednesday, October 24th in the library. The second meeting will be at 7:00 on Wednesday, November 28th in the library.

Trunk or Treat: Be on the lookout for information and opportunities to help with this year’s Trunk-or-Treat event on Wednesday, October 31st at 1:30. Jen Girten and Jamey Campbell are leading and coordinating this event. Thanks Jen and Jamey for this and all you do every week.

Mary Kay Fundraising Event: On Saturday, October 27th from 1:00 – 3:00 at the school.

Dear Parents,
One of our parishioners, Laura Reilly, will be offering a fundraising event for St. John Vianney School. Her event’s description is below:

“"The fundraising event will be on October 27th from 1-3pm at our school. The FREE event will include instructional facials with a Deep Cleansing Charcoal Mask treatment, and Pampering Hand Treatment. All products used during the facials will be available for purchase through the fundraiser. This event is open to all of the women in our parish, their family, and friends (ages 18+). Drawing for a FREE full-sized Charcoal Mask when we reach 25 guests in attendance, so be sure to bring a friend! For those who “cannot” attend, but would still like to contribute to the fundraiser, please have them shop at www.marykay.com/lreilly6 and write YOUR name in the notes section (or call/text Laura Reilly at 570.594.3093 with your order and your name). The woman with the MOST outside orders wins a special gift!!!”

I appreciate your support in whatever form it may manifest. Thanks for your consideration, help and continued commitment to our school.

God bless,

Frank Cronin