



Saint Mary School

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Dear St. Mary School Families,

Once again, St. Mary School will be recognizing Unity Day on Wednesday, October 25th. Unity Day is recognized across the nation as a way for a community to come together to send one large **ORANGE** message of support, hope, and unity against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Why orange? **ORANGE** provides a powerful, visually compelling expression of solidarity and when an entire group wears it together, it sends the unified message for kids to know that they are not alone. Therefore, on Wednesday, October 25th, students and teachers are being asked to wear orange. Please do not feel pressure to buy anything extravagant for your child to wear. A little something orange is all that's needed.

This year, in connection with our virtue of the month (Kindness) and inspired by the book *Only One You* by Linda Kranz, the learning communities will be painting stones to later place in an area near our school garden. While younger students can paint pictures or positive symbols on the stones, older students will be encouraged to write positive statements to inspire others. We hope the stones will serve as a reminder to students that no matter what, they're special and that they have the power to make the world a better place.

In addition to painting the stones, learning communities will also be doing other supplemental activities focusing on kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

Thank you for your support. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm Regards,

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