

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, November 2	**NO SHORTS/CAPRIS UNTIL APRIL 1ST**
Monday, November 2	Bell/Show Choir 2:30-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 3	Bowling Club 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 4	Mass 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 7	**Boys' Event @ St. Mary's Hall 1:00-4:00 p.m.**
Monday, November 9	Bell/Show Choir 2:30-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 10	**Picture Make-up Day**
Tuesday, November 10	Bowling Club 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11	Mass 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 11	**Veterans' Day Program - 1:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, November 11	**Sunseri Pepperoni Roll Orders & Money Due**
Monday, November 16	Bell/Show Choir 2:30-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17	Last Day of Bowling Club 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18	Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 19	No Band
Thursday, November 19	**Sunseri Pepperoni Roll Pick Up (After School-5:00 p.m.)**
Friday, November 20	Dress Down Day (Students/Staff $1.00)
Monday, November 23	Bell/Show Choir 2:30-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 25	Mass 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 25	Thanksgiving Feast
Wednesday, November 25	½ Day - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal
Thursday, Nov. 26-Tuesday, Dec. 1	Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, December 2	Classes Resume
Wednesday, December 2	Christmas Concert @ Armstrong High School 6:30 p.m.

FUTURE DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO

December 2-6	Scholastic Book Fair
December 6	St. Nick Night
December 24-January 1	Christmas Break
January 24	American Girl Doll Tea
February 27	Gala @ Renshaw Farms

VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM

Veterans are invited to attend our Veterans' Day Program on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Please see included flier where you can provide the names of your veterans to be honored on our wall as you enter the school and RSVP for our program.

COLONIAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving on **Wednesday, November 25th**. Students may dress as Pilgrims or Native Americans. Everyone else will wear their school uniform. **This is not a dress down day.** Wednesday, November 25th is also a half day of school for students. **DISMISSAL IS AT 12:00 P.M.**

OUR THANKSGIVING BREAK IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.

CLASSES RESUME WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026.

BLACK FRIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS

We still have Black Friday Raffle tickets available in the school office. For $5.00 a ticket you have a chance to win $500 and a $500 Walmart gift card. Only 1000 tickets will be sold. The winner is chosen based off the 7 p.m. Pick 3 PA Lottery drawing on Friday, November 27, 2026. If you need more tickets to sell, please contact the school office.

SUNSERI PEPPERONI ROLL ORDERS

The famous Jimmy & Nino Sunseri's Monster Pepperoni Rolls from the Strip District of Pittsburgh will be fresh and ready to serve when you pick them up or you can freeze them for when you're short on time! Each pepperoni roll is 2 lbs. and 12 inches long and just **$12 each**. If you did not receive an order form, or need additional forms, they are available in the school office. **Order forms & money are due by Wednesday, November 11th.** Checks are to be made payable to Divine Redeemer School.
Pick-up will be Thursday, November 19th after school – 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

SCHOOL MAKE-UP DAY PICTURES

Make-up Picture Day for **EVERYONE** will be Tuesday, November 10th. This will include the Cross-Country students that were on a field trip on the day of pictures.

PRE-K 2-HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

In the event of a 2-hour delay the pre-school schedules are as follows:
Tue/Thurs - 3-year-old PreK AM 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 3-year-old PM 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Mon/Wed/Fri - 4-year-old ½ day 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 4-year-old All Day 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting food and other essential items for our food pantry located next to the church. Items can be sent in throughout the year or items can be placed directly into the pantry at any time.

God Bless,

Chris M. DeVivo
Principal



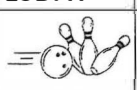
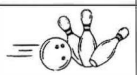
Please look for GREAT deals on small items (Matchbox cars, small stuffed animals, etc.) We are in need of prize donations for our End of Year CARNIVAL!

DRS...Since 1891, "Where You Can Grow Mind and Soul...and find Your Place"



NOVEMBER 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 NO SHORTS/CAPRIS UNTIL APRIL 1ST *Bell/Show Choir 2:30-3:00 p.m.*	3  Bowling Club 3:00-4:00 p.m.	4 Mass 9:00 a.m.	5 Band	6	7 Boys' Event @St. Mary's Hall 1:00-4:00 p.m. 
8	9 *Bell/Show Choir 2:30-3:00 p.m.*	10  Make-up Picture Day Bowling Club 3:00-4:00 p.m.	11 Mass 9:00 a.m.  Veterans' Day Program 1:00 p.m. *Pepperoni Roll Orders & Money Due	12 Band	13	14
15	16 *Bell/Show Choir 2:30-3:00 p.m.*	17  Bowling Club 3:00-4:00 p.m. (LAST DAY)	18 Mass 9:00 a.m.	19 No Band Pepperoni Roll Pick Up After School – 5:00 p.m.	20  DRESS DOWN DAY! $1.00 STUDENTS/STAFF	21
22	23 *Bell/Show Choir 2:30-3:00 p.m.*	24	25 Mass 9:00 a.m.  Thanksgiving Feast *½ Day 12:00 PM Dismissal*	26  	27  	28
29	30  	1  	2 Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m. @ Armstrong H.S.	3	4	5

Breakfast Menu

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Assorted Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	3 Assorted Muffins Yogurt Fruit Milk	4 Cinnamon Rolls & Bagels Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	5 Assorted Donuts Yogurt Fruit Milk	6 Assorted Parfaits Graham Crackers Fruit Milk
9 Assorted Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	10 Assorted Muffins Yogurt Fruit Milk	11 Cinnamon Rolls & Bagels Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	12 Assorted Donuts Yogurt Fruit Milk	13 Assorted Parfaits Graham Crackers Fruit Milk
16 Assorted Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	17 Assorted Muffins Yogurt Fruit Milk	18 Cinnamon Rolls & Bagels Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	19 Assorted Donuts Yogurt Fruit Milk	20 Assorted Parfaits Graham Crackers Fruit Milk
23 Assorted Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	24 Assorted Muffins Yogurt Fruit Milk	25 NO BREAKFAST	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL
30 NO SCHOOL	1 NO SCHOOL	2 Assorted Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	3 Assorted Donuts Yogurt Fruit Milk	4 Cinnamon Rolls & Bagels Graham Crackers Fruit Milk

Breakfast is served every morning: K-6 7:30-8:00; PK 7:45-8:15 MWF

Milk Choices: Chocolate, 1%, Vanilla, Strawberry

Breakfast is FREE for everyone!!!!!

Students must take 3 of the 4 offered items





ALTS	*MONDAY*	*TUESDAY*	*WEDNESDAY*	*THURSDAY*	*FRIDAY*
Hot Dog Grilled Cheese Pizza Hot Pocket	2 **Hot Dogs** Baked Beans Green Beans	3 **Walking Tacos** Vegetarian Beans Corn	4 **Chicken Patty Sandwich** Sweet Potato Tots Broccoli	5 **Chicken Sausage Stuffed Waffle** Hashbrown Mixed Vegetables	6 **Garlic French Bread w/ Sauce** Salad Carrots
Chicken Nuggets Grilled Cheese Pizza Hot Pocket	9 **Chicken Nuggets** Smiley Face Fries Green Beans	10 **Pulled Pork Nachos** Vegetarian Beans Corn	11 **Salisbury Meatballs** Mashed Potatoes Broccoli	12 **Chicken Alfredo w/ Breadstick** Salad Mixed Vegetables	13 **Pancakes w/ Sausage Links** Hashbrown Carrots
Corn Dog Grilled Cheese Pizza Hot Pocket	16 **Corn Dog** French Fries Green Beans	17 **Meatball Hoagies** Rosemary Garlic Potatoes Corn	18 **Grilled Cheese** Tomato Soup Broccoli	19 **Popcorn Chicken** Mashed Potatoes Corn	20 **Vocellis Pizza** Chips
Grilled Cheese Pizza Hot Pocket	23 **Mac & Cheese** Soft Pretzel Green Beans	24 **Dutch Waffles w/ Sausage Links** Hashbrown Carrots	25 **THANKSGIVING FEAST** **NOON DISMISSAL**	26 	27
Grilled Cheese Hot Pocket	30 	1 Thanksgiving Break No School	2 **Chicken Nuggets** Tator Tots Broccoli	3 **French Toast Sticks** Hashbrown Mixed Vegetables	4 **Calzone** Salad Carrots

Main Food can be substituted for Alternate Options

Lunch $3.00 Doubles $1.50 Extra Milk $.75

Vegetable cups and Fruit available everyday

Milk Choices: Chocolate, 1%, Vanilla, Strawberry

Menu Subject to Change

This institute is an equal opportunity provider



Divine Redeemer Inclement Weather & Transportation Policy

School Closings and Delays

- **Primary Schedule:** Divine Redeemer follows the schedule of the Armstrong School District (ASD). If ASD closes or implements a 2-hour delay, Divine Redeemer does the same.

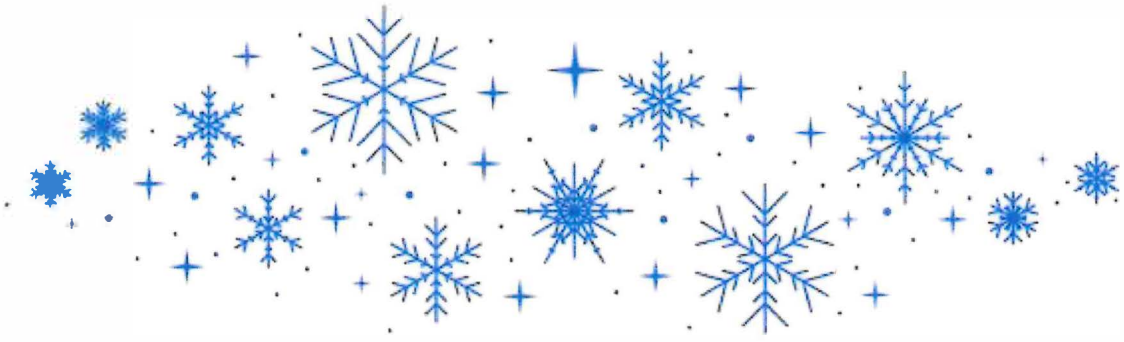
- **Snow Days:** The school will use its scheduled snow days first. Any additional missed days will transition to remote learning.

- **Out-of-District Transportation**
  If your student lives outside the Armstrong School District, their bus schedule follows their home school district's decision, with the exception of Apollo-Ridge.

- **Home District Delays:** If your home district (e.g., Kiski/Leechburg/Freeport) has a 2-hour delay but ASD does not, your student's bus will run 2 hours late. Your child will arrive at school 2 hours late.

- **Home District Closings:** If your home district closes but ASD remains open, your student's bus will not run. You must drive them to school, or they will be marked with an excused absence/tardy. They will not be penalized but are responsible for making up all missed work.

- **Apollo-Ridge Exception:** The Divine Redeemer bus follows ASD, not Apollo-Ridge. If Apollo-Ridge closes or delays and ASD stays open, our school bus will still pick up your student at their regular time.





WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

Dear Families,

In honor of Veterans Day, it would be meaningful for the children to honor specific people who have served in our military. Please write the name and military branch of your family members and friends on the form below and return it to the office by **Friday, November 6th**. Each name will be written on a star and placed in our front windows. *(More space available on the back)*

NAME_____ **NAME**_____

BRANCH_____ **BRANCH**_____

WAR_____ **WAR**_____

NAME_____ **NAME**_____

BRANCH_____ **BRANCH**_____

WAR_____ **WAR**_____

Veterans Day Program Invitation
Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

All Veterans are invited to our Veterans Day Assembly Wednesday, November 11th at 1:00 p.m. Please invite Veterans from your family to join us. Please list the names of any Veterans planning to attend our program below.

Veteran's Reservation:

Names:_____

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NAME_____ NAME_____

BRANCH_____ BRANCH_____

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Patriotic Dress Down Day!

On Wednesday, November 11th, we will help local Veterans by holding a Patriotic Dress Down Day!

You can donate $1.00 to wear an appropriate patriotic outfit of your choice.

These donations will be used for an all school service project for veterans

Dear Parents,

The Divine Redeemer annual Christmas Concert will be held on **Wednesday**, **December 2, 6:30 p.m**. at Armstrong High School in Kittanning. Students are to arrive no later than **6:15 p.m.** and report to designated rows which will be saved for each grade.

Please take note of the dress code below:

5th and 6th grade

- Costume provided for character
- Something light in color and not too heavy underneath (plain white t-shirt, tan dress pants)
- Flat dress shoes or plain sneakers (**no high heels, no clogs, no boots**)
- No jewelry
- No perfume or cologne

Kindergarten-4th grade:

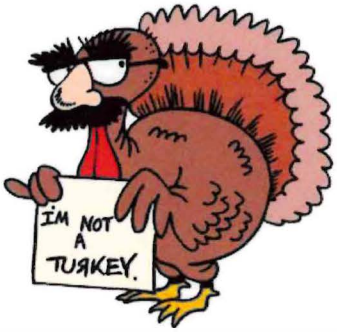
Boys and Girls Dress for Kindergarten to Grade 3

- Christmas dress or church attire. **No blue-jeans**.
- Flat shoes or plain tennis shoes; **no high heels, boots, or clogs**.
- No hats.
- No large bows that would block the face of a child in a different row.
- No Christmas accessories.
- No perfume or cologne.

If you have any questions, email me @ tbernot@dioceseofgreensburg.org

~ Mrs. Bernot

Disguise a Turkey

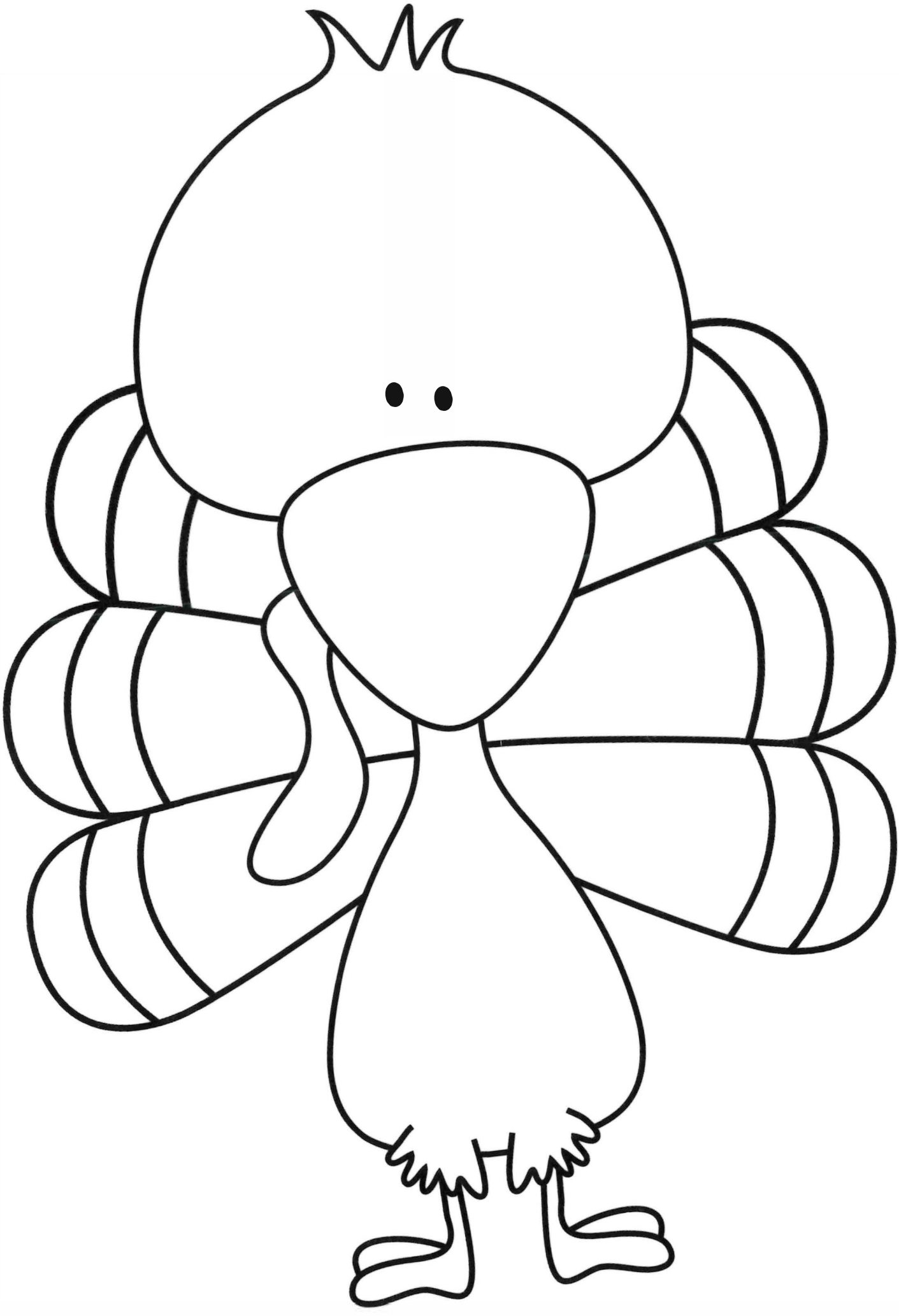


It's that time of year again for poor Tom the Turkey! He has been dreading this Thanksgiving Season. Time for Tom to go into hiding again! Help Tom go undercover so he won't get eaten up!

You may cut the Tom out and dress him up as anything you like. Use supplies you have at home and get creative!! Tom needs an awesome disguise so he survives this Thanksgiving!

Once all your Tom the Turkeys have returned, we will vote on who disguised Tom the best! Make sure you get your Tom Turkey's back to Ms. Nicole by November 20th! If you have any questions, you can contact Ms. Nicole.







JELLYCAT LONDON



NOVEMBER RAFFLE



Sixth grade will be raffling off an Amuseables Cheese Fondue Jellycat to help offset the cost of the 6th grade field trip. Tickets are 3 for $1. If your child is interested in winning the Amuseables Cheese Fondue Jellycat, please complete the form below and return it, along with the money, by Tuesday, November 24th. The drawing will take place on Wednesday, November 25th. Thank you for your support!

CHILD'S NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____ **/ AMOUNT ENCLOSED $**_____

SUNSERI JIMMY & NINO

Atomic Pepperoni Roll:
Pepperoni, Mozzarella Provolone 50/50 Blend, with our Legendary Dipping Peppers (Sweet Cubanella Peppers, Hot Banana Peppers, & Jalapeno Peppers), Prosciutto Tidbits, Portabella Mushrooms, and Roma Tomatoes



2 Lb. Monster Pepperoni Roll:
Pepperoni and Mozzarella Provolone 50/50 Blend



They can be FROZEN & re-heated in an oven. Thaw, 400 degrees for 15 min.
Oven temps may vary.

These make a perfect addition to your refrigerator or freezer when you're short on time for dinner.

SELLER NAME:_____ SELLER PHONE NUMBER: _____

ORGANIZATION: **Divine Redeemer School** ORDERS and PAYMENT DUE BY: **November 11, 2026**

DELIVERY DATE: **November 19, 2026- **Pick up after school in the cafeteria until 5:00 PM**

Please Make Any Checks Payable To: Divine Redeemer School

SUNSERI PEPPERONI ROLLS & ATOMIC PEPPERONI (SPICY) ROLLS

CUSTOMER NAME	PHONE NUMBER	PEPPERONI ROLL $12 EACH	ATOMIC PEPPERONI ROLL $12 EACH	TOTAL ROLLS ORDERED	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	PAID
				Grand Total Ordered:	Grand Total Amount:	

EACH PEPPERONI ROLL IS 2 LBS AND 12 IN LONG.

November

@ Ford City Public Library

Which Crafters
Every Monday @5:30pm (Ages 18+)
Meet up with this knotty group of ladies for crafting & connections! From crochet, paper crafts, vinyl, and more, you never know WHICH craft will be next! Learn, work on your own project, or work together to benefit the community. No registration necessary.

Baby Bookworms
Every Tuesday @11:30am (Ages 0-2)
A simple early literacy program with lots of songs, movement, and sensory exploration, plus the opportunity for parents & caregivers to socialize! No registration necessary.

Tech Tutor Tuesdays
Every Tuesday @12:30-3pm (Ages 18+)
Want to learn how to FaceTime, pay bills online, work your new tablet, or more? Stop in for one-on-one tech help or join us for a featured lesson each week!
Featured Lesson for November: Online Buying & Selling - Learn the ins and outs of buying AND selling online before the holiday sales begin!

Storytime
Every Wednesday @11:30am (Ages 3+)
Join Miss Katie for a story along with songs, puppets, and craft/activity! No registration necessary.

Family Tree House: Genealogy Office Hours
Monday 11/2 @ 4-6 pm (Ages 18+)
Join Miss Katie for appointments focusing on tracing your genealogy using library holdings & online resources. Appointments preferred; walk-in availability may be limited.

Minecraft Club
Tuesday 11/3 @5pm (Ages 6+)
Choose your own adventure & make new friends! Play together or solo - get creative or play in survival. If you're up for a challenge, learn something new! Registration encouraged for planning purposes.

Teen Advisory Board
Tuesday 11/3 @6pm (Ages 16+)
Do you have cool ideas for your library? Make your voice heard, gain leadership experience, & serve your community - while having fun! Join anytime!

Master Gardeners Present 250 Years of Gardening
Wednesday 11/4 @6pm (All Ages)
Join our local Penns State Master Gardeners for a historical presenation on 250 Years of Gardening for America 250! Registration encouraged for planning purposes.

Historical Book Club
Thursday 11/5 @6pm (Ages 18+)
Join us for this month's discussion of ***Guyasuta and the Fall of Indian America*** by **Brady Crytzer**. Registration and library membership required to reserve a copy.

Ladies Tea & DAR Program
Friday 11/6 @ 5pm (All Ages)
Join the Daughters of the American Revolution for a Colonial Tea Party and enjoy a presentation on the work of the DAR and their genealogical resources, plus meet Colonial Living Historians! Registration required for planning purposes.

Romantasy Readers Cafe
Saturday 11/7 @10am (Ages 18+)
Meet up and discuss this month's book ***His Face is the Sun*** + your current FanRo reads! Registration and library membership required to borrow a copy.

Bestsellers Book Club
Tuesday 11/10 @6pm (Ages 18+)
Good reads and discussion of recent bestsellers! For November, we're reading ***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society***. Registration and library membership required to borrow a copy.

Closed Wednesday 11/11 for Veterans Day

Story Night: KNOWvember
Thursday 11/12 @6pm (Ages 3+)
Do you know what you don't know? Join us for a special story night to learn all about discovering whatever you're curious about! Knowledge stations, scavenger hunt, and a story included! Registration is encouraged for planning purposes.

LEGO Club
Tuesday 11/17 @5pm (Ages 6+)
Put your building skills to the test! We'll have design ideas, challenges, and more set up and ready for builders. No registration necessary.

Speaker Series: Artificial Intelligence 101
Wednesday 11/18 @6pm (All Ages)
Can you identify AI when you see it? Join FCPL Library Tech Kristie for a program on recognizing Artificial Intelligence and expanding your media literacy. Registration encouraged for planning purposes.

DIY Thursday: Gratitude Jars
Thursday 11/19 @6pm (Ages 18+)
You can do-it-yourself! This month, we're creating gratitude jars in time for Thanksgiving! All supplies & instruction included! Suggestion donation of $2 to help cover materials & supplies. Adults only. Registration required.

Teen Tuesday: Ugly Christmas Sweaters
Tuesday 11/24 @6pm (Ages 12-17)
For teens by teens! Use YOUR library for YOU! This month, meet up to craft your own ugly Christmas sweaters & t-shirts in time for the holiday season. Registration encouraged for planning purposes.

Pre-Black Friday Book Sale!

Opening Night Friday 11/20 6-9pm
$5 Admission to Browse
Sale continues during regular library hours Saturday 11/21 through Wednesday 11/25, **ending with a $5 fill-a-bag sale** (festive tote bag included!) on Saturday 11/28 during the FCABPA Cookie Crawl!

Closed Thursday 11/26 for Thanksgiving

1136 Fourth Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226 | armstronglibraries.org/ford-city | 724 763 3591
Hours: Monday through Thursday 10AM to 7:30PM, Saturday 8AM to 3PM, Closed Friday & Sunday