

## St. John's Orthodox Christian School

	<u>Upcoming Events</u>
Oct. 21-22	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct. 23	No School
Oct. 30	November Hot Lunch Forms Due
Nov. 11	No School – Veterans Day
Nov. 13	Lifetouch Picture Day
Nov. 15	Advent begins
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Break – No School

What a neat picture of all the students and staff!



## Dear St. John's Families,

We have made it through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter!! And for this school year, we are thankful to God for that! We are looking forward to meeting with many of you during this week's Parent-Teacher Conferences. Take a look at the upcoming dates on page one of this newsletter. As always, if you have any questions about the information in this newsletter give us a call or send an email.

## Please take note of the following:

- Attached with this emailed newsletter will be November's calendar and lunch form. Please note that on November 15<sup>th</sup>, we will begin observing the Advent season in preparation for Christmas. Hot lunches prepared by the school will be meatless... i.e. cheese pizza, spaghetti sauce without meat, Mac N Cheese etc... this is part of our Orthodox tradition as we prepare for the birth of Christ. ©
- Sadly, unless current conditions in Anchorage change, we won't be able to observe Advent with our usual church services, but we will make it a special time anyway. We will still remember St. Nicholas and St. Herman.
- I am also including a VSP letter with some relevant updates to volunteer opportunities and requirements as we find ourselves in this COVID crisis.

## Winter Weather and Winter Gear:

• Just a reminder that as the days are turning colder, it is important that kids have the right clothing for going outside for recess. For our younger students in Preschool-4<sup>th</sup> Gr., snow pants and boots are part of the required outside gear along with jackets, hats and gloves. Our older students can decide if they want to wear boots and snow pants or go without.



 Normally, we would advise our families that we follow the ASD regarding school closures for bad weather. We are working hard to determine how best to approach this situation. We will keep you posted!