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| Monday, November 11th | First Grade Field Trip  
                        Veterans Day Assembly                                          |
| Tuesday, November 12th | Giving Tree Begins (See Below)  
                        Skate Night at the Rolladium 6:30-8:30 p.m.                  |
| Friday, November 15th | PTA Reflections Contest Entries Due                                  |
| Monday, November 18th | Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-Up Begins at 7:00 a.m. (Skyward Family Access) |
| Tuesday, November 19th | Kindergarten Field Trip                                             |
| Wednesday, November 20th | Benito’s Pizza Night - Proceeds benefit the PTA!  
                        PTA Meeting - 7:00 p.m.                                       |
| Thursday, November 21st | Bagel Day                                                            |
| Friday, November 22nd | Half-Day for Students 12:25 pm Dismissal  
                        Professional Development for Staff                         |

**Our Giving Tree**

During the holiday season, it is easy for our children to get “the gimmes.” In an effort to promote generosity and service to others, our children will have the opportunity to participate in “Our Giving Tree.” This project will help local families in-need during the holiday season.

On Tuesday morning, children can select one heart from Our Giving Tree in the Main Entry. Each heart will have an item to purchase for a local family in-need. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Moutafis will monitor the Giving Tree to make sure children have a parent’s permission to take a heart. They will also help children select items since there is an array of prices. We encourage you to involve your child in this act of service. Children can collect pop cans to return, do extra chores, or rake leaves for a neighbor. Shopping for your Giving Tree items can also be an authentic opportunity to practice math concepts like addition, subtraction, counting money, and making change.

If you are able to participate, please talk with your child before Tuesday. With your permission, they can get a heart from the Giving Tree on Tuesday morning when they arrive at school. Donations should be dropped-off in the Main Office. Please note that items should NOT be gift wrapped. If you have any questions, please e-mail Jillian Moutafis (jillymsu@comcast.net). If you know of a family in-need, please contact our Main Office so we can help!

**Important Reminder:**

We have several children at Commerce who are vulnerable to contagious illnesses. These brave Cougars are fighting leukemia or Spinal Muscular Atrophy. We can help them stay healthy in a few simple ways...

- Talk with your child about the importance of proper hand washing.
- Teach your child to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze (and wash their hands).
- Notify the Main Office immediately if your child has a contagious illness like chicken pox, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), influenza (the flu), and more.
- Most importantly, have your child stay home from school if they are sick.

Together we can show that Commerce cares about these brave Cougars. On behalf of these special families and their medical teams, I thank you for your support and compassion.
Parent/Teacher Conferences

At the elementary level, parent/teacher conferences will be held on **Thursday, December 12th**. Parents/guardians can sign-up for a conference time slot on **Skyward Family Access** starting at approximately **7:00 a.m. on November 18th**. Directions and additional e-mails will be sent out as this date approaches.

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**Rolladium Night**

Commerce is having a fundraiser at the Rolladium Family Fun Center!

**Date:** November 12th  
**Time:** 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
**Admission:** $6.00  
**Skate Rental:** Regular Rental Fee  
**Rope Course:** $5.00  
Rolladium Family Fun Center – 248-674-0808 or 248-674-3949  
4475 Highland Road, Waterford, MI 48328  
www.rolladiumfamilyfuncenter.com

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**5th Grade Celebration Sponsors Needed!**

Attention Parents! We are looking for sponsors for our 5th Grade Celebration. The minimum donation to be a sponsor is $200.

This is a great opportunity to get your name out there! If you have a business or know someone who does that would like to donate, please let them know that their business name/information will be on our social media, signage around the school the day of the celebration and on our program which will be seen by several hundred people. These donations will help fund several different things throughout the day of the event.

**Fifth Grade Parents:** If you are still interested in sending your per student donation, please do so. You can send it check or cash in an envelope marked "5th Grade Celebration/PTA." Also, if you have not sent in your photos, please do that as well. We want to include every 5th grade student in the slide show.

Questions? Please email: **FifthGradeCougars@Gmail.com**

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**Arrival Information** | **Dismissal Information**
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**Morning Drop-Off Begins** - 8:40 a.m. | **Dismissal** - 4:00 p.m.
1st Bell - 8:50 a.m. - Students Enter Building | Buses Depart - 4:07 p.m.
**Final Bell** - 8:55 a.m. - School Day Begins  
Students who arrive after 8:55 are marked tardy.  | **Half Day Dismissal** - 12:25 p.m.
PTA President’s Corner

- Plans are in full swing for Holiday Craft Night on December 4th! We need volunteers to make sure all of our kiddos have a great time! Please click here to sign up to volunteer!

- Reflections entries are due this week! All entries must be in the office by 4pm on Friday, November 15th! Good luck to everyone participating! Keep an eye out for information about a special reception coming soon for all participants!

- We hope you have made plans to join us for our next PTA Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, November 20th! We will have an eye-opening and informative presentation from the Department of Homeland Security about Cyber Safety and Kids that you won't want to miss! (This presentation has content that is not appropriate for children. Please leave kids at home.)

- The Book Fair is coming! Mark your calendars for December 4-11 as we bring you another amazing book fair! Students will have lots of opportunities to visit the fair during their days, and there will be two special events for families, too! Keep an eye out for more communication as we get closer to the event. We will need LOTS of volunteers for the fair, so get ready to sign up soon, too!

- Our annual PTA Membership Event is scheduled for January 31st! You won't want to miss this fun night of bowling, bounce houses, and dinner! PTA-member families get in for free! If you haven't yet joined the PTA, click here to become a member! Classes with the highest percentage of membership by December 2nd will each earn an ice cream party and their teachers could win cool prizes, too!

- Commerce spirit wear is available! New this year, all orders will be ONLINE ONLY. Here is the link to order your Commerce gear: https://www.teamwearables.com/commerce-elementary-spirit-store. All orders are due by November 29th and will be delivered to school before winter break.

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IT’S PIZZA NIGHT!

A Fundraising Effort for Commerce Elementary School PTA

November 20, 2019
11AM - 10PM

Order from Benito’s Pizza on this date and Benito’s will donate a percentage of sales generated by you back to our program.

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