



Parent Newsletter

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It's easier to build strong children than to repair broken men

...Frederick Douglass

Dear Parents,

What a great turnout we had last week for our **Back to School Night!** The teachers were appreciative that you took the time to visit your child's classrooms, the food was delicious, and there was plenty of it, the children enjoyed themselves, and we generated several volunteers to begin to form our **Family Guild** and **Dad's Club**. But it is only a beginning. So far, we have had **28 parents complete the volunteer survey and volunteer to serve on a committee**. So we decided, we are going to put out the survey again, next week, in Spanish, so that those of you who are more comfortable with Spanish, might choose to volunteer. I know we can do a little better, and we have to, if we want to be really successful in generating the funds to buy playground equipment for our youngest Lancers. And, from what I saw last Thursday, you *did* enjoy the company of the other parents. Don't sit back in the shadows; come out and be a part of our Family Guild.

We are almost up and running with **SchoolSpeak**. As I said, at the meeting, we will be **discontinuing Gadelink** at the end of this month. In order for us to establish contact with you, we need to have your phone number *and* the name of the carrier. This way we can keep you informed in an instant via text. If you have not completed the form we sent out two weeks ago, please come into the office and update your contact information. If everything goes well, **Progress Reports** will be published about **October 3rd**.

Last night, I spoke with the parents in the **Faith Formation** class most of whom have children in public schools. I hope to persuade them to, at least, consider Catholic education for their children. You can help in this effort, too. Talk to your family members and friends who have little ones, especially TK and Kinder. *They don't have to be Catholic*; they will still receive the same quality dual language education in a safe and personalized environment. Remember, for each family you refer who registers and pays tuition, you will receive \$200 tuition credit!

Just to give you a "head's up", we will be having a **Blessing of the Animals** on **Thursday, October 4th**. In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, your children will be allowed to bring their pet dog, cat, fish, bird, chicken, etc. to have Father bless them. The pets should be on a leash or in a cage, and you must clean up after them so that they don't leave any reminders of their visit. **They cannot stay at school**; they have to go home right after the morning assembly.

• Until next time, be happy, be prayerful, and be well.

God bless all of you!

Diane Gehner, Principal