



# Parent Newsletter

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***To often we give our children answers to remember rather than problems to solve.***

***...Robert Lewin***

Dear Parents,

Last time I wrote, I was a bit early, this time I am a bit late. There are just so many things on my plate, including Tax Day, it got by me. I apologize. Since we returned from Easter break, we have been speeding rapidly toward the end of the school year with all of its incumbent planning and preparations. While most of the details have been worked out, our little ones **First Holy Communion** is just around the corner. Their day-long **retreat will be on May 5**, and we ask that you pray for them as they continue their Christian initiation into our faith.

Among other things an administrator must attend to, is calendaring and budgeting for the coming year. The calendar is almost set, and the **first day of school is tentatively set for August 22nd**. I say tentatively because it still must be coordinated with Pomona Catholic. Budgeting is an entirely different issue. So much depends on enrollment. *This is where **you** can help*. Please let us know, asap, that you intend to return next year. The easiest way is to **pay the registration fee of \$250** for each of your children. Then, your task is to help **recruit new students** for next year, especially in the TK and Kinder. If you have family or friends with small children, become an ambassador for our school and **encourage them to enroll their children**. Not only is this critical to the budget, but it directly impacts the staffing for the next year. Until we know about how many students we may have, **we cannot hire teachers**.

This has weighed heavily on my mind! This involves people's livelihoods. For this reason, I was advised to inform all of the teachers that **they must reapply for the positions** that we will have open, given that there will be no middle school. Further, they may well have to teach combo classes and have a lot of additional adjunct duty since there will be fewer of us. It is a difficult decision, and they need your support and understanding. So you see how this is connected; **the more students we have, the more teachers we can hire**. Incidentally, you should know that Ms. Byer will be out for a short time. Her colleagues have offered to cover her classes, and I think the students will be ok. Please pray for all concerned.

Finally, you should know that there is a final **Parent Meeting** scheduled for **May 24th at 7:00**. I am hoping to announce our plans for a **Family Guild**. This will be a way for you to directly support the activities of the school next year. I would also like to honor some of you who have given so much of your time, treasure, and talent; some of you who may not be with us next year. Please mark your calendars.

In the meantime, you know where to find me. Be happy. Be prayerful. Be well.

God bless you!

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