



Parent Newsletter

January 31, 2018

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds, cannot change anything.

George Bernard Shaw

Dear Parents,

I am so excited about the changes taking place here at St. Joseph! I don't know if you were able to join us for the first **Pomona Family of Catholic Schools** celebration of the **Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas** to kick off **Catholic Schools Week**, but it was inspiring! The church was packed with the future of our Catholic Church. And when your children lifted their voices in song it was celestial! I am so happy that the feuding between the schools seems to be over. Pomona, itself, has so many other negative connotations, it is wonderful to finally see the Catholic schools get along, as Christians ought to, to **radiate the love of Christ through a communal Mass**. I am looking forward to many more opportunities for us to worship together.

Also, thanks your input and that of the community, and the hard work of Advisory Committee, especially Mrs. Frias, Mrs. Arevelo, and Mrs. Oceguedo, the official release went out today with regard to our being one of two schools that will be joining the **ADLA Dual Language Immersion Network** next August. We will begin with the **TK and Kinder students** who will be taught Spanish language arts, matematicas, ciencias, religion (in English), English arts, and social studies. But, we still have a lot of work to do, like setting up a demonstration classroom and planning for the **Spanish instructional program for the older students**.

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the Family Mass and the **Open House** last Sunday. I know your children were anxious to show you what they have been doing, and their teachers appreciated that you took the time to see what they had prepared for you. We had a nice turnout, and that indicates that you are truly committed to the work of your Catholic parish school. We really look forward to seeing you today, on **Family Day**, when we will share a pizza lunch, and you will enjoy an activity that the teacher has planned for you and your child. See you then!

As always, you know where to find me. Until next time, be happy, be prayerful, and be well!
God bless you!

Diane Gehner, Principal