



Parent Newsletter

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A child, like your stomach, doesn't NEED all you can afford to give it.
...Frank A. Clark

Dear Parents,

Once again, I am running a little late. My apologies. Today the children will celebrate **International Day**. They and their teachers have worked hard to make this a fun and informed event for all. Tomorrow, seven of our students will receive their **First Holy Communion at 9:00**. We have given them a small token of our pride and happiness, and hope that you will continue to pray for them as they continue their Christian initiation into our faith. On **Monday, May 21st**, we will be taking our 2nd to 8th-graders to the Cathedral to celebrate the new **Papal-commissioned Mass to honor Mary**, the Mother of the Church. So, we will NOT celebrate Mass here at 8:00.

I have finally completed the budget for next year (due today), but Father Steve has yet to see and sign it. We will be experiencing a deficit, but, if our enrollment continues to grow, we should be able to recover. I have planned on keeping as many of the teachers who wanted to stay, and made allowances for our dual language and Spanish teachers. I am also happy that we may be offering robotics for the older students and theater arts for all of them. Pray that all goes well. However, we still need you! Please help us **recruit new students** for next year, especially in the TK and Kinder. Data shows that word of mouth is still the most impactful way to attract new students. If you have family or friends with small children, become an ambassador for our school and **encourage them to enroll their children**. This Sunday will be the perfect opportunity. We have **Family Mass at 11:00**, so dress your children in their full-dress uniforms and join us for a small snack afterward. Let our parish family see just how beautiful your children are.

You should know that there is a final **Parent Meeting** scheduled for **May 24th at 7:00**. I am hoping to introduce the teachers for next year; almost all of the positions are filled. I would also like to share our ideas for a **Family Guild**. This will be a way for you to directly support the activities of the school next year, and become more of a family. Also, I would like to honor some of you who have volunteered so much of your time, treasure, and talent to helping our school. This is not a mandatory meeting, but your presence says a lot about your commitment to our school. Please mark your calendars. Finally, there will be **NO SCHOOL on Friday, May 25th**. Enjoy the memorial weekend with your families.

As some of you know, my husband is having surgery today. Please pray that all goes well. He is my "assistant principal", and I rely a lot on his support.

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

God bless you!

Diane Gehner, Principal