



Parent Newsletter

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It is one thing to show your child the way, and a harder thing then, to stand out of it.

Dear Parents,

There are only ten days of school left! It's hard to imagine where the time has gone. Even so, there is still a lot going on.

Most of you already know, Ms. Byer has returned. Her students are elated and enjoying every minute of her presence. Some of you may not know, however, that we are losing some of our "favorite" teachers. Mrs. Castro, Ms. Byer, and Mrs. Randall are leaving us. We wish them luck wherever they go, and for whatever they choose to do. Mrs. Solomonson has decided to retire, *again*, to pursue her other interests and her charitable work. And, finally, our dear Mrs. Cash has decided to join her husband and support him in his work. It's never easy to say good-bye, but we wish them well, and pray that they find happiness in their new pursuits.

I am still in the process of hiring a new TK and a Spanish teacher. There are some very qualified candidates who will be doing demonstration lessons next week. It is going to be a lot more difficult to replace Mrs. Cash. She has been here for such a long time, as her mother was before her. As everyone knows, the secretary is the heart of a school, so I guess I will have to do a "heart transplant". Fortunately, she is going to help me choose her successor, and support the choice through the transition.

Then, there are the students. Most of them will be taking their final tests over the next eight days to demonstrate their learning. Our eighth-graders will take their final field trip to **Disneyland on Monday the 11th. The Kindergarteners will promote on the 13th. The eighth-graders will graduate on the 14th,** and we have a **special event planned for the fifth-seventh-graders on the last day, June 15th,** to let them know how very missed they'll be. They are very excited that school is almost over!

Things are going to be very different around here, but that also lays the foundation for some very exciting possibilities, too. Change is scary, but sometimes necessary. It's sort of like pruning roses in the winter in order to enjoy the beautiful blossoms in the spring. As John F. Kennedy wisely said, **"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."** So, I guess we must embrace it. I pray you support me as we move our school into the future.

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

God bless you!

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