



“With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.”

Psalm 130

Dear Parents and Guardians,

April 5, 2019

Today we received a surprise visit from the newly appointed Archbishop of Washington, His Excellency Wilton Gregory. He was joined by Cardinal Wuerl, Secretary of Education Dr. Jem Sullivan, Superintendent Bill Ryan, and our pastor Fr. Fred. Archbishop Gregory was the Bishop of Belleville, Illinois, from 1994 to 2004, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago from 1983 to 1994, and is currently concluding his tenure as the Archbishop of Atlanta. He will be the seventh archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington and the first African-American leader of our local church. Let us keep both Cardinal Wuerl and Archbishop Gregory in our prayers during this time of transition.

Report Cards... Third quarter report cards were sent home to all students today. In some cases there is also a letter recommending or requiring summer school and/ or retention. Please contact your child’s teacher with any questions of concerns.

Honor Roll Reception... We will recognize honor roll students in grades 4-8 on Thursday, April 11 during the recess/ lunch period. If you would like to attend or volunteer please contact the main office.

Faith Knowledge Testing... Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the Archdiocesan Faith Knowledge Assessment over the next two weeks. The test will assess students’ knowledge of the Catholic Faith as taught by their Religion teacher. All testing is scheduled in the morning and we ask you to please ensure that your child is on time, well rested, and eats a healthy breakfast on the testing day. Your child’s teacher works hard to ensure optimal student performance. Your assistance is appreciated. Results of the Faith Knowledge Assessment will be sent home with the final report card.

Grade	Day/Date
3	Monday, April 8
4	Wednesday, April 3
5	Tuesday, April 2
6	Tuesday, April 2
7	Tuesday, April 9
8	Thursday, April 4

Fun Service Hour Opportunity

Get ready to jump - brushes and sponges first - into the world of face painting. Step up and prepare yourself to serve at our Children's Fair as a face painter. Enjoy two (2) 90 minute free hands-on practice sessions, Saturday April 6th and 13th at 1:00 PM. There will be a good balance of demos and hands on practice using practice paper sheets, your arm and maybe the arm of a fellow student.

Learn to create a butterfly, flowers, princess, tigers and cats using sponge effects, blending techniques, glitter, stencils, and beautiful brush strokes. All you need is enthusiasm, eagerness to learn, patience, and willingness to serve at the children's fair on Friday, June 14 as a face painter for at least one hour.

Pray with Us... Grades 1-8 will pray the Stations of the Cross together in the church on Wednesday, April 10 at 2:30 PM. All are warmly welcome to join us.

Butterfly Gala... Next Saturday, April 13 is our "Butterfly Gala," formerly known as the "Princess Ball." This is wonderful opportunity for our young ladies, grades PreK-grade 8, and their young female friends and family members to enjoy an evening with a special male in their lives (fathers, uncles, grandfathers, godfathers, etc). We hope you will join us!

Canned Food Drive... Our Lenten Canned Food Drive is April 10-17. We ask that every child donate ten food items. Please be generous according to your means. Further information is in the Friday Folder.

Smile... Tuesday, April 9 is Spring Picture Day and Graduation Picture Day. Only those students purchasing pictures may dress out of uniform. Only those purchasing will be photographed.

Looking Ahead... "Taco in a Bag" is back by popular demand. Order forms can be found in the Friday Folder. Money is due on the Monday we return from Easter break. Also, our Spanish Spelling Bee, "Concurso de Deletreo," is on Tuesday, May 7. (This is also Family School Spirit Night at our local Chipotle.) Keep studying and get these important dates on your calendar!

I appreciate your response and cooperation regarding illness in the school. I reiterate that it is imperative that sick children stay home to get the care and healing that they need. We are sanitizing and disinfecting, but the best preventative measure is to limit exposure. Hopefully, we will all be healthy again soon.

Peace & Blessings,

Michael Thomasian
Principal

Proudly celebrating our 95th year!