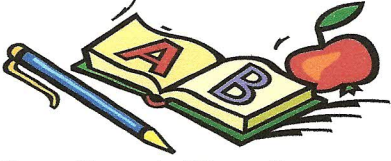


From the Desk of Mrs. McDermott
09/21/11



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was great to see so many of our families attending the Family Mass. A special thank you to Ms. Flaherty and Ms. Hernandez for preparing the Mass with the 2nd and 8th graders. Our students did a wonderful job reading. Our next family Mass will be held on Sunday, October 16.

This week I have been looking at different scholarships available to our students. Students have to meet a certain criteria for each scholarship, with the most important one being academic achievement. It is so important that students have good grades on their report cards. For most of these scholarships students need to be obtaining at least a "B" grade in the core subjects. I cannot recommend a student for a scholarship who is not working to their fullest potential. We all have a responsibility in ensuring that our students are achieving and doing their best from Prek – 8th grade. Please read the "Homework" article included in today's envelope.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

We will hold a "Virtus" workshop (in English) on Saturday, October 8 at 1:30 – 4:30pm in the St. Joseph Room. This is a mandated workshop for parents who want to go on Field Trips and/or coach any of our Sports. In order to attend, you need to sign up for the class online at www.virtus.org

Extended Day Clubs and Classes

Except for the Theater & Drama and the new Martial Arts class, all clubs/classes will begin next week. A reminder of dates and times for each club is on the back of this letter. Club Penguin is now full! We are opening up Tuesday choir to 3rd graders. Please remember all payments are due prior to students starting clubs.

High School Visits

The local high schools reps and students visited with our 7th and 8th graders over the past two Fridays to share information about their respective programs. Hopefully with this information, our students will select schools that will complement their own abilities and talents.

St. Bruno, Pope John Paul II, St. Richard and St. Turibius schools will host a **High School Evening for parents and students** in 6th -8th grade on **Wednesday, October 12** 6:30p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in our school gym. This is a great opportunity for parents to talk with the high school representatives about programs and scholarships.

Weekly Packet Now Online!!!

As part of our "green" initiative, the Wednesday packet/envelope is now available online. If you no longer wish to receive your envelope in paper format, please sign up on the website. The packet will be sent to your email every Wednesday. Make sure that you have access to a printer, so you can print out and complete any forms that need to be returned to school. At the end of this month, we will stop sending home the envelope to all those families who have signed up.

Picture Day Tuesday, September 27

Students should dress their best. Tuesday's Gym class will switch to Monday, Sept. 26.

Medical Forms

Please note that all medical, dental, and vision forms are due to the office by Sept. 23. After this date, students who do not have forms on file in the office will be excluded from school.

Regards,

Katrina McDermott

Sept. 23 – **No School** Teacher Professional Dev. Sept. 27 – Picture Day Sept. 30 – FSA Hotdog Lunch

After School Clubs and Classes for Fall

With the exception of the Theater and Drama club, all clubs will begin next week. Students will be dismissed from the St. Joseph Room doors on 49th Street. Students not picked up at the dismissal time will be sent to the Extended Day Program. Parents will be charged for any time spent in Extended Day. All students need an Extended Day form on file with Ms. Cruz before the clubs/classes begin. If you have not already paid for the club/class, please do before the club starts. Please note: There will be no refunds if a student misses a session.

Art Club K & 1st begins Monday, Sept 26. Ms. Hernandez (206) 2:40 – 3:30

School Choir 4th – 6th begins Tues. Sept 27 Mr. Costanzo school gym 2:40 – 3:30

Club Penguin Club 2nd & 3rd begins Monday, Sept 26. Ms. Rafinski (203) 2:40 – 3:30

Harry Potter Club 3rd -7th begins Monday, Sept 26. Ms. Ciccarella (209) 2:40 – 3:30

Homework Helper 6th – 8th grade begins Wed., Sept 28. Mrs. Kielbasa (Lab) 2:35 – 3:20

Homework Helper 4th & 5th grade begins Wed., Sept 28 Mrs. Linane (207) 2:35 – 3:20

Mathletes Club 2nd grade begins Wed., Sept 28 Mrs. O'Shea (201) 2:40 – 3:30

PreK 3 & 4 Club begins Wed., Sept 28 Ms. Marisa (PreK3/4) 2:40 – 3:25

Newspaper 6th-8th (biweekly) begins Thursday, Sept 29 Ms. Flaherty (210)

Spanish Class 1st -4th grade begins Tues. Sept 27 Ms. Cruz (library) 2:40 – 3:30

Zumba Class 3rd - 6th grade begins Thursday, Sept 29 Mrs. Tellez (PreK 4) 2:40 – 3:30

Martial Arts Club will begin the week of Oct. 3. Look for the flyer in today's envelope

