



Catholic Schools

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Dear Parents,

Let the fun begin! Catholic Schools week is here once again and a whole smorgasbord of events has been planned that will crank up the excitement factor in an already pumped up school! We have been suffering from a major dose of post-exam blues so it is time to unleash the pent up emotions and celebrate our great community! What better way than to celebrate who we are as a Catholic school in 2020. Speaking of exams, I must declare that I am so proud of the students for their academic stamina and knowledge and I am equally proud of the teachers who provide the students with an awesome education that causes them not only to memorize information but also to apply the information to real life situations.

Deb Logan and Tricia Jessen, the co-chairs of CSW, have turned every stone to make sure that every grade level is involved in celebrating the 172 year history of Saint Vincent Martyr School. Details of events were sent home this past Tuesday and are also posted as a separate news item on this eNewsletter. Miss Gisoldi has done a tremendous job helping with the scheduling of events and venues so that this week will be a seamless one brimming-over with activity. I am sure that with the gracious parent body that we have, that all will go well and we will end the week making many children happy. I am very touched that the week is dedicated to The Sisters of Charity, the congregation that Sr. Ann and I belong to. We are celebrating 160 years of existence this year. I thank most sincerely all of you who

stepped up to the plate to volunteer for the many different events and time slots this coming week. We are truly blessed to have so many parents willing to devote so much time and talent to ensuring that the children and adults are filled with joy. I am grateful!

The Book Fair will be open for the duration of the week and Miss Parker has done a wonderful job taking on this major event. Different grade levels have been allotted specific time-slots during the week. Business was booming yesterday morning as the children from pee-wee basketball proved to be great customers.

This weekend's Masses had great participation by the students as greeters, readers, altar servers and gift bearers. The 8th Grade acknowledged the parishioners for their wonderful support of the school. I was very proud of each and every one of the children as it is no easy task to get up in front of a crowd. All of the children did a tremendous job under the direction of M. I thank her for her superior organizational skills and for helping every child to know what to do and where to be. Everything went superbly!

A special event happened during the 9AM Mass this morning. Miss Nauta, our 5th grade teacher, was recognized for her 25 years of faithful service to our school. With her family present, it was a blessed event and it brought much joy to all in attendance. This a tremendous accomplishment and I am sure that Miss Nauta has many tales to tell of her many years here. She has brought joy to countless children who love being in her classroom and countless boys and girls who have grown up with a great educational foundation under her tutelage. I admire her stamina and her creativity and her ability to be on her game each and every day. Anyone who has experienced her as a teacher will attest to her great ability to connect to the four year olds. Check out the bulletin board in the lobby for pictures of her early days. We thank her for willingness to devote her life to Catholic education at SVMS and she has certainly blessed many generations of students.

I applaud all of the families who went to the March for Life in Washington DC this past Friday. We had good representation from the school and I am sure that the experience will have a strong impact on the children. Let us continue to pray that life will be protected from conception to birth.

We are hoping that this coming week will shake out all of the sickness that ran rampage through this building for the past few weeks. Many children and adults were affected and there was not a common illness identified. Some had the stomach bug and others had different strains of flu, viral infections and pneumonia. There have been re occurrences of illnesses also. Please continue to be vigilant with hand washing and dressing your children appropriately. Also a child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. We are hearing all over that this is the worst flu season in a long time, so please take good care of yourselves. Nurse Reilly has been very attentive to distributing pertinent information about highlighting timely information on illness and has done a great job keeping us all up to date.

As we enter this week as a family of faith, I am privileged to lead in a school where all undertakings are a community effort. We certainly have a school community to be proud of and our children bless us day in and day out. Please pray with us and for us during this week as we celebrate all that is good about our school.

Blessings,

Sr. Noreen