



Dear Parents and Guardians,

September 15, 2017

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's "Back to School" Home & School Meeting. It is always awesome to see a packed Margot Hall. If you would like to learn more about the "Discovering Christ" series or about volunteering for upcoming events please return the survey that was distributed last night. The survey can also be found on our website. As mentioned, Ms. Moore has two Child Protection workshops scheduled for next month. Please start the background check now so you will be fully able to participate in school activities and special events. Staying informed and staying involved make a world of difference for your child.

Kudos... Yesterday our school welcomed His Eminence, Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, and Mr. Paul Ryan, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. Latai Dunn-Georgiou and Kwengo Benjamin, our 8th grade ambassadors, gave a warm welcome and excellent tour to our guests. Other eighth graders did a wonderful job serving as greeters. Our guests interacted with our first, second, fourth, and fifth grades and read a story to some of our Pre-K and third grade students in our library. All of our students were respectful and welcoming. I am proud of all of them. Cardinal Wuerl and Speaker Ryan both support the Opportunity Scholarship Program and play significant roles in raising money for our Consortium of Catholic Academies. Let us keep both of these leaders in our prayers.

Celebrate... All families are warmly welcome to worship with us this Sunday at 10:00 AM. It is our 125th Anniversary Mass. Students are encouraged to wear their academic uniform. A reception will immediately follow in Margot Hall and the cafeteria. We have much to be thankful for and to celebrate. I hope to see your family there!

Proceeds... Special thanks are extended to Mrs. Patterson, Ms. Scott (7th grade grandmother), and all of our primary teachers for coordinating last night's pizza sale and today's spaghetti lunch. All proceeds will go toward defraying the cost of the primary level's annual trip to the pumpkin patch.

Reminder... Students may not bring a cell phone without approved request forms. Phones will be kept in students' book bags, not on their person, pencil case, or desk. Students may not use or have their phones turned on in the school building. If a phone is visible, rings or vibrates it will be confiscated. The parent is required to meet with the principal to have the phone/electronic device returned and to discuss further consequences. There are no exceptions.

School Activity Fee... This **\$150.00** fee will allow us to subsidize activities such as honor roll assemblies and Night of the Arts; give teachers funds to purchase items for their classrooms and recess; cover the cost of the annual Children's Fair; provide a school yearbook for every student, and supplement upgrades to our classroom technology. This fee will eliminate certain "asks" that you formerly received throughout the school year. Thank you for your continued support!

Scantron... Scantron baseline testing continues next week. The results will be distributed with the 1st Quarter report cards. 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 each day to prepare for this initial testing session of the school year

Grade	Reading/LA Scantron	Math Scantron
1	Monday, September 11 Thursday, September 14	Thursday, September 21 Monday, September 25
2	Tuesday, September 12	Tuesday, September 19
3	Thursday, September 14	Thursday, September 21
4	Wednesday, September 13	Wednesday, September 20
5	Tuesday, September 12	Tuesday, September 19
6	Friday, September 15	Friday, September 22
7	Tuesday, September 12	Tuesday, September 19
8	Wednesday, September 13	Wednesday, September 20

Special Note... We are delighted to be returning to St. Anthony's School this fall. We are Georgetown University's graduate nursing students and are leading a health club after school on Thursdays. We will discuss general health topics in order to educate your child about wellness. We hope that your child will discuss with your family what he or she learns each week.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 16	Mr. Thomasian's Birthday
Sunday, September 17	Parish 125 th Anniversary Mass, 10:00 AM
Wednesday, September 20	Hot Lunch
Tuesday, September 26	Hoops for Hope
Friday, September 29	1 st Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home
Monday, October 2	Fall Reading Challenge Begins
Wednesday, October 4	12:30 Dismissal
Monday, October 9	Columbus Day- No School
Wednesday, October 11	Picture Day (academic uniform)
Friday, October 13	Professional Day- No School

I wish you a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday.

Peace,

Michael Thomasian
Principal

Proudly celebrating our 95th year!