



**“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”**  
—Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut

Dear Parents and Guardians,

February 16, 2018



Join me in congratulating our Girls Varsity Basketball Team for winning second place in their division. The girls were coached by Coach Nate Logan and Coach Kevin Brown. Our Boys Varsity Basketball Team won first place in their division. They were coached by Coach Nate Blackmon and Coach JB Blackmon. I am very proud of our student athletes and grateful to all of our dedicated coaches. Our Junior Varsity teams are still in season.

*Welcome...* As many of you know, Mr. Simms did not return after Christmas Break. Mr. Will and I have been the substitute teachers since January 8. On Tuesday, February 19 we will welcome Ms. April Fusilier as our interim third grade teacher. Ms. Fusilier is a Fordham University alumna with a Masters in General Education 1-6 as well as Special Education. This is her third year teaching. She previously served as a Special Educator, assisting students ranging from Kindergarten to 4th grade. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and to welcome Ms. Fusilier to our school community.

*Thank you...* Our Home & School treated the faculty and staff to a delicious Olive Garden lunch last Friday. It was wonderful way to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day! Many thanks to all who made the lunch possible.

*Success...* Our first Chipotle Spirit Night was a great success! This fund raiser, organized by Ms. Cheryl Coleman, profited \$1,167.80! These funds were deposited to the Home & School account.



*Congratulations...* Today we hosted our Second Quarter Honor Roll Ice Cream Social. It is encouraging to welcome a handful of new students to the honor roll. A full list of names is enclosed in today’s Friday Folder.

*Bingo...* Family Bingo Night will be held next Friday, February 23. This student council led family night is always fantastic. Families must reserve/ pay in advance. Limited seating is available. A registration form is enclosed in today’s Friday Folder.

*Register online today!* The TADS set up code is A8EIM-2SN. Families must re-register by Thursday, March 1st to guarantee your child's 2018-2019 placement. After March 1st your child's seat may be forfeited as we will begin offering enrollment to new students. If you have an incoming Pre-K3 or Pre-K4 student it is urgent that you reserve your child's seat early. Current families have preference, but they must act quickly. We will open Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 enrollment to new families beginning on March 2nd. Contact Mrs. Bond with any questions.

*Open House...* Open Houses are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. The next one is Wednesday, March 7. Please help spread the word.

*You're Invited...* Fr. Fred invites parents, grandparents, and other interested adults to two faith formation opportunities. "Following Christ" is a 7-Wednesday series beginning February 18 until April 4. This free event is held in Margot Hall, 7:00-9:00 PM. The series combines prayer, fellowship, dinner, and engaging speakers. "Discovering Your Strengths" is a 6-Monday series beginning February 19-March 6. The series asks for a \$30 participation fee to cover the costs of materials. These series will be held in the parish's "Ministries Room," at 7:00 PM. Contact the parish office for more details, (202) 526-8822. All are welcome.

*Celebrate Black History Month...* with us by attending one of our two assemblies; either Friday, February 23 at 1:30 PM or Monday, February 26 at 1:30 PM in Margot Hall. Each class will make a presentation of African-American accomplishments in the arts, politics, science, literature, sports, and entertainment. All are welcome.

Enjoy your Presidents' Day Weekend.

Peace,

Michael Thomasian  
Principal

*Important Dates*

Monday, February 19	Presidents Day- No School
Friday, February 23 (TBA)	Black History Assembly
Friday, February 23	Family Bingo Night
Friday, March 2	Read Across America
Wednesday, March 7 (9:00 AM & 6:30 PM)	Open House
Wednesday, March 8	12:30 PM Dismissal
Wednesday, March 8 (6:30-7:30 PM)	Home & School Meeting
Friday, March 9	Collaboration Day- No School

*Proudly celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> year!*