



“Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing...  
So, go forth and don’t be discouraged. Care for life. It’s worth it!”  
-Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Guardians,

January 19, 2018

Today tens of thousands of people from around the country are gathering to pray for the protection and dignity of all human life from the moment of conception until a natural death. We teach our students that to be truly pro-life we must respect human life in all its stages and conditions. This includes ensuring proper nutrition, healthcare, housing, education, and so many other important rights for all people regardless of age, race, religion, or status.



Today our middle school students attended the Archdiocese’s Youth Mass for Life at the Capital One Arena and our younger students gathered for Mass here in the parish. It seems today more than ever, we must pray, speak up, and work toward peace and justice for all. During this week of Prayer for Christian Unity let us lift our voices in one accord to protect life and respect the dignity of all people.

*Scantron...* The Mid-Year Scantron Performance testing schedule is below. The results will be distributed with 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards. All testing is scheduled in the morning and we ask you to please ensure your child is well-rested, enjoys a healthy breakfast, and arrives to school on time. Your child’s teachers work hard to ensure optimal student performance. Your assistance is appreciated.

Grade	Reading/LA Scantron	Math Scantron
1	Thursday, January 18 Monday, January 22	Thursday, January 25 Monday, February 5
2	Tuesday, January 16	Tuesday, January 23
3	Thursday, January 18	Thursday, January 25
4	TBA	Wednesday, January 24
5	Tuesday, January 16	Tuesday, January 23
6	Friday, January 26	Friday, February 9
7	Tuesday, January 16	Tuesday, January 23
8	TBA	Wednesday, January 24

*Internet News...* Yay! Our internet and Wi-Fi is new and improved. Teachers are now able to use their Smart Boards, the computer lab, classroom iPads, and Chrome Books again!

*Parent Workshop...* Come and learn about executive functioning and what it has to do with your child's learning. The executive functions are a set of processes that all have to do with managing oneself and one's resources in order to achieve a goal. It includes skills involving mental control and self-regulation. Join us on Monday January 22 from 6-7:30pm in Margot Hall for a presentation by DCPS school psychologists to learn more and how to support your child's development of these important skills.

*Service Hours...* All families are required to complete ten service hours by January 26<sup>th</sup>, the last day of the first semester. Each unserved hour accrues a \$15 per hour penalty. We much prefer you share your time and talents. Please contact your child's teacher or the office with any questions.

*Catholic Schools Week...* Please join us for our Opening Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. A light reception will follow in Margot Hall. We will also host an Open House at 11:30 AM. Please spread the word.

*Open Houses...* Current families have priority registration and then we will open registration up to prospective families. We invite prospective families to attend one of our monthly Open Houses. Open Houses are usually scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Please help spread the word.

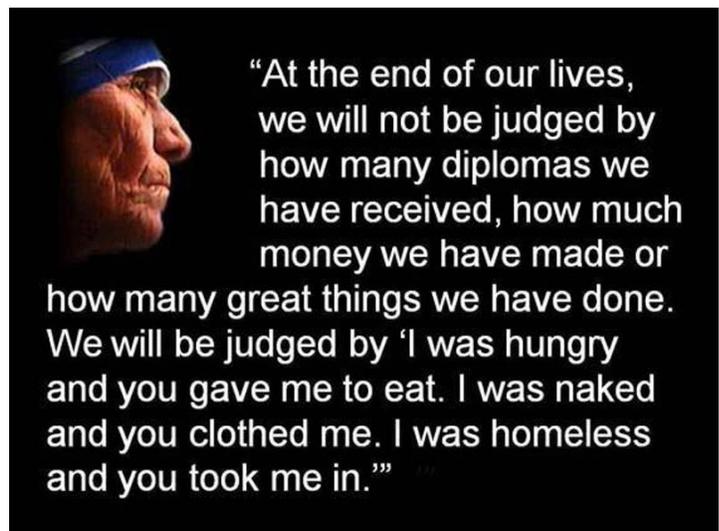
*Inclement Weather...* As you know, we follow PG County Public Schools for all weather-related delays and closures. It is the parent's responsibility to follow media updates. I encourage all of you to sign-up for PG's automatic text/ email notification service. This is the fastest and most reliable way to receive announcements.

*Cold Cash...* Thank you for supporting our "Cold Cash" fund raiser. We sold nearly 375 cards! All proceeds will go toward the renovation of the stage. Winners are announced on our website and Facebook page. In some cases, students have also called the winners to congratulate them! A complete listing can also be found on our website.

They will know we are Christians by our love! Let us gather our prayers today for the respect and dignity of all persons from the moment of conception until a natural death.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Thomasian  
Principal



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