



Dear Parents and Guardians,

February 2, 2018

The city's sewage and drainage issues took us all by surprise. I was disappointed that we were forced to cancel school for so many days. I regret the inconvenience it may have caused your family. The good news is that all pumping works well and affected areas received professional cleaning and sanitation. Please note that Wednesday, February 7 is now a full day of school as an attempt to make up some of the missed instruction. Thank you for your understanding.

Congratulations... Tori Davis, Brianna Stallings, Kwengo Benjamin, Abel Melese, and Richard Scott represented us well at last Sunday's DeMatha Academic Challenge. We are proud of our team and grateful to their coach, Mrs. Fitzgerald. Well-done!

Bravo... I'm pleased to recognize Stanley Mmayie, an eighth grade student, for winning Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.'s essay contest. The honor and prize were awarded last week at Howard University's "Brother to Brother" youth conference. All of our middle school boys attended this fun and educational all-day event. Special thanks to Mr. Matthews for organizing and for the support of Mr. Huston.

Scantron... The Mid-Year Scantron Performance testing is near completion. Results will be shared earlier than expected. Once testing is complete reports will be sent home.

Service Hours... All families are required to complete ten service hours by 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 be sure you log your own hours using the binder in the front office. Balances must be paid prior to receiving report cards.

Open House... Open Houses are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Please help spread the word.

Mardi Gras... Our parish's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Mardi Gras Dinner-Dance to benefit our school on Saturday, February 10 at St. Francis Hall. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased from the front office. The fun begins at 7:00 PM. Please join us. It'll be a great time!



Black History Month

REGISTER NOW

Re-enrollment is not automatic and is by invitation only. Families must re-register each year. Students/ families that have followed the policies of the school as outlined in the handbook will be offered access to re-registration. Families who are chronically tardy may not be invited to re-enroll.

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.

Despite last week's plumbing issues, we still have much to celebrate! Our Catholic Schools Week schedule was postponed until next week. See the enclosed schedule in this week's Friday Folder for details. Please note there is a tag day on Monday for those students who attended last Sunday's Mass. We look forward to a fabulous belated Catholic Schools Week 2018!



Yours in Christ,
Michael Thomasian
Principal

<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
Monday, February 5 (2:00 PM)	Middle School Spelling Bee
Tuesday, February 6	Sports Jersey Tag Day (free)
Tuesday & Wednesday, February 6-7 (lunch periods)	Bake Sale
Wednesday, February 7 (9:00 AM & 6:30 PM)	Open House
Wednesday, February 7	Class vs. Class (P.E. uniform)
Wednesday, February 7	Spaghetti Lunch
Tuesday, February 13	St. Valentine Tag Day (\$1.00)
Tuesday, February 13 (4:00-8:00 PM)	Brookland Chipotle Fundraiser
Tuesday, February 13 (6:00 PM)	Child Protection Workshop
Wednesday, February 14 (8:15 AM)	Ash Wednesday Mass
Monday, February 19	Presidents Day- No School
Friday, February 23 (TBA)	Black History Assembly

Proudly celebrating our 95th year!