



“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Mother too much.
You can never love her more than Jesus did.” -St. Maximillian Kolbe

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May 11, 2018

Today we honored our Blessed Mother by gathering for prayer and song in Margot Hall. Our younger students presented flowers and our older students read from scripture and led us in the prayers of the faithful. There is a myth that Catholics worship Mary. This is not true; we worship God and God alone. However, the Catholic Church does have special reverence for the mother of Jesus. Mary is the model of perfect love and obedience. We believe she was born without original sin and deserves to be honored for her unique role in the life of Jesus. Catholics pray for her intercession. We pray with Mary, not to her. As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray that we can respond to God's call and live a holy life like our Blessed Mother.

Many Thanks... The faculty, staff, and I would like to thank Ms. Coleman and the Home & School Association for hosting a continental breakfast today in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. We also thank our local Subway for providing lunch earlier in the week!

Congratulations... Our first "Concurso de Deletreo" was a great success! Students impressed the audience by their mastery of spelling Spanish words. Special thanks are extended to Señora Bunker and Señora Garcia for organizing this special event. Congratulations to all of the finalists and to the winners from each category.

Grades 1-2 ("Juniors")

1st place: Madison Ferguson (2nd)
2nd place: Hiyab Samuel (2nd)
3rd place: Alijjah Wade (1st)

Grades 3-5 ("Experts")

1st place: Mahilet Girma (5th)
2nd place: Gelila Kebede (5th)
3rd place: Samuel Ramos (4th)

Grades 6-8 ("Masters")

1st place: Joseph Babayemi (8th)
2nd place: Immanuel Ithalie (7th)
3rd place: Alyssa Knott (6th)



Field Day... Need service hours? Enjoy the outdoors? Consider joining us for Field Day on Friday, May 18. Contact your child's teacher or Coach Hunter to make arrangements. Each class should wear their designated t-shirt color and their PE shorts or sweatpants.

PreK 3 & 4- Red
2nd- White
5th- Pink
8th- Black

K- Blue
3rd- Purple
6th- Yellow

1st- Gray
4th- Orange
7th- Green

Spring Concert.... Our Spring Concert is on Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 PM. Kindly note that aftercare closes at 6:00 PM. Please be on time (or early) for pickup to allow aftercare staff to prepare for the concert. Students who are picked up after 6:00 PM will be charged a late fee.

*Scantron...*Students in grades 1-8 will be taking the end-of-year Scantron tests in Math and Reading over the next three weeks. This test will complete the standardized testing for the school year. This Scantron test will show the trends of each student's achievement since their baseline Scantron in September and their mid-year Scantron in January. The Scantron test results will be included with the final report card in June. 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 final testing session.

Grade	Reading/LA Scantron	Math Scantron
1	Monday, May 21	Thursday, May 24
2	Tuesday, May 15	Tuesday, May 22
3	Thursday, May 10	Thursday, May 17
4	Wednesday, May 9	Wednesday, May 16
5	Friday, May 11	Tuesday, May 22
6	Friday, May 11	Monday, May 21
7	Monday, May 7	Monday, May 14
8	Wednesday, May 9	Wednesday, May 16

Confirmation... Catholic eighth graders will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, June 2nd. The 2:00 PM liturgy will be celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Graduation... Mark Friday, June 8th on your calendars! Our Baccalaureate Mass is at 10:00 AM and Commencement is at 7:00 PM. A light reception will follow both the Mass and the ceremony. Eighth graders may be dismissed after the Mass to prepare for the evening ceremony. All are welcome.

Progress Reports... Fourth quarter progress reports will be sent home on Friday, May 18th. Please encourage your child to finish the school year strong by studying for tests and quizzes, turning in completed homework and projects, and working hard in class. Middle school parents should be checking their child's progress by logging into *Plus Portals* regularly.

*Service Hours*How are you doing with completing your service hours? The Children's Fair needs parents and guardians to assist with setting up, supervising games and activities, serving food, and cleaning up. More hands make lighter work. Please contact the office if you can serve on Friday, June 1st. All service hours must be completed by June 1. Any unmet service hours will result in a fee of \$15 per unserved hour.

Have a great weekend.
Yours in Christ,

Michael Thomasian
Principal

PS: Tonight is St. Anthony Night at Chuck E. Cheese at 1127 University Boulevard East, Takoma Park, MD. Come out and have some fun!

Proudly celebrating our 95th year!