

Sept. 2, 2016

Dear Parents,

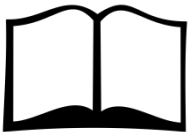
Well the year has started and we have had a successful first three days. The children seem to be acclimating well. Putting up with the heat in school hasn't been easy, but this weekend's rain might bring us all a welcomed relief.



In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about what it means to be a loyal friend of Jesus. When we choose to follow Jesus it will make a difference in our world and in our family. Being a disciple changes our outlook on the world. In other words, it changes the way we see things, and this changes how we act because we see the world through the eyes of love. Let us ask God the Father this weekend at Mass, to open our hearts to His word and follow His Son. To be a friend of Christ means to make good choices and put Him first. Let us make time this weekend and every weekend, to make Christ a priority in our family life. Sept. 4th is also the Canonization of Mother Theresa of Calcutta. She was born in 1910 and died in 1997. She was the recipient of many honors including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. We thank God for the beautiful example of His love that He gave us through this newest Saint of our Faith.

"If we pray, we will believe; If we believe, we will love; If we love, we will serve."

Saint Theresa of Calcutta



To all who attended our Home and School meeting on Monday, thank you! If you did not attend, all of what was given out, especially our handbook, we have sent home today. Please note: we will not make a new handbook every year. If any policies change, we send home pages to insert. Please make every effort to go through everything included in this year's revised handbook. If you have any questions, please feel free to make an appointment with me to go over anything that may not be clear to you.

It is important that everyone work together to see that the students understand the technology "acceptable use" policy. From our youngest in Pre-K 3 to Gr.8, we have equipped the classes with the latest devices so they need to understand they are not to abuse them. Please have them sign the form and explain why they need to be good stewards of the school's resources. Pre-K starts next week and they will receive their policies to sign when they come in on the first day. Please abide by the deadline for returning the paperwork.





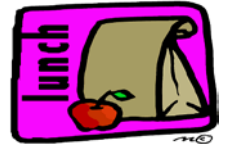
The Parish Picnic is coming up on Sept. 11th. Please see the enclosed flyer. It is free for all the families and right on the church grounds. Please show your spirit and try to attend if even for a short time.

Some important reminders for next week.

Gym begins for the classes who have it on Tuesday. Students who have gym wear their gym clothes to school and remain in them all day.



Lunch begins on Tuesday. Please send in the weekly lunch form when you return the brown envelope first thing in the morning. A reminder, check or money order only, NO CASH. Just have patience for the first few weeks, the process will iron itself out!



Along with many of the school programs on the Partnership Inventory form, I want to introduce an old program we are bringing back. It is the Shop with Scrip program. There is a letter from Mrs. Jenn Aquino who is heading up the Program. I have given her the names of those who signed up to help. If anyone else is interested in helping with this program, please contact her directly.

Thank you and have a wonderful Labor Day Weekend. See everyone back on Tuesday.



God Bless,

Sr. Annette