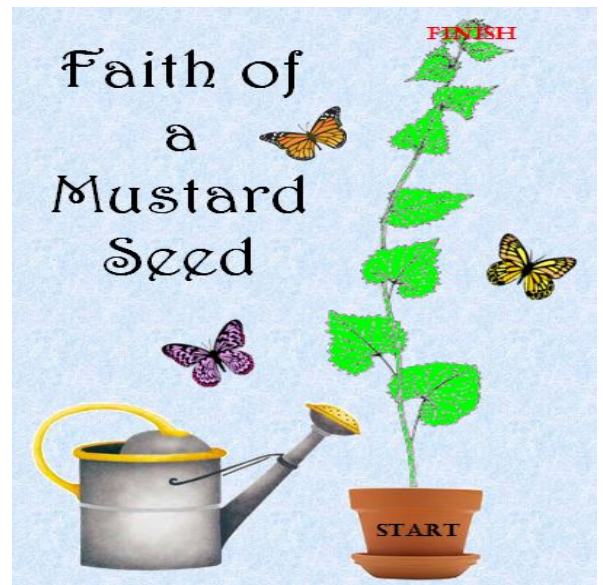


September 30, 2016

Dear Parents,

*In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples' request to the Lord is "increase our faith". We hear the message clarified when Jesus says it is not the quantity but the quality that truly matters. The only thing the Lord asks of us is that we accept the gift of faith with gratitude and pass it on through Christian service. Our faith can be as small as a mustard seed, but prove to be powerful enough to accomplish great things. We too, can ask God to strengthen our faith. This is an expression of our love because we are showing that we have a growing desire every day to have a relationship with God. Prayer is a way to strengthen that relationship. When we come to Mass we are spending time in prayer and increasing our faith relationship with Christ. Sunday, October 2, is the First Family Mass with the children's choir. Why not try to make it a point to come to that Mass Sunday with the family?*



### **AFTERNOON CAR LINE**

*I have noticed cars being more careful in the morning and I thank you for driving slowly.*

*It is difficult to get the children in and out of cars, especially with bad weather, and we need to be mindful of so many rules and regulations. Now I am noticing another problem developing at the end of the day. For after school dismissal, cars are lining up too early. The children need to have their playground available until at least 2:00 pm. I am asking that **no one arrive earlier than 2:00 for car line.** It also needs to be clear for fire drills. When we have fire drills, the children come out and cross the parking lot. So please, **do not** come around the back until 2:00 or later. I really appreciate your cooperation for the safety of the children.*



*Congratulations to our Newly Elected Student Council!*

*President Carly Pierre-Louis Gr.8*

*Vice President Jennifer Hincapie, Gr.8*

*Secretary Nora Shannon Gr.8 , Lara Muyombwe Gr.6 (co-secretaries) tied in voting,*

*Treasurer, Kelsey Le Gr.7*



*We are partnering with a new program called "Recycling Wiz". Within the next two weeks or so you will see containers in the school, church and Police Dept. We will be collecting used cell phones, tablets and laptops for recycling. If you are interested in coordinating this project or being of help, I will give you the information once I receive it. Just e-mail me if you are interested.*

*Fall Project: we are looking for a few "seasoned gardeners" to help clean out the front garden near the entrance of the school as well as the one in front of the Mary statue and welcome sign at the entrance of the driveway. Please give Mrs. Mastriano a call or e-mail her by Wed. Oct.5<sup>th</sup> if you can help out.*



## *FOOTBALL*

*The football mania contest starts in just 4 weeks! Mr. Harris still needs help selling tickets as we still have plenty left. Please talk to your family, friends and co-workers, about this great fundraiser. (remember SMS gets 70% of the profits) Please contact: [richard.harris2011@gmail.com](mailto:richard.harris2011@gmail.com) or 203.623.1087 to get tickets.*



*Please note that there will be permission slips and notices coming home for grades Pre-K, K and Gr.1 for Rose Orchard, and Gr.4 and 5 for the Audubon Society. Both field trips will include info on cost and will need your attention to directives on what to wear that day. Look for them on Monday.*

*I hope to see you at the Family Mass on Sunday.*

*God bless,*

*Sr. Annette*