

April 21, 2017



Dear Parents,

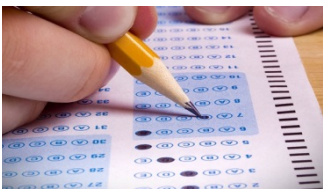
Welcome back after our Spring break! Happy Easter! No, I am not really late in wishing it to you because the church celebrates Easter for 50 days! It is so important that we continue the celebration of the resurrection for 6 more Sundays until the feast of the Ascension. Actually, every Sunday is a celebration of Easter as we proclaim the life, death and Resurrection of Christ at each Mass. This week we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter. This is also Divine Mercy Sunday. The children were gifted with a card from Mrs. Fresco, who recently visited the Divine Mercy shrine. So they wouldn't lose it, we have included them in this week's envelope. We are truly blessed with the gift of God's mercy. How have you experienced God's mercy in your life? In this week's readings at Mass we hear about "doubting Thomas", a story familiar to all of us. In the early days after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples. The first time, Thomas was not present in the room when Jesus appeared. I think we can understand why he was surprised when the disciples told him what had happened. Have you ever had a sense that something was too good to be true? I think he may have felt that way also. So he wanted proof. He said, "unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and my hand into His side, I will not believe." He wanted to touch Jesus to make sure he was real. Grateful for the mercy of God, we know He understands our needs. Thomas believed once he saw Jesus, and we too believe as a family of faith that He will help us believe. God wants to touch our lives so we believe in the Good News. Through the Sacraments and prayer we can feel His healing touch and our lives will win over sadness and sin.



TUITION: So we come to the last week of April and are wrapping up the 2016 - 2017 tuition. Most families are on the July to April plan. It is time for us to roll over the present families with SMART TUITION for the 2017- 2018 school year. All balances for this year that started in July must be paid by the end of April. Anyone who applies for financial aid will not be considered for next year until this year is paid in full.



REGISTRATION PAPERWORK Mrs. Mastriano sent home notices to all families that were missing specific paperwork after they handed in their registrations for next year. Families that have not re-registered must submit the paperwork for 2017-2018 by Friday April 28th. If we do not have your paperwork by this date, the next step is a letter from me asking you to complete the exit interview form and release of records. Before enrolling your child/children in a new school I will need these forms returned to the office by June 1st.



IOWA TESTING begins for Grades 3-7. Please see enclosed letter.

This coming week is the **WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**. The Branford Early Childhood Collaborative has given every child in Pre-K 3 and 4 a book entitled "Happy in our Skin" by Fran Manushkin. They will be bringing it home to enjoy with the family. Research shows that reading aloud is an important part of helping your child prepare for reading and learning. The BELC will have a celebration on April 30th from 1-4 at 16 Birch Rd. in Branford. All are welcome.



H O L Y A SPECIAL REMINDER TO THE PARENTS IN GRADE 3 IN PREPARATION FOR FIRST
COMMUNION: Rehearsals are 4:30 to 5:30 Tuesday through Friday this coming week. Please be
sure the children are dropped off on time. We look forward to a beautiful day with the Families on
COMMUNION
April 29th.

The last trip to Albertus for grades 7 and 8 this year is Friday April 28th. We thank Dr.
Post and the entire community of Albertus Magnus College for hosting our Science classes
these past three years. We look forward to a continued partnership with the college for our
future classes.



Have a great weekend.

God bless.

Sr. Annette

