

May 5, 2017

Dear Parents,

We start this beautiful month of May with the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This is Good Shepherd Sunday. We hear Jesus say "I am the Good Shepherd." He identifies himself as the "gate" for the sheep. He is our peaceful protector. Jesus tells us His sheep know Him and they follow Him. Jesus' voice calls to our hearts and we recognize the invitation into new life. As the gatekeeper he keeps us on the right path and will lead us home when we go astray. We are the sheep who daily pass in through the gate for safe rest and out to rich pastures of green. He will assure us life in abundance if we but follow. Let us pray this weekend that we will always follow our shepherd.



TALENTED STUDENTS: Thank you to all who attended our Talent Show last night. It was quite a wide variety of gifts and talents on display. Special thanks to Mrs. Xeller for all the extra time given to work with the children. We will have our finalists perform once again at the Blackstone on May 9th.

MORE TALENT ON DISPLAY: The Art Show at the Blackstone begins at 5:30 and the finalists from the Talent Show perform at 6:30. The Art will be on display all month.



WINNING STUDENTS: We have been notified of two students who won in the State Division for the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting contest. Over 275,000 entries and we have two state winners. That is quite an honor! Congratulations to Summer Mastriano in Gr.6 and Kelsey Le in Gr. 7. Their entries now go on to the National Level.



FIELD TRIP: Next week the students in grades 6 and 7 will attend the play Her Song at the Ivoryton Playhouse. Please remember to sign the permission slips for your children if you have not already done so.

CINCO DE MAYO: All families are encouraged to purchase "empanadas" made by Mrs. Mazon and the 8th grade. All purchases go directly to help with all the end of the year activities for Class Night and Graduation. Please make checks out to St. Mary School.





SUMMER UNIFORM: A reminder that the details of the summer uniform are listed. In the past, girls were not able to wear the khaki shorts. We have now approved that all students may wear the summer khaki's. With the summer uniform, the white socks are worn. I had told the children with the warm weather the white would be good for the summer months from May to Nov. with either uniform. I have heard from some families that the children do not have white socks. So for this year, if your child has the skort they can wear navy or white crew socks. Next school year it will be all white crew socks for both skorts and shorts (May-Nov.)



TUITION PAYMENTS: A final reminder that all tuition payments should now be completed as the April deadline has arrived (unless other arrangements have been made). Please check your SMART accounts. Families leaving the school will receive an invoice which should be paid before the records are released to your new school.

RETURNING FAMILIES: Returning families must be current with both EDP payments and tuition before financial assistance will be considered. All families that have applied will be receiving notification of financial aid before June 1, 2017.

The children have been bringing "fidgets" to school. These are tools for children with ADD and ADHD. Unless specifically given permission by the Principal to be used in class, we ask that parents do not allow their child to bring them to school. These include but are not limited to: spinners, stress balls etc. These are tools not toys! If the children use them in class without permission, the fidget will be taken away and parents will need to come to school to pick it up.



Have a good weekend.

Sr. Annette