

May 19, 2017

Dear Parents,

We enter into the Sixth Sunday of Easter this week. Jesus gives His farewell to His disciples. Although He tells them He is leaving, He explains that He will not abandon them but ask the father for a helper, the promise of an advocate to be with them always. Jesus prepared His disciples to receive the Holy Spirit to guide them. Today we see the work of the Spirit in our lives by the fruits of our actions. When we teach the children about the Holy Spirit we encourage them to pray for guidance whenever they need to make a decision and set a good example for others. If someone notices our actions as “full of love” we know we are living with Christ in our hearts. This week we pray “Come Holy Spirit”, fill the hearts of your faithful! Let us always be faithful to Christ and His Commandments. If we continue in the way of Christ’s teachings, we will know His peace.



**The important end of the year Home School meeting is Monday night May 21, at 6:30 pm. in the gym. It is the meeting where the business manager will explain the State of the School report. Fr. Keefe will also address the changes in the structure of the churches in Branford. Since many families are not from St. Mary Church, it is important that you know what is happening. Please make every effort to attend. You will also meet the new slate of officers for next year’s Home/School Association.**



**GRADUATION FOR GRADE 8:** I am happy to announce our Graduation will take place in St. Mary Church on June 7, 2017 at 7:00pm. All families are invited to the Mass and ceremony.



**BALLOONS:** Please consider sending a congratulatory message to one or more of our graduates. Forms were sent home and all orders are due on or before May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ACCREDITATION VISITOR:** On Wed. May 24<sup>th</sup>, the head of our Accreditation team Mr. Thomas Arria will be at the school to speak with the faculty and steering committee of our Accreditation. Our teachers and staff have been working throughout the year to prepare for our visit from the New England Assoc. of Schools and Colleges in October 2017.



**HOURS OF SERVICE AND PAYMENTS:** Next week, statements will be sent home for parents who have not completed their quota for fundraising and service hours. I am disappointed to see so many have not completed their obligation. Please be aware that all balances must be cleared before June 2, 2017. It is important to fulfill your obligation as you did sign a contract in September and all the details were made clear at that time.



**FIELD TRIP:** Grades K and 1 will be on their field trip on Wednesday Please remember that only those who have Virtus training are able to chaperone.



**Hoy Day Mass:** for the Feast of the Ascension is Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. here at school.

**FIELD DAY:** all information has been sent home regarding this day. **REMEMBER**  
**FOOTE PARK NOT SCHOOL!**



Enjoy this beautiful weekend,

Sister Annette