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A Ministry of St. Mary's Parish

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Week of 05/31/17 - 06/07/17

Saint Mary's Academy Mission Statement

Saint Mary's Academy promotes academic excellence within a Christ-centered Catholic community. Students from Pre-K through Grade 8 learn acceptance and appreciation of others and develop to their full potential within a nurturing family environment.



Gospel Reflection

Gospel for this weekend:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he has said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Reflection:

There was awe but probably fear, too, when Jesus appeared to his disciples, despite locked doors. We take note of Jesus' greeting, "Peace be with you," because the disciples were so troubled about the Jews. It resonates with hope for good health, prosperity, and calmness. The images of Jesus breathing on the disciples is reminiscent of the "holy breathing" that the bishop does when he consecrates the chrism every year. That "breath" represents the indwelling of God, breaking into our present.



Principal's Notes

- Tuesday, June 6th is Field Day. Please make sure to send your child/children with sunscreen, a hat, water bottle, sneakers and gym uniform shorts. Students should also wear their field day t-shirts which will be sent home Monday.
- We congratulate all of our 8th graders as they will be graduating next Friday evening, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. They have worked very hard throughout their time spent at St. Mary's. They have grown spiritually, physically, and emotionally. They have been there for each other and have made incredible friendships. We wish them the best as they now venture out into the world of high school. CONGRATULATIONS!
- Our Kindergarten graduation and last day will be on Monday, June 12th. They have begun practicing a very special show for us.
- Our Pre-Kindergarten graduation and last day will be on Tuesday, June 13th. They are also practicing their very special show for us.
- It is important that all families fulfill their financial commitment to St. Mary's Academy prior to the end of the school year. We still have outstanding tuition, Extended Day, and Fair Share dollars. I am requesting that all bills are paid in full before the close of the last day of school. Report Cards will be distributed to students whose families have met their financial obligations. Please contact Joan MacDonald with any concerns.



Important Dates

- Mr. Gurt has been working with some students for our Talent Show on Tuesday, June 13th at 1:00 p.m. The students will all gather in the gym to watch their fellow students perform. This is a casual event and a great activity as we look toward the end of the school year. Please join us if you are available.
- **Cleaning Day** - All students, grades 1-7 are allowed to wear their gym uniforms on Thursday, June 15th. This is traditionally known as our cleaning day. Students clean out their desks and help their teachers take down the room decorations in preparation for summer cleaning.
- For students in grades 1-7, our last day together will be Friday, June 16th. Our 1st grade class will begin working at preparing the Mass for us to celebrate together. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. for our final school year Mass. The official dismissal time will be at 11:30, but parents may sign out their children after Mass.



Fair Share Opportunities

- **Pre-Kindergarten Open House - THIS THURSDAY:**
Next year, our Academy has decided to offer a 3 or 5 full day Pre-Kindergarten Option. Due to this change, we will be holding a Pre-Kindergarten only Open House THIS Thursday, June 1st. New families are invited to join us from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. where parents along with their little one, can visit our classroom in action. Our principal will also be available to answer questions until 11am. Light refreshments will be served. Spread the word!
- **50th Anniversary Art Contest:**
Students went home with a flyer last week explaining the Art Contest we are holding for our 50th Anniversary note cards. There is a flyer attached to explain the contest, but the deadline **is this Friday, June 2nd**. There will be three winners chosen. The winners will each receive a \$25 gift card to the retailer of their choice, along with their art being displayed on our 50th Anniversary note cards.



Angel Acts

- I would like to thank Ms. Gregoire and all of our students for an amazing 5th Annual Art Show. We had many families join us. The gym was transformed into a wonderful art museum, displaying pieces of our students work. Many people commented on the uniqueness and tremendous talents of the students.