



April 12, 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful and blessed Easter as well as an enjoyable family Easter break. It is hard to realize that there are only nine weeks of school left. These weeks will fly by and are interspersed with many special school events. Please read the weekly e-blasts to keep up to date with what is happening.

We began the standardized testing program yesterday. All students in grades 2 through 8 will complete the IOWA Assessment. Grades 2, 4, and 6 take a shortened form of the assessment and the CogAt Abilities Assessment. All grades should be completed by Tuesday, April 18th. Any child absent during testing will make it up as soon as he/she returns to school, since all tests must be mailed by Friday, April 20th. Please see the letter sent in the March 28th e-blast regarding the assessments, if you have any questions.

Race for Education is next Friday, April 20. This is our biggest fundraiser and we thank those who have supported us and the very hard-working committee members. By agreeing to the fundraising portion of the contract, your letters have enabled us to keep our tuition one of the lowest in the Archdiocese and help us with facility needs.

The schedule for the race is:

PreK-2	8:30-9:15
3-5	9:30-10:30
6-8	10:45-11:45

Dismissal will be 12:10. Since we use both the school lot and St. John's lot for the race, no one will be allowed onto these parking areas until 11:50. **Therefore it is imperative that people who arrive early park on the church lot!** Please make sure whoever is picking up your children on Race Day knows to park on the church lot if they arrive earlier than 11:50. Also make sure your child knows he/she is to walk to the church lot. There is no place to queue up on Manns or Neifeld during the race time.

It has been noticed that some parents are making U-turns on Neifeld Ave after dropping off their students. This is an accident waiting to happen. The minute that it would take to circle through the parking lot ensures all drivers and students are safe.

Congratulations to the Concert Band and Symphonic Band. They were awarded Excellent and Superior, respectively at the March 25th Band Festival. They each presented 2 pieces and based on what I heard, do not miss the Spring Concert! They were masterful!

FACTS will be the vehicle for the book bill this year. The bill will remain the same as last year: \$250 for grades 1 through 8, \$190 for kindergarten, and \$170 for pre-kindergarten. More information will be coming out in May.

Please pray for all of our second graders who will be making their First Communion during this month.

The state scholarship program for families attending private school (BOOST) is now active. Scholarships are given to income-eligible K-12 students to be used for attendance in a non-public accredited school. St. Ursula families, both current and new, may apply. The deadline to apply is May 21st! Please visit www.educationmaryland.org/BOOST for more information.

Bishop Sebastian Council is again giving a scholarship to a child whose father or grandfather is a Knight of Columbus. They can be a member of any council. Please submit the child(ren)'s name, parent/grandparent's name and Council to Mrs. Glinowiecki by April 27th to be considered for this generous scholarship.

Hopefully you noticed two eblasts yesterday. We are now sending a separate eblast in the morning for hot lunch and special lunch only. The other eblasts will be sent after school on Wednesdays. This will help eliminate people forgetting to order hot lunch.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of Manya Grief, who died suddenly last month. Miss Manya was one of our consistent library volunteers. She made sure all the books on the shelves were catalogued and donated many of the new books for our students to enjoy.

Please note the following "special" events:

<i>April 13</i>	<i>7:00</i>	<i>School Play "Dorothy in Wonderland"</i>
<i>April 20</i>		<i>Race for Education</i>
	<i>12:10</i>	<i>Dismissal</i>
<i>April 21</i>		<i>Choir Festival at Mercy High School</i>
<i>April 24</i>	<i>8:30-10</i>	<i>PreK/K Open House</i>
<i>April 26</i>		<i>Special Lunch*</i>
<i>April 27</i>		<i>Dollar Day</i>
<i>April 28</i>		<i>FC Father/Daughter Dance</i>

**If you paid for March's special lunch you don't need to pay for April's.*

*Happy Spring,
Debbie Glinowiecki
Principal*