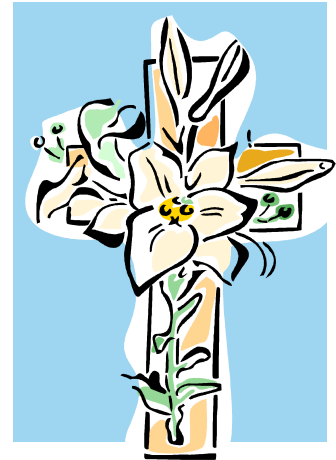


April 13, 2006

Dear Families,

You'd think when Easter is as late as it can get, we'd see a BIT more sunshine. That said, I'm sure I'll be wishing for a sprinkle come August. (Yeah, right!)



GOOD FRIDAY

Our Lenten studies and Holy Week observance culminate tomorrow with Good Friday. As we grow as a school, we'll build upon our good start and fill this week with activities and instruction that highlight the greatest teaching week for a Catholic school. Remaining on this year's schedule is participation by K through 6 in the parish's noon Stations of the Cross. You are welcome to attend with us. We'll break early for lunch so that we can be ready right at 12:00 p.m. Recess will follow to release the energy. In the afternoon, parishioner / artist Betty Stanford (who was the hand behind the St. Madeleine sculpture frieze in the church) will involve the students in an art experience of drawing the face of Jesus. Can't wait to see their interpretations!

We will dismiss at the regular time of 3:00 p.m. Here's the tough part... Keeping with the solemnity of the day, we are downplaying the fact the Easter break is beginning and are hoping to have a quiet, respectful dismissal. Many parishioners will be on campus observing the traditional tres horas or Three Hours. Mindful of these faithful in prayer, we ask that all keep the contemplative spirit of the day and be as quiet and respectful as possible during the dismissal process. We really appreciate your help, both at PK pick-up time (during the Stations) and at the end of the day.

AUCTION

An auction thank-you and debriefing meeting is scheduled for Wed., April 26, at 7 p.m. in the parish office living room. Please join us for a celebration of the event and a chance to gather ideas for next year. An RSVP to the parish or school office would help us plan refreshments.

And you can still help us grow the auction net. If you are employed by a company that matches donations, stop by your benefits office to pick up the form. We'll help you fill it out and send it in. Every little bit helps. For a list of some of the companies who match to private, K-12 religious schools, go to our web site at <http://www.smsbellevue.org/matchinggifts.html>.



BIG TOY

We didn't quite hit the mark for the entire play structure, but we have set the wheels in motion for the site prep and completion of the biggest portion. I'm still holding out hope that we'll see it finished before we leave on June 16. Thanks to the many who

helped us generate over \$20,000 for the project. I'll give you an update on the projected finish as soon as it is available.

COMING UP

Hopefully you have our April 27th Safety Assembly and May 25th Talent Show down on your calendars. The Talent Show will also be our Parent/Volunteer Appreciation Coffee. You are welcome at both. Details for both events have been in previous newsletters and will be repeated after the break.

Enclosed in today's packet is an age-appropriate publication for you to review with your child (ren) prior to the Safety Assembly.

Note: If your child hasn't submitted a Talent Show Audition form, another copy is included in this packet. Tomorrow (April 14) is the deadline.

You should also add the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Wednesday, May 3 to the list as our special May Crowning Mass. Students will be encouraged to bring any special representations of the Blessed Virgin from home to add to our display on the altar. We will process in with flowers and take part in the crowning of Mary. This cultural display of faith will be another great chance for students to get a "hands-on" experience of our traditions. Watch for details from your child's teacher.

LAST DAY

As any middle-schooler will tell you, it is NEVER too early to talk about the last day of school. This year, our last day will be Friday, June 16. As a "heads up," we want to let you plan ahead on two things: (1) We will be dismissing at 10:00 a.m. that day. Students will attend Mass, get report cards and say goodbye for the summer. The teachers and I will be trying to get a few last minute items accomplished as a group right afterward which will let Mr. Fulmer hop in his car and make it to class at Notre Dame the next week. (2) Miss Lisa will not be available for after-care that day as her daughter is graduating from high school.

I know this will call for some juggling for a few families, but I hope this early warning will help.



WELCOME

We've had some additions to the family and want to let you know. Please welcome Nick Ames and Billy Conrad to the parish maintenance staff. Nick and Billy will join Rod around the school during the day helping make sure everything is clean and running smoothly. Their hours overlap so I'm sure you'll run into them during your visits.

Also, please welcome Morgyn Mills and mother Jenny to Ms. Schmitt's Primary Class. Morgyn is in 3rd grade. You can add their address and phone to your list:

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We'll see you back at regular time on Monday, April 24th. Please return this Family Envelope tomorrow; it will help us make sure we're not searching for them after the break.

Enjoy the wonderful family time together. Here's hoping your week is safe, warm and full of joy.

Happy Easter!

Dan

