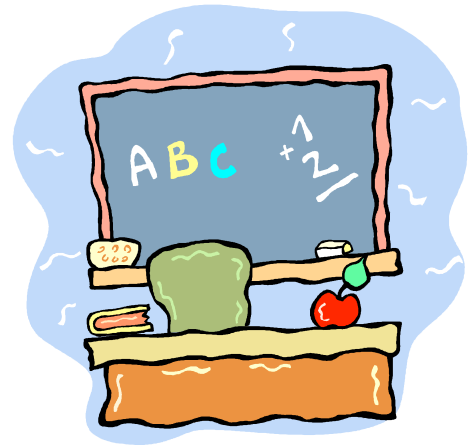


May 25, 2006

Dear Families,

Now the days are flying so fast, it seems like we just sent home a packet yesterday. Hopefully you'll have time to note the following...



#### MAY MAILING

We expect to get our annual May Letter out to families attending next year by next Wednesday, May 31. Included you will find a 2006-07 calendar, information on uniforms, volunteer sign-ups, class assignments, supply lists, and so much more. It should give you all you'll need (or want) to know about next year before the August mailing arrives. It will also include at least three forms to be returned. Please don't delay on those requests. The information gathered will help us make some important decisions for next year.

#### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

A reminder that Friday, June 16 is our last day of the school year. We will dismiss at 10:00 a.m. following Mass and the distribution of report cards. No after care will be available on that day.

#### TECHNOLOGY FEE

We are taking steps to introduce a new take-home laptop program in Grades 5 through 7. The teachers are extremely excited with its potential. At this writing, I am 80% sure it will be a go. What this means is that the school will work the cost of the units into your already agreed upon tuition. The cost of insurance for the year and the carrying case will be passed on as a technology fee for students in those grades only. At this time, I expect that to be about \$70 for this first year. In subsequent years, the amount would be reduced unless a replacement carrying case is needed. We'll let you know the final details in August. I apologize that we didn't have this information at the time of registration, but I'm sure you'll find the fee well worth the cost once the program begins to fly.

#### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> until Monday, July 3 you can expect to find the school office open on M-F from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. While the office will be officially closed between July 4 and August 7, either Holly or I will be available to respond to e-mail or phone messages. If you are in need of an immediate response during that time, call the Parish Office at Ext. 100. Let us know how we can help!

#### SCHOOL COMMISSION

Calling for nominations! See the enclosed flyer for details. This rewarding role is a big help to Fr. Jim and me in guiding the immediate and future direction of the school. Any questions, give me a call.

#### VOLUNTEER HOURS

We're still waiting to receive everyone's report of service hours for the year. Don't be left off the list. Make sure to give us your best guess and return the form. The hours really add up and it is great to see the collected impact of the group.

## COFFEE

Here's one last push for Seraph Blend orders. We'll order a few more bags to sell from the office in the last weeks of June, but reserve yours today with the included order form.

## ANNUAL FUND

You should soon receive a letter from me asking you to consider a gift to our annual fund drive. Ordinarily, we would do this earlier in the year, but we've had a happy situation come up. Archbishop Brunett, who already generously committed a \$50,000 discretionary grant to our school this year, has indicated to Fr. Jim that he will follow that with another \$25,000 gift by the end of next month. He also said he would be challenging us to match that amount. If you could consider a donation to help us reach that goal, we'll be in great shape for the end of the fiscal year. Any amount is welcome. I'd love to report back to the bishop that our families participated at 100%. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

## SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

Another avenue to help out, and get a great meal to boot, will take place next Sunday, June 4 after the Masses. The local Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the first School Scholarship Breakfast. All net proceeds will help bridge the gap between received tuition and the actual costs of operating our program. Come and eat, meet friends and family, and support a great group of guys working on a great cause.

REMEMBER ... NO SCHOOL TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MAY 26 (Staff Planning Day) and MONDAY, MAY 29 (Memorial Day). Don't forget to return these packets first thing Tuesday. Much more info to come!

What would the Memorial Day weekend be without a drop or two of rain? May your break be refreshing and all those we hold in memory be enjoying their eternal happiness. Have a great weekend!

Dan