



# St. Dorothy

## ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

### Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,



I recently watched a 20-20 segment in which ABC News Anchor Elizabeth Vargas shared her struggle with alcohol. I was struck with what she said about prayer. She said, "When you pray and ask for something, God has 3 answers: 1) yes, 2) not now, 3) I have something better in mind for you." To me, that answer conjures up a more personal and intimate God, one who really knows me and knows what is best for me.

The next time you pray and ask God for something, trust that His answer truly comes from his knowledge of you.

#### Back-to-School – Grs. 5-8

Our meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

**Please note:** if you attended last week's meeting, the presentations will be the same, so you don't have to come until 7:30. That is when you will be meeting with and welcomed by your child's teachers.

#### World's Finest Chocolates

We once again are participating in the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser beginning on Monday,

September 12th, through Friday, October 7th. We need your help!

The proceeds from the sale of these chocolates will help improve our school's technology. Each box contains 60 items and the cost is \$1.00 per item. St. Dorothy's will receive 50% profit of the total sold. We are depending on every family's participation to achieve our goal.

The boxes will be available at both Back to School Nights, on September 12th and September 19th. Should you have any problems or need additional boxes, please contact Helen Stranick at [hstranick@gmail.com](mailto:hstranick@gmail.com).

#### Dress Code

Following is a reminder of the school dress code that I included in the June 2, 2016 newsletter. Please make sure you have the correct items purchased for your child/children:

**Girls (K-4)** - plaid jumper, white blouse with Peter Pan collar, green cardigan sweater, ankle socks (green, black, navy), green knee-hi socks, tights (green, navy, black), and black or tan **Bucs** or **Merrell** slip-on shoes

**Girls (5-8)** - plaid kilt (knee length), white blouse with button-down collar, green V-neck sweater; ankle socks (green, black, navy), green knee-hi socks tights (green, navy, black), and black or tan **Bucs**.

**Boys (K)** - grey uniform pants, white/green golf shirt with logo, green pullover sweater, black or white ankle socks, and black or tan **Bucs**.

**Boys (1-8)** - grey uniform pants, white shirt, belt, green pullover sweater, tie, black or white ankle socks, and black or tan **Bucs**.

**Gym Uniform** - School sweatsuit consisting of long sweatpants, T-shirt, and sweatshirt with the Saint Dorothy School logo, in cold weather; in hot weather, the pants may be replaced by dark green shorts with the Saint Dorothy School logo. **All students are required to wear plain white or black solid colored ankle socks. NO SPORT SOCKS.** Gym uniforms can be purchased at C&M Sporting Goods which is located in the Manoa Shopping Center.



### Science Assembly

Today students in grades 1-5 were introduced to Science Explorers, the after-school science program. They learned about tools scientists use and participated in a variety of scientific experiments showing how those tools are used.

### Classroom Happenings

The 7th grade will be traveling into Old City tomorrow to take a walking tour of Philadelphia. They will be reliving their summer reading book by visiting the various sites mentioned in *Fever 1793*. They will actually be able to walk in the footsteps of Mattie, the main character, and see Philadelphia through her eyes. They will be learning about what happened in Philadelphia when Yellow Fever struck and see how Philadelphia rebuilt itself. They are very excited to see the city in a new light and experience history firsthand.

### Recommended Reading

I am reading a book entitled *Mindset* by Carol S. Dweck, which I highly recommend. It talks about 2 types of mindsets – fixed and growth and how one's mindset can determine one's success or failure. Those with a fixed mindset believe they are unable to complete challenges and easily give up. Those with a growth mindset welcome challenges and are not deterred by them.

It's important our children develop a growth mindset, one in which they will not give up if the work becomes too difficult. We need to encourage our

children to work hard because that is what will make them successful.

This book is an easy read and is filled with stories of people who, when they changed their outlook, became very successful.



### Mercy Day – September 23

St. Dorothy School and Parish are fortunate to have Sisters of Mercy who serve in a variety of ministries. Sr. Thomasina Marie is the parish liturgist, Sr. Alice Gray is the Director of Religious Education, Sr. Mary Hasson, though retired, serves the school by teaching Latin to the students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and by preparing our students as lectors at First Friday liturgies. St. Martina visits the shut-ins and provides transportation for them. To show our gratitude, we will have a prayer service on Friday, September 23, at 9:30 in Church. Please join us if you are available.

### Parent Meeting – September 22

On Thursday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym, Sr. Edward William, IHM from the Office of Catholic Education will share and explain the 2016 Terra Nova results. Following Sister's presentation, I will share the survey responses with you.

### Prayer Corner

Please remember Mrs. Meghan Geyer, mother of Kindergarten student Gavin, who will be undergoing surgery. Please pray for the soul of Mrs. Stephanie Egan Braconnier and Chris Halloran, the nephew of Sr. Thomasina.

Each day we pray for families when we gather in the morning. The following families will be remembered in our prayers.

9/19	Albanese, Amoroso, Arnoldy
9/20	Astuto, Badame, Bagley
9/21	Bailey, Balogun-Victor, Banes
9/22	Bangura, Barr, Batth
9/23	Behl, Bello, Bellopede