



St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The following prayer is associated with Mother Teresa who was canonized a saint last Sunday:

DO IT ANYWAY

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway



It Doesn't Get Better Than This . . .



. . . when former and current students respond to their school on the Friday before Labor Day to help carry desks from one building to another. What a terrific example of service in action. Thank you to: First row (l-r): Kirby Rich, Nick Mercanti, Second row (l-r): Katia Hemphill, Laine Russo, Jack Habicht, Collin Gross, Chris DiRita, Kasey Habicht, Mya Mc Gann, Paige Russo, Nicki DiDonato, Joseph Gross, Michael Gross, Kerrie Habicht, Nicole Bello, Back row: Frankie McGann.

Thank you, also, to Mr. & Mrs. Steven Russo for their help in moving desks and book cases.

And Yet – Another Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to last year's 8th grade graduate Frankie McGann who was awarded the Malvern Prep Quigley Family Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes students who are dedicated to academics, have solid character, and display a sense of loyalty to their school.

Serving Others



Gianna Elliott, Sienna Elliott, Kaitlin McCullough (not pictured), Georgia Purcell, and Ginger Purcell were very busy this summer selling lemonade to raise money to help fight cancer “one cup at a time.” The girls raised \$55.89, and the money will be sent to a cancer organization. I am very proud of these girls who take the call to service seriously.

Classroom Happenings

St. Dorothy School, along with St. Andrew School, is piloting a program called Responsive Classroom. Seven faculty members and I are being trained and our first training took place on August 30. Additional training will be held throughout the school year, and those days are noted as inservice days on the school calendar. The program consists of a set of practices that build academic and social-emotional skills. One practice is the “Morning Meeting”. The students sit in a circle and greet each other, share something about themselves, and engage in an activity that builds teamwork. The response from the students who are

participating is very positive. The program is sponsored by the Office of Catholic Education and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. Because it is a pilot, each school could only bring a limited number of faculty. Our faculty who participated are: Mrs. Bilski, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Darville, Mrs. Jaeger, Mrs. McMonagle, Mrs. Neill, Mrs. Pardini, Recently graduated faculty were trained in Responsive Classroom as part of their studies.



Calling All Veterans

On Friday, November 11, St. Dorothy School will hold a special celebration for our veterans. If you have a family member or friend who has served, please ask them to keep the date open. More information will follow.

Back-to-School

On Monday, September 12, we are looking forward to meeting with our parents of students in grades K-4. The meeting will begin at 7:00 in the gym.

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.

A LOOK AT THE DAYS AHEAD

- 9/9 9:00 First Friday liturgy
- 9/12 CARES begins
7:00 Back-to-School K-4 gym
- 9/13 Blood Drive – gym
- 9/15 Science Explorers assembly
10:30 - grs. 2-8
7:30 Parents' Confirmation
Meeting – Church
- 9/19 7:00 Back-to-School 5-8 gym
- 9/22 7:00 – Parent meeting gym re.
Terra Nova & survey results
- 9/23 9:30 Mercy Day prayer service
- 9/30 1:15 Confession – grs. 3-8