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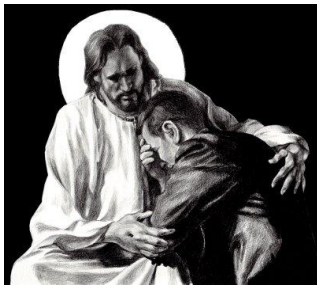
ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

Principal's Newsletter

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"What is the joy of God? It is to forgive."

Pope Francis

The Gospels are full of stories of God's forgiveness: the shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to find the one who was lost; the woman who invites all her neighbors to celebrate finding one coin that was lost; the Prodigal Father who throws an immense party when his younger son returns. But many, perhaps most, of us struggle with forgiveness. Our hurt or embarrassment is too deep. We feel forgiveness is a sign of weakness. We ask our justice system for retribution not reconciliation. We want compensation for our suffering. Yet many studies show that - SURPRISE - God has it right. Holding on to hurt or anger is more damaging for us than to the person we refuse to forgive. So much energy is wasted in bearing a grudge. In these early days of 2017, can we ask God for the grace to forgive someone who is

challenging our mercy and stealing our joy?

**GENERAL HOME 7 SCHOOL
MEETING**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23 – 7:00
P.M.**

**SISTER PATRICIA
MCCORMACK, IHM**

Sr. Pat's Bio

Dr. Patricia McCormack, a Sister Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is an international formation-education consultant and presently Program Director at the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers in Philadelphia. Her 30 years in education includes both classroom and administration experience. She is the author of the "Parent Partnership Handbook" feature of *Today's Catholic Teacher* magazine, numerous articles, and several books. In addition to her publications, Sr. McCormack's full-time ministry includes presentations to a variety of audiences, from diocesan-wide conferences to national religious education gatherings as well as retreats and days of in-service to the educational community.

Progress Reports

Friday, January 27 marks the midway point of the 2nd trimester. All grades up to that point will be posted by the end of the day. You may see your child/children's progress by logging on to your MSP account.

3rd Grade Field Trip

This past Tuesday, the 3rd grade class went on a field trip to the Franklin Institute. The students explored the many displays and Miss McNamee, one of the teachers, tried out the Sky Bike.



Prayer Corner

Please continue your prayers for Karen Stevenson. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of 5th grader Samantha Lynch's grandfather who passed away suddenly.

The following families will be remembered in our prayers next week:

- 1/23 Johns, Joy, Julien
- 1/24 Keffer, Kehoe, Kelly
- 1/25 Kilker, Kim, King
- 1/26 Knowlton, Kohler, Krystopa
- 1/27 Laffey, Lain, Lalor