



St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,



Sunday at the 11:30 Mass Students, teachers and families will open Catholic Schools Week. The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) began this week-long tradition of spotlighting Catholic Schools in the 1980s.

Catholic Education offers a choice in education to parents that allows the faith, values, and visions that they believe in and teach at home to be nurtured further in school. Catholic Schools are a gift to our nation. Where the Catholic School is present, the faith is greater lived. This week, let us pray for all of our Catholic Schools and thank God for Catholic Education.

Catholic Schools' Week Schedule

- 1/29 11:30 Opening liturgy
12:30 – Open House & Registration
Book Fair – Annex – opened after 10:30 & 11:30 liturgies
- 1/30 Literary Day – Teachers/Students dress as Favorite character
Buddy reading – older students read to Younger students

- 1/31 Student Appreciation Day – no homework
Activities planned by Student Council
- 2/1 Principal's Night at McDonald's –
5:00 – 7:00
- 2/2 Volunteer Appreciation Day – 8:30 – 10:30
- Gym – Thank you for all you do.
- Enjoy treats provided by faculty and Staff
- Family Bingo – 6:00 – 8:00 – Book Fair will be opened
- 2/3 Teacher Appreciation Day
9:00 Closing liturgy
New student registration – 8:30 – 11:30 – Annex
Lunch for teachers
- 2/4 Talent Show – 7:00 – gym

Help Needed

We are looking for people who could donate some time to assist with Open House. We need people to be greeters in the school and annex and people to accompany Student Council members on tours.

There is a link for Sign-Up Genius on the school website www.saintdorothy.org Thank you in advance for your response.

Netbooks

Each student in grade 5 has been provided with a netbook that will be used in conjunction with Google Classroom. The students will be able to use them for homework and projects.

Our plan is to phase out the iPads and provide a netbook to each incoming 5th grade student.

Next Thursday a Technology Integration Coach from the Office of Catholic Education will be inservicing some of our teachers on Google Classroom.

Open Forum

Some of you had suggested having an Open Forum where you can discuss issues and concerns and to have questions answered. In thinking of a time to hold such a meeting, I came up with the idea of having them on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the library. The H&S Executive Board meets at 6:00, and I can be available at 7:00. All I ask is, if you will be attending, please arrive no later than 6:50 . If no one is there at 7:00, I will leave. **First meeting will be Monday, February 6.**

Progress Reports

Tomorrow marks the middle of the 2nd trimester. To see your child/children's progress so far, please log on to your MSP account. We will not be sending home hard copies of the progress report.

Low Income Survey

Tomorrow a hard copy of a survey will be sent home to the oldest child in each family. I am asking each family to complete the survey and return it in a sealed envelope to my attention by February 24. Your prompt response, which will be kept confidential, is used only in reporting the number of students in Archdiocesan schools who are entitled to materials and services.

Immigration Day

Today the 8th grade classes took part in their annual Immigration Day project. The students spent many days working both in class and at home on their presentations, researching information about various countries from China to Ireland. The projects focused on the influx of immigration to the United states in the mid-to-late 1800s from countries around the world. Students provided many delicious dishes from their respective countries, and the 6th and 7th grade classes, as well as the 8th grade parents, were invited to the event to sample the food and learn a little about the many immigrants that made our country the diverse and successful nation it is today.



MERION MERCY ACADEMY

We welcome all seventh grade students, both girls and boys, to take the practice High School Placement

Test at Merion Mercy on Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This test will help

your student get familiar with the HSPT given at many schools for high school entrance and scholarships. It will also allow you to identify areas of improvement that may be needed, in order to better prepare for the actual test. Parents are offered a school tour at 9:15 a.m. on the test day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch for the students. For more information and to register for the test online, please

go to: <http://www.merion-mercy.com/page.cfm?p=806>

A LOOK AT THE DAYS AHEAD

- 2/1 Principal's Night at McDonald's
- 2/2 Volunteer Appreciation Tea
6:00 – 8:00 Family Bingo
- 2/3 8:30 – 11:30 Registration
9:00 First Friday liturgy
- 2/4 7:00 Talent Show
- 2/6 Feast of St. Dorothy
- 2/8 7:00 Parent Eucharist meeting
- 2/12 Class Mass – 7 & 8 grades
- 2/20 No School – Presidents' Day
- 2/24 Be Good to Your Heart Day
Hoops for Hope
- 2/25 Hoops for Hope
- 2/26 Hoops for Hope

Prayer Corner

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Lomnyczuk, the grandmother of Georgia and Ginger Purcell. She passed away earlier this week.

During Catholic School Week, we will remember all of our families in prayer.