



St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,



This coming Tuesday we will celebrate Valentine's Day – a day set aside for love. What is love? St. Paul tells us:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Corinthians 13:4-7

Kudos – Mr. O'Brien

This week I received a letter from St. Joseph's Preparatory School informing me that a former student of ours named 8th grade ELA/Social Studies teacher Patrick O'Brien as having a positive impact on his life.

Also, Mr. O'Brien just received a Master of Arts Degree in Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction.

Congratulations to Mr. O'Brien on both accomplishments.

Variety Show

If you were able to attend last Saturday's Variety Show you saw first-hand the number of truly talented students and faculty (if I do say so myself) we have at our school. The show was fantastic and we have Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Lain, and Mrs. Schumacher for organizing it, Mr. Bob Smith for performing as Master of Ceremonies, and the many, many parents who helped.

The profit from the show is donated to Family-to-Family Ministry. It just came to my attention that many of you are unaware of this parish ministry. Following is information about it:

The mission of the St. Dorothy Family to Family Ministry is for parish families to extend mercy and compassion through prayerful and practical support to families in times of crisis or difficulty. The Family to Family Ministry was started in the fall of 2006 by Father Murphy. It initially started as a meal program for families dealing with serious illness or accident. Over the past seven years it has grown to include the following services:

- * sympathy cards to members of parish bereavement group
- * script distributed to families in need at Father Murphy's discretion
- *flowers sent to parishioners who have experienced a death in the immediate family
- *gifts for families in need at Christmas via Giving Trees

- * monthly rosary; prayer chain
- * Special requests

The program also reaches out bi-yearly to our college freshmen with CARE packages. All of the endeavors of the ministry attempt to build connectedness to our Christ centered community.

Save the Date

On Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym we will have a general Home & School meeting on a very important topic – anxiety among our youth and its effects if not dealt with. The present will share his/her personal story on coping with mental illness. This topic is useful to parents of children of all ages. More and more children are beset with anxiety.

The meeting is mandatory for parents of students in grades 6, 7, 8 because the presenter will share his/her story with those students on Tuesday, April 4, at 1:00 p.m.

Be Good to Your Heart Day

Mrs. Monique Dowd will again share with the students the importance of a healthy lifestyle by teaching them the harmful effects a poor diet, lack of exercise and sleep can have on one’s heart. The students will learn the healthful foods to choose and the ones to refuse.

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 20
PRESIDENTS’ DAY

Low Income Survey

If you have not yet returned the survey please do so as soon as possible. We rely on the data the survey provides for educational services for the students.

Re-registration Form

Please return this form as well. We are beginning our plans for next year and need to know the enrollment.

**Catholic Schools’ Week Pictures
Literary Characters**



Family Bingo



Variety Show



Prayer Corner

Please continue to pray for Karen Stevens. Also, please pray for Lorraine Schuler, the aunt of Stephanie O'Reilly.

We will be remembering the following families in our prayers next week:

- 2/13 Marnie, Maselli, Matthews
- 2/14 McAnally, McCaffrey, McCormick
- 2/15 McCullough, McCunney, McCusker
- 2/16 McGahey, McGann, McGarry (Logan)
- 2/17 McGarry (Shane), McGuigan, McGuinn