



May 20, 2010

Dear Parents,

End of school traditions are in full swing this week. Eighth grade students are immersed in Shakespeare and performed Hamlet brilliantly at last night's Volunteer Appreciation Evening. Graduating eighth grade parents were recognized for their many years and countless contributions to the Saint Agnes School community. Aspiring student government leaders prepare speeches for next Friday's election of 2010-2011 student council officers. Pre-k bears and bees prepare for tomorrow's May Crowning and Garden Party.

Even as we wrap up this school year, Mrs. Kuzdzal and I are busy planning for the 2010-2011 academic year. The tentative calendar is nearly complete and will be posted to Edline next month. Tuition assistance letters will be mailed next week. New teachers have been hired.

As you well know, we are blessed with an incredibly talented faculty at Saint Agnes. I am happy to report that we will only have a few changes for next year. Our very creative music teacher, Ms. Donna Hanzlik, will relocate to Nevada to pursue her career in the music industry. Ms. Abbey Weikert, beloved fourth grade teacher, will be married this summer and move from the Washington DC area. Mrs. Kathy Jackson will remain as first grade assistant teacher but give up her position as Extended Day Director.

We have filled the two teaching positions and are interviewing applicants for extended day. We welcome Mrs. Emily Anders and Mrs. Judy Smith to our faculty. Mrs. Anders served as a commissioned officer in the US Army before entering a Masters in Education program and teaching in the intermediate grades. She will assume Ms. Weikert's position. Mrs. Judy Smith, prior to her life as a Saint Agnes parent, substitute teacher, and cantor at school Masses, taught music and art as well as second and third grades in the Archdiocese of Washington. Joining the faculty as a part-time Spanish teacher is Mrs. Carmen Chiappetta. Mrs. Chiappetta's teaching experience includes Spanish, English, and literature. She is currently working on her dissertation in English. Mrs. Kuzdzal and I are delighted with the additions to the faculty and look forward to introducing them to you.

Look for new administrators tomorrow as we have Mr. Christopher Outlaw as Principal, Ms. Katrina Schmidt as Assistant Principal, Regan Morche as Office Manager, and Ms. Ginny Brough as Secretary.

Sincerely,
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Appreciation

We are most grateful to:

- Parents who accompanied students on the band fieldtrip and to the Shakespeare Festival, Kennedy Center and Maryland Science Center this past week
- CYO coaches who devote time and energy to develop athletic ability and good sportsmanship in our students
- Mark Hurley for coordinating our CYO sports program so efficiently

Congratulations

To David Aylor and Jenny Zinzi, recipients of the 2010 Chandra Muong athletic award. These outstanding eighth graders were honored at the CYO Banquet for their excellent sportsmanship and teamwork.

CYO Sports

The St. Agnes CYO program concluded its 2009-2010 year this past weekend with the annual CYO Athletic Banquet in the school gymnasium. We recognized the athletes and coaches from all of our Tennis, Cross Country, Track and Field, and Basketball teams. In addition, there were four special awards. The **Chandra Muong Award** is presented to the 8th-grade girl and the 8th-grade boy who best exemplify outstanding scholarship, leadership, and athleticism. This year's winners are Jenny Zinzi and David Aylor. The **Donna Beth Haddock Memorial Coach of the Year Award** was presented to Billy Moore for his dedication as coach of two eighth-grade basketball teams and assistant coach for the fifth-grade girls. Additionally, Lee and Andy Morris were presented with the **CYO Supporter Award** for their willingness to help at all hours with the basketball program. Congratulations to all!

The success of our CYO program would not be possible without the support of our many volunteer coaches, as well as the many parents who assist. We would like to extend a special thanks to these individuals:

Tennis Program Director — Becky Blood; **Coaches** — Brigid Brakefield, Karin Brough, Jon Carroll, Terri Eichner, Henry Garcia, Mary Hardiman, Lee Morris, Marga Pirozzoli, Giovanni Snidle and Cathleen Ueland.

Cross Country Coach — C.J. Blagg

Track and Field Program Director — Hilary Cairnie; **Coaches** — John Alcorta, Ken Conkright, Robert Seldin and Linda Wuckovich

Basketball Coaches — Wade Aylor, Janet Blagg, Adam Bloomquist, John Brough, Karin Brough, Jeff Brown, Frank Buono, Richard Byrne, Holly Carroll, Jon Carroll, Ken Conkright, Mike Conyngham, Don Criswell, Bill Cusmano, Phil DiNunzio, T.J. Egan, Jim Gravette, Jonathan Grinnon, Brent Hodges, Patrick Kennedy, Tom Loranger, Ed McFadden, Billy Moore, Andy Morris, Amy Seldin, John Shortall, Giovanni Snidle and Eric Ueland.

Thanks also to Ed McFadden for overall basketball program support.

Uniforms

Please make certain that your children are in complete uniforms everyday.

Classroom Corner

The 5th grade religion classes have appreciated the twenty mysteries of the rosary. The unit included reading a scripture reference to each mystery, paraphrasing it in a written summary format, relating the event to a Catholic virtue, and praying a decade of the rosary for each type of mystery. The work accomplished was insightful, meditative, and full of faith. Presently we are studying the role of Christ's disciples and the missionary work of the Early Church.

Renaissance Studies is coming to closure in 6th grade social studies. The scrapbook is due on Monday, May 24, 2010. (The date has been changed due to the numerous calendar events and celebrations.) The wonderful and creative books will be on display in the Upper School corridor soon. Come and see!

In 8th grade religion the students have demonstrated mastery of two pages of Catholic vocabulary required by the Diocese of Arlington and are focusing on the third sheet, which has a list of prayers and traditions of the Catholic Church. This is in addition to examining the choices and consequences of thirty-eight (38) women who have pivotal roles in the Bible.

Douglas Loy

Mrs. Herrmann's first grade class is not only learning about nutrition, they are eating healthier! The class has embarked on a 15-day "fruit and vegetable challenge." Each student is trying to eat at least 1.5 servings of fruits or vegetables during the day to reach the class goal of 405 fruits and vegetables eaten by May 28th! The class will have a reward when they reach their goal. The students are really being creative! They are bringing blueberries, cucumbers and whole carrots for snack! One student had 4 vegetables during school on the second day of the challenge! Mrs. Herrmann and Mrs. Jackson are also contributing to the total count! By May 28th, the students hope to be celebrating with healthier habits!

Janet Herrmann

Popsicles for Patients

Popsicles are sold for .50 during lunchtime on Fridays in May. Proceeds will benefit Guadalupe Medical Clinic in Colonial Beach, Virginia.

Calendar Reminders

Fri., 5/21 9:00am – Mass – Mrs. Nimey's K
 7:00pm Gr. 7 and 8 Dance
Thurs., 5/27 2:00 and 7:00 Band Concerts
 Pre-K Luau
Fri., 5/28 9:00 Mass – Mrs. Sharpe's K
 Student Council Elections
 K Fieldtrip to Planetarium
 3:00 Dismissal