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"Creating life-long learners in a Catholic environment"

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Dear Parents,

It was so nice that so many of you were able to join us last week for our first in person Back to School Night in two years! I was also delighted in seeing how many of you volunteered for our different committees, to be a class parent, to work at our fund raisers, or to seek a seat on our Home School Board. It seems as though there was a good deal of interest in Instructional Basketball for Kindergarteners through Grade 2. We will be sharing more details about the program in the next week. More uniforms for our Uniform Exchange are arriving daily- please stop by if you need uniforms.

At Back to School Night, the teachers handed out signature packets with permission slips for various items. If you were not in attendance or if you did not hand your packet in, please send it to school tomorrow with your child. The last page of the packet included an Income Survey which is used by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools to apply for education funds [paid by New York State and supported by your state taxes] for our school. Please be sure to fill out that page, too.

Last week, MAP testing was completed for Reading, Language Arts, and Math. This week Grades Three through Eight will take the Science component and then we are finished with the Fall testing program. Students that were absent and missed portions of the test will make up the sections when they return to school this week. The teachers and I will be analyzing the results and I will send you the Family Report when it is compiled.

We are fortunate enough to welcome back Catapult as an education partner again this year. Catapult will be sending us Resource Room teachers to provide extra support for our students in Reading and Math, a School Counselor and an Instructional Coach. Mrs. Gretchen Foran will be joining us again in the Resource Room, Mrs. Alexa Vega will be returning as our counselor, and Ms. Trisha Caesar will return as our Instructional Coach. We look forward to them joining our instructional team.

Our gym floor is 'almost' complete. It looks amazing! Bright and airy and new! The company that installed the floor said that we can use the gym tomorrow and Tuesday for lunch and then Wednesday through the end of the week it will be off limits again so they can paint the basketball/volleyball lines. Then we are good to go. So, for Wednesday and Thursday we will eat lunch in our classrooms. The students have no school on Friday since the teachers and I are attending a Teacher Professional Development Day. When school resumes on Monday- the gym

should be all ready for us to use.

A reminder about Physicals and Immunization forms due to Mrs. Ellman, our school nurse. We are required by New York State to collect and verify these records are complete. Please send the forms to Mrs. Ellman tomorrow. The pediatrician's office can fax us the forms to: 914-965-7939. If you have a pending appointment for an annual physical, please send me the appointment information.

If your child is feeling ill, has a temperature or is vomiting, please do not send them to school. A child that has been sent home from school because of illness must remain home until they are temperature free for 24 hours without Tylenol and symptom free. I have plenty of COVID At Home Test Kits. I will keep sending home to you more test kits as I receive them from the New York State Department of Health. If you ever need tests, please call the office and I will send you a few more.

Eighth Grade parents that are interested in sending their child to a Catholic High School are reminded to register for the TACHS Exam, the entrance exam for high school. The deadline for submitting an application to sit for the exam is approaching. The exam is Friday, November 4.

New York State Department of Education requires that every school practice evacuation [fire drills] and lockdown drills throughout the school year. We have already conducted two fire drills this month and the students did a wonderful job. After every Lockdown drill is completed, I will notify you.

Please be sure that your current email and phone numbers are registered with the school office. This is critical if your child becomes ill at school or if there is an emergency. We are in the process of inputting all this information into the IRIS alert system. This system of phone calls and email alerts is utilized in case of school delayed openings, school closure, etc. If any of your information has been updated please share it with the main office.

Thank you for your support!

God bless and stay safe.

Sharyn O'Leary
Principal