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We honor Mary in the month of October -

We fly to your protection, most holy Mother of God; please listen to our petitions and needs, and deliver us from all dangers, ever glorious and blessed Virgin Mary.

Mary, our model and mother, by your obedience and patience you have taught us how to be true children of God. Please help us by your powerful assistance to overcome all our weaknesses, and to fulfill perfectly our tasks in life.

By your compassionate aid may we ever stand in spirit with you beneath the cross of Christ so that we may also rejoice with you in your divine Son's triumphant victory over sin and death.

In your maternal kindness help us to be faithful to prayers in the company of God's Church as you were one with the Apostles in the upper room as you waited for the promised Spirit of Pentecost.

With your gracious assistance may we be near you in the glory of Christ's kingdom come to sing with you and all the faithful the eternal praise of God. Amen.

Thank You

To our chairpersons, volunteers, and faculty and staff for their creativity, energy, and motivation to get people on board for the Walk-a-Thon. The total amount earned for this activity was \$34,339.72, approximately \$2000.00 more than last year. You are fabulous!!! WOW!

To the faculty, staff, and the Third and Fifth Grade students who did a great job with presenting our Living Rosary at Morning Assembly.

Live Animals

Please remember, that live animals should not be on campus. This is for the safety of our students. We can never be certain how our furry friends will react around a single child who runs up to them, a crowd

of children who want petting rights, loud noises, and babies crying. It is better to be safe than have to take a child to the doctors for a scratch or bite.

Partners in Faith

In Monday's envelope, you received a copy of our *Partners in Faith* newsletter. I apologize for the delay in getting the October publication out to you, but I know there will be things you can glean from the information that will be helpful.

- Children learn about God's love from their parents. They experience it most clearly when we parent lovingly. Readers learn ten solid ways to share God's great love with youngsters.
- October is a month during which we celebrate the great devotion of the Rosary. Both the main article and the ParentTalk feature offer parents practical ways to encourage a love for this powerful prayer.
- Sometimes difficulties of being Christians can blind up to the joy of following Jesus. Scripture
- Lesson uses the Gospel reading to explain how children approach Jesus with excitement and confidence.

Reminders

The teachers sent home reminder slips for the conference times that you scheduled for your child/ren either on Wednesday (10/24), Thursday (10/25) or Friday (10/26). You received his/her Progress Report yesterday, either in paper copy or by going onto Powerschool. Please sit down and talk about the grades, give your child kudos for a job well done and talk about areas for improvement. Come with questions or concerns to discuss during your conference slot. Each conference is 15 minutes long. Should you feel that is not enough time, the teacher will be happy to schedule another meeting.

Please remember that the Progress Report is just that. This is the progress your child has made since the beginning of school. It does take a while for some children to get back into the swing of the school routine after summer vacation. If you need to encourage your child to study for tests, write down his/her homework in the planner and then do his/her homework, focus on the task at hand, behave well in class, be attentive to attitude and manners, etc., now is a good time. The trimester does not end until November 16th. There is plenty of time to redirect and remind your child that it is his/her job to take advantage of the education you work so hard to provide for him/her.

Parking

There is still the issue of folks double-parking in the City Lot. I have sent several messages home, and personally, have walked through the lot to remind people to move into a space. It is very frustrating to be issuing reminders to the same people, all in the name of keeping our children safe and the traffic moving properly. Please reconsider using the drive through line, if all the spaces are filled. Hiding in the far corners or at the end of the row of cars just doesn't help us out.

M.U.S.E.

This is just a reminder that the M.U.S.E. band program has started up. It is held on Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 PM in the Art Room, and applications are still being accepted for the next couple of weeks.

Missing Signature Pages

We are still looking for the sign-off sheets for the Parent/Student Handbook. If you are on the list, please get those back to us as soon as possible:

- Grade K Monsale
- Grade 3 Sitaula, Torres
- Grade 4 Dean
- Grade 5 Ramirez
- Grade 7 Carpio, Suarez

Calendar:

10/13	Pinole Historical Society to use the gym
10/14	Confirmation from 2:00 until 5:00 PM
10/15	Progress Reports going home and updated on Powerschool Fire Marshall in to inspect the buildings
10/16	SCRIP orders due School Board meeting, 6:00 PM in the Eighth Grade classroom
10/17	Make up picture day. Please return your original photos, if your child is sitting for another portrait.
10/18	Hearing Tests for K, 2, 5, 8 and new students over in Extended Care (8:30 AM) Goodies with Grandparents in the TK/K Room, 7:30-7:50 AM. Yum! Visitors from De La Salle & Carondelet High Schools (for grades 7 & 8), 1:00 PM
10/19	First Grade trip to the Lawrence Hall of Science, 9:00-2:00 PM
10/21	Book Fair open in the gym. Please refer to the flyers that will be sent home.
10/22 - 10/26	Red Ribbon Week. Schedule to be sent home with additional information.
10/24 - 10/26	Conferences. 10/24, 1:00-7:00 PM 10/25, 1:00-5:00 PM 10/26, 1:00-3:00 PM

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