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Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!

Our life, our sweetness and our hope!

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;

to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us;

And after this our exile shows unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us oh holy mother of God. . . that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Thank You

To the Teachers and Instructional Assistants of Grades TK, K, and 1 and the students who participated in our May Crowning last Friday in the church. It is a beautiful ritual during this, the month of Mary. The recitation of the family rosary each day, images of the Blessed Mother, having a shrine in your backyard, and having your own May Crowning are wonderful ways to foster devotion and faith, but also draw us closer to the heart of Our Savior.

To the Teachers, Instructional Assistants, choir and Second Grade participants in our All School First Communion Mass yesterday. It was wonderful to see them receive the Eucharist, once again, as a group with the school children in attendance.

To Ms. Mitra and the First Grade parents for putting together such a lovely celebration brunch for the Second Grade students. The parents and children really enjoyed the food and the great video of their children. Thanks, all the way around to everyone for such a great day!

All School Drill

Please refer to the letter that went home in the Monday envelope outlining the procedures for the Friday Evacuation Drill. It explains everything you need to know about picking up your student. This is the last day to add anyone to your emergency list as possible “pick up” people. **If you ordered a Choicelunch for your child, we’ll do our best to pass those out during the evacuation process. Don’t forget to provide your student with a snack and a lunch. The office cannot be taking care of forgotten lunches on Friday.**

Another Good-Bye

It is with a heavy heart that I need to announce another change in faculty for next school year. Ms. Payawal has decided to move to another Catholic School in the diocese to co-teach in a TK program. I wish her the best of luck on her new journey and know she will always have a soft spot in her heart for St. Joseph’s. Ms. Payawal states, “Thank you for the love, support and trust over the past twelve years. I had a great time helping and watching your children grow throughout the years. The St. Joseph

School community is dear to my heart, but my adventure continues. I will miss all of you, but know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Spreading kindness one day at a time. Ms. Payawal

New Principal Announcement

Father Geoffrey and the Search Committee members are pleased to announce your new principal for the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Natalie Lenz-Acuna is coming from St. Paul School in San Pablo where she has held the position of principal for the past eight years. Prior to being a principal, she taught art to 9th through 12th graders at Mt. Diablo High School. There she started an Art and Humanities Academy, was a team member in the Restaurant and Hospitality Academy, and wrote curriculum for the district. Ms. Acuna has her Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction and an Administrative Credential in Leadership.

She writes, “I am privileged, blessed and overjoyed to be your principal for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. I am excited to spend time with the teachers, staff, students, parents and parish to get to know your community. I know that I will stand on the foundation of Mrs. Marseille who has worked so hard with all of you to make a safe, loving and academically excellent school for the children of this community. For her and you, I am truly grateful. Ms. Acuna

Calendar

5/9	Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grade to A’s Career Day 6:30 PM Oktoberfest meeting in the Parish Center
5/10	The Living Rosary was, originally, scheduled for today, but because of our All School Evacuation Drill, we will choose another date to honor Mary All School Evacuation Drill. The Phone Tree will be put into action as we begin the drill, so listen for that phone to ring.
5/13	Spirit Week begins and runs through 5/17. Please refer to the list of events that was sent home in the Monday envelope to see what’s happening each day. This is the last week to check out library books. We will begin doing our year end inventory and ordering new selections for the 2019-2020 school year.
5/14	SCRIP orders are due by 1:00 PM
5/15	New family meeting at 6:30 PM in the gym The band and ukulele group will be performing at Morning Assembly. Please come join us, if you’d like to see and hear some talented musicians. Pizza fundraiser for the class of 2021 to help pay for some of the Caritas fees
5/16	Mrs. Marseille out at a Principals’ Meeting TBA, Eighth Grade will be doing a special project with Mrs. Kober to celebrate the end of the year and test out the students’ understanding of Spanish.
5/17	Talent Show. Has your student signed up to participate, yet? The sign up sheets are outside the classroom doors. Time: 10:30 AM Minimum Day, noon dismissal. Yes, Extended Care is open.
5/19	Confirmation in the gym
5/21	Tiger Wear Day
5/22	End of the Year party, PTG sponsored Pizza fundraiser for the class of 2021 to help pay for some of the Caritas fees

Blessings,
Arlene