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*** Next year's principal, Mrs. Natalie Acuna, will be in the building tomorrow to join us for Morning Assembly. I will introduce her to our students, and any parents who would like to join us for prayer and announcements. The remainder of the day will be spent meeting with her and explaining what St. Joseph's is all about, and conferring on the open spots we have for the 2019-2020 school year. Both Mrs. Acuna and I are interviewing teachers, and I am confident that between the two of us, we will be able to bring in Catholic, credentialed, motivated folks who will love our school community and want to work with our children.

May 22, 2019

The Memorare

"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me." Amen.

Thank You

To all of our wonderfully dedicated volunteers who have helped out during the year. It takes so much more than the faculty and staff to make this school hum along. Without your assistance, we could not accomplish all the extra things we do for the enjoyment of faculty, staff, students and parents. "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." Every time you choose to volunteer, you have a say about the kind of community you want to live in. We are in a comfortable and dedicated community that looks after one another. You are priceless gems, and we treasure you all.

We have another good-bye to announce from our Reading Resource/Kindergarten Assistant, Ms. Liz Jackson. She has been a valued member of our parent and school community for many years, and we thank her for her dedication to helping our children grow and learn, both academically and in their faith voyage. We appreciate her guidance with our Student Council members, and wish her the best of luck on her next journey.

End of the Year parties that have been scheduled –

June 3, 2019 (Monday)	Grades TK, K, 1 st & 2 nd heading off to Fernandez Park, 9:00-2:00 PM
June 4, 2019 (Tuesday)	Grades 3, 4 & 5 to Kennedy Grove, 8:30-3:00 PM
	Grades 6 & 7 to Fernandez Park, 10:00-2:30 PM

Once again, we sent out the link to the Catholic Identity Survey in the May 15th newsletter. WCEA Catholic Identity Survey St. Joseph School is working on the self-evaluation process for WCEA (Western Catholic Educational Association). We are asking various stakeholder groups to participate in an annual assessment on Catholic Identity that will help direct our efforts to carry out the Mission and Philosophy of St. Joseph School.

Please evaluate the school's effectiveness in regards to the Catholic Identity Standards in Curriculum and Service. Results will be used as data for our WCEA self-study. Please complete these surveys by May 24, 2019. Thank you so much! We appreciate your attention to this matter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED . . . we have a rush turnaround time on getting some items moved out of the gym before the demolition of the floor begins on June 10th. The three white shelving units need to be emptied and taken outside to the back patio area, the table and chairs need to be moved, also, to the back patio area for the summer months. The teachers are willing to unload the materials, and store them in different areas of the school, so the cabinets should not be too heavy. The cabinet that houses the gym equipment is heavy, and so I have asked the construction company to remove that piece for us. I'm thinking a group of ten to twelve volunteers will make things run more efficiently (so far I have 4-5 people to assist). **Double general hours will be offered for the 2019-2020 school year.** Please contact me via email, so I have a time/date stamp to refer to as you're volunteering. Saturday, June 8th is the date; 9:00 AM is the start time.

A very short survey will be in next week's newsletter regarding our Disaster Drill on May 10th. It's only 5 questions long, and it will help us prepare for the next one we have scheduled for the 2020-2021 school year, or sooner if the new principal wants to see how it's done.

Calendar

5/22	PTG End of the Year gathering at 6:30 PM in the Middle School
5/24	Minimum Day, Extended Care is available Free, appropriate dress Confirmation at 7:30 PM Walking field trip to the Pinole Shopping Center for Mrs. Arriola's Eighth Grade Math class, 10:15-11:50 AM Eighth Grade to receive their yearbooks
5/27	Memorial Day holiday, no school
5/28	Pinole Historical Essay contest presentations at Morning Assembly SCRIP Yearbooks for TK-7 th will be passed out
5/29	Awards' Dessert for the Eighth Grade graduates, 6:30 PM in the gym to view presentation boards, 7:00 PM to begin the ceremony Summer vacation birthdays to be announced at Morning Assembly
5/30	Yearbook signing in the gym from 10:45-11:45 AM
5/31	It's all Eighth Grade . . . Baccalaureate Mass at 9:00 AM, followed by good-byes in the gym . . . brunch will be served up in the quad after the remainder of the students wish them well . . . Minimum Day for Eighth Grade students . . . Graduation Mass at 5:00 PM in the church
6/1	Ascension will be celebrated at the weekend Masses Gym in use for set up for the party, approximately 4:00-5:00 PM
6/2	Come join the celebration . . . Noon Mass followed by goodies in the gym
6/3	TK/K/1/2 on end of the year celebratory field trips

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