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May News 2016

Race for Education

We are off to good start. Pledges have already started to arrive. Thank you for getting those labels into us in such a timely manner. It definitely made a difference.

On Monday, May 16, our school will be participating in our sixth annual "Race for Education." By now you have probably read or heard about it from your children. It is definitely a fun way for the students to raise funds for our school. The teachers and staff are also excited about participating in this healthy and safe activity.

The "Race for Education" is a walk-a-thon which involves all our students from preschool through Grade 8. They will be walking at the Mount Anthony Union High School Track for one solid hour starting at 9 AM. Students solicited sponsors by asking them to give a donation to the school.

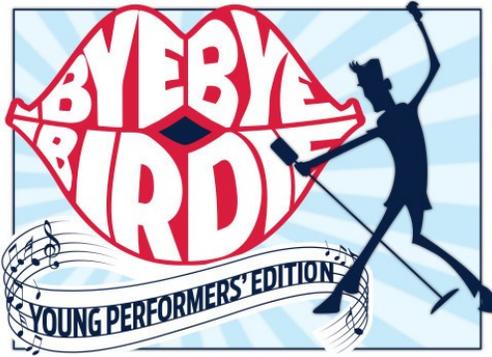


We look forward to another great event. Come join the fun . We look forward to seeing you on May 16.

We are always seeking new students. If you know of any family who may be interested in enrolling their children, please let us know or have them give us a call. Word of mouth is a great marketing tool. Maintaining our enrollment is crucial to our existence. Please help your school community.

May Crowning

Our May Crowning honoring our Blessed Mother will take place on Friday, May 13, during the 9 AM First Friday Liturgy at the church. The eighth grade class will be planning this devotional tribute to Mary. Songs and prayers to Mary will be incorporated. We hope that many of you will be able to share in this beautiful tradition celebrated by Catholics throughout the world during the month of May.



Our middle school students will be presenting “Bye-Bye Birdie” on Thursday, May 12, Friday,

May 13, and Saturday, May 14, in our Multi-Purpose Room. All three shows will begin at 7:30 PM. Tickets will go on sale **starting Monday, May 9 and not before.** Admission is \$5 per person. We are asking that you get your seats ahead of time as all seats will be numbered. There will be no need to wait in line if you have pre-purchased your specific seat number. The earlier you buy your tickets, the better seats you will get.

The 60-minute musical, designed for middle-school aged performers, is an adaptation designed specifically for young performers by Marty Johnson. Written by Michael Stewart, the music was composed by Charles Strouse with lyrics by Lee Adams. Our entire Middle School will be performing in this year’s production.

Grandparents Day

We would like to invite all grandparents or special friends of our students to join us on Friday, May 27, for a special afternoon beginning at 1:15 PM. The afternoon celebration will begin with a brief presentation entitled “Best Self—Best Work—Best World” in the multi-purpose room followed by a reception on the lawn. The children and their guests look forward to this event every year. Please pass on the word early so that the date can be put on their calendars. Our celebration this year will be hosted by the fifth grade parents.



COME TO OUR
FEELIN' GROOVY BOOK FAIR!

Thursday—Saturday

May 19-21

More details coming soon!

Terra Nova Testing

All schools in our Diocese will be taking the Terra Nova Achievement tests beginning Monday, May 2, and continuing through Friday, May 6 for most grades. Grades 1 through 8 will be testing at various times throughout the week. It will be important for your child to be well rested and at school on time during testing week. Testing will begin promptly following prayer at 8:15 AM during testing week. It is very difficult to schedule time for students to make up tests when they are missing from or late for testing sessions. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Uniforms—Shipping News!

Once again this year, rather than coming to school for uniform measuring for next year, Flynn and O'Hara will be offering free shipping to all Sacred Heart St. Francis parents who order uniforms (minimum purchase \$50) from June 13 until June 20. You can order online or call the toll free number, 1-800-441-4122. The CODE for free shipping is SHIPFREE16.



Congratulations to all our students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion during the month of May.

God bless you always!

Calendar of Events

- May 2-6 Terra Nova Achievement Testing
- May 9 Registration Fees and Tuition Contracts for next year are due today.
- May 12, 13, and 14 "Bye-Bye Birdie" 7:30 PM
- May 13 Crowning of Mary at Church 9:00 AM
- May 16 Race for Education
- May 19, 20, and 21 Scholastic Book Fair
- May 26 Eighth Grade Trip to New York City
- May 27 Grandparents Day 1:15 PM
- May 30 Memorial Day - No School
- May 31 School Concert (Chorus/Bands) 7 PM
- June 1 SVSU Track Meet (Grades 5 & 6) at MAUHS (Noon)
- June 3 First Friday Mass—9 AM at church
- June 7 Last school day for Eighth Graders
- June 7 Eighth Grade Completion Ceremony, Dinner, and Dance 5 PM—9:30 PM
- June 8 and 9 Early Dismissal at NOON
- June 9 Adventure Day and Barbecue
- June 9 Preschool and Kindergarten Ceremony 12:30 PM
- June 10 Awards Assembly 9:30 AM
- June 10 Last Day of School (Dismissal will be at the completion of awards.)
- June 22 Annual Golf Scramble MACC

Mission Statement

*Providing excellence in
academics and a deepening
faith in God and Gospel
Values in an environment
that is caring, challenging,
and respectful, striving to
develop in every student
the habits of thinking
critically and acting
responsibly in daily life.*

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From the Principal's Desk

As summer draws near, you and your family may be eagerly awaiting a break from the daily routines of the school year. This shift from school to summer break, however welcome, can affect your entire family. It is a transition phase that may pose special challenges for your child, especially if he or she has learning or attention problems. There are steps you can take to smooth this transition and create a summer routine that benefits the entire family. Here are three practical tips for successfully shifting from school to summer break.

Summer Schedule: Review the summer plans you have made thus far. First, think about your main concerns for summer: child care and transportation arrangements and possible learning activities such as camps and other summer programs. Then, remember to allow time for spontaneous activities, places and people to visit when time permits or the mood strikes. It is helpful to keep a running list of these activities. Finally be sure to allow some unstructured time for your child to “just be a child.”

Healthy Snacks: Healthy snacks help children re-energize throughout their active day. Make sure portions are small so the snack will not interfere with meals. There are many recipes for making healthy snacks fun to eat.

Summer Learning and Reading: Summer learning programs offset the “summer slide,” the tendency for students to regress academically when they are not in school. All students tend to fall behind in math and reading during the summer because they have fewer opportunities to practice these skills. You may want to check with your child’s teacher about local resources. In addition, joining a reading program at the library is often motivation for young readers. The internet can also be a good resource for reinforcing both reading and math skills.

Finally, decide that you will greet the summer in a relaxed manner and with a sense of humor and joy for the opportunity to enjoy your family in a new way!

