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**Principal's May Newsletter #3  
May 16, 2017**

**To: All Parents  
From: Maria Tollefson**

**MAY CROWNING 2017**

It is one of my most treasured Catholic memories as a young girl growing up in Buffalo, New York – to be chosen as a second grader to crown the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary. Wearing my first communion white dress, the crowning ceremony along with the songs sung will and always be a highlight of my Catholic upbringing.



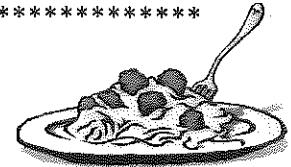
*Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria.  
Hail mother of mercy and of love, O Maria.  
Triumph all ye cherubim, sing with us ye seraphim.  
Heaven and earth resound the hymn.  
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina.*

I wish that all of our children were welcomed into the fold of the Catholic faith with the innocence and tenderness of singing seraphim with our mother of mercy and love.

**PLEASE JOIN OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, MAY 19, AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CHURCH FOR THE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL MAY CROWNING CEREMONY.** Parents are requested to read the dress code for the students that has been sent home for the last three weeks. Thank you, Mrs. Dean for once again organizing our annual May Crowning.

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**ARE YOU READY TO ENJOY A DELICIOUS SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER AND APPLAUD THE TALENTS OF MANY OF OUR STUDENTS?**



**Tonight is the night – dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by the talent show at 6:30 p.m. And all of this is free – the school's way of thanking our parents for all of their help this past year.** A thank you to our mothers who helped Mrs. Dean with the talent show and helped me making the meatballs and to Mr. Piatek who installed our new kitchen stove so that our cooks can prepare tonight's dinner.

With the end of the school year approaching the **deadline for parent responsibilities regarding tuition, day care, service hours and scrip purchases was April 30<sup>th</sup>.** It is very important that parents submit whatever is due by the end of this week. The second and final parent status letters will be sent home on Tuesday, May 23<sup>th</sup>.

**Also, there are still many families that still have not turned in their 2017-2018 Parent Agreements with the registration fees.** Once again it is emphasized that school staffing depends on enrollment numbers. Tuition assistance is available for the next school year. Please go on-line and submit the FACTS application form. Parents who have already done this will be informed by the end of the week of what their tuition assistant amounts have been awarded to the family.

**A St. Didacus Parish School Student is...**

- a Christ-centered person
- an effective communicator
- a life-long learner
- a responsible citizen



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....

- **Correction to the First in Math final standings.** On Monday, a representative from First in Math, Mrs. Jill Henderson, will attend our morning assembly to present this year's awards to both the school and top students. St. Didacus School finished second in the diocese, third in California and ninth in the nation. Our top student was seventh grader, Joshua Pajimola, who placed sixth in the nation. The second place student, Joann Cayabyab, finished sixteen in the nation and Kyubo Shim finished twenty-third in the nation. Our students solved over 3.6 million math problems this year on the website. More importantly they solved them in critical skill areas: fact, procedural and word problem fluency. **KUDOS TO OUR STUDENTS' NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENT!**
- **Look in today's family envelopes for the invitation to this year's sports banquet.** On Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., all of our athletes who participated in junior varsity or varsity sports for the three seasons – fall, winter, and spring – will be recognized. We will also recognize our cheerleaders who did a superb job leading the crowds in cheering our teams onto victory.
- **Join our school families for the last All School Family Mass** this Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. sponsored by Mrs. Ramirez and grade one. All students attending are requested to wear their church dress uniforms in exchange for either a free dress coupon or no homework pass. **After Mass join the parish community at the Fifth Annual Kermes** in the parish hall. From 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. you can enjoy the best Mexican food in town – tamales, tacos, nachos and more. It is a party with games, food and music. **Let us fill the church on Sunday and after support our parish event.**
- Stop by the school office and see the school's logo wear that is on sale. We have added some sharp-looking plastic mugs that sell for \$10.00 each. There are also coffee mugs and shirts.
- **Only 19 school days left in this school year. Have you marked your calendars for all the year-events?????**
  - Thursday, May 18 -Student Council Elections, speeches at 2:00 p.m.
  - Friday, May 26 – Staff/Grade 8 Volleyball Games, 1:45 p.m.
  - Tuesday, May 30 – Sports Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday, May 31 – Last All School Mass, 8:30 a.m.
  - Thursday, June 1 – Court of Awards, 7:00 p.m.
  - Friday, June 2 – Kindergarten Donuts for Dad, 9:00 a.m.
  - Tuesday, June 6 – Thank you dinner for all PTG and School Advisory Board members, 6:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday, June 7 – Preschool Graduation, 8:30 a.m.
  - Thursday, June 8 – Kindergarten Promotion, 8:30 a.m.  
Graduation Luncheon, 12:45 p.m.
  - Friday, June 9 – Graduation Morning Assembly, 8:00 a.m.  
Baccalaureate Mass/Graduation, 6:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, June 11 – All School Family Picnic (Farewell to Fr. Mike), 1:00 p.m.
  - Monday, June 12 – Field Day (Grades One – Seven)
  - Tuesday, June 13 – Last Day of School (Minimum Day)



### BIG CATCH-OF-THE-WEEK

STELLA OCCHIALINI

Grade 7

For being a Christ-centered person