

# Teacher Appreciation Week

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## ST. DIDACUS PARISH SCHOOL

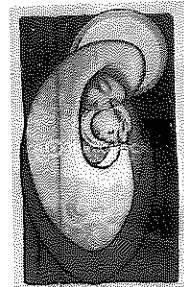
### A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE

Principal's May Newsletter #1  
May 2, 2017

To: All Parents  
From: Maria Tollefson

#### Honoring the Virgin Mary in May

The Queen of Heaven is so revered for her relationship with Christ and her love and guidance of her earthly children, the Catholic Church has dedicated the month of May in her honor. Pope Paul VI wrote that May is the month Christians offer the Virgin Mother more "fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."



Our classrooms will adorn their prayer corners with the statue of Mary and flowers. At every morning assembly during this month our Blessed Mother will be the main focus of our prayers.

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#### *OH, WHAT A NIGHT IT WAS IN MARRAKECH!*

From the moment you entered the Southwestern Yacht Club the vibrant colors of pink, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet immediately welcomed you into what would prove to be a night of merriment and great friendship. Chair Cathy Madrigal and her committee outdid themselves once again to ensure that the night would be a financial success. Cathy Ward, our decorator extraordinaire, performed her magic throughout the entire club and Mick Ward, emcee and auctioneer, kept everyone in a jovial mood and digging into their pockets to bid on all of the great live auction items. Although a financial report will not be available for a few more days our students were the big winners of the evening. Thank you also to Eileen Lepis, Kim Newton, Kris Riley, Rosane Boyd, Mary O'Connor, Susan Nichols, Leslie Sennett, all the room mothers and parents who contributed to the success of the night.



The 2017 Fund-an-Item reached its goal of \$20,000 with a special thank you to parishioner Mrs. Genevieve Keyser who made sure that the goal was obtained. This summer the auditorium will get a new roof and the bathrooms adjacent to the library will be remodeled. Congratulations to the raffle winners - \$1,000 the Rhee Family, \$350 Melissa Garrison and \$250 Alan Perez.

Hats off to a record number fourteen of our sixth graders who earned honor bracelets at camp last week for their outstanding behavior. Congratulations to Rico Barraza-Corpus, Emma Becker, Christina Benavente, Casey Dellacato, Sadie Henry, Josie Lauria, Emily Lindgren, Stephanie Malveda, Nina Renda, Raeiley Reyes, Christina Shen, Diego Torres, Caden Webster, and Dafydd Zamora. A special token of gratitude to Ms. Steponovich, Mrs. Lepis, and Mrs. Ramirez who chaperoned and to the parents that chauffeured the sixth graders to and from camp.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

- **Parent agreements and the registration fee of \$350 for the 2017-2018 school year are now due in the school office.** The registration fee of \$325 for each additional children in a family will be due on May 11, 2017. **Please note that the final registration of a student is not official until all obligations for this school year have been met. THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING SERVICE HOURS AND SCRIP OBLIGATIONS WAS SUNDAY, APRIL 30. Parent status letters will be sent home on Tuesday, May 23.** Please submit delinquent tuition and daycare payments and all necessary paperwork to the school by Friday, May 19.
- **Have you ordered your Padre tickets for Catholic School's Night at Petco Park on May 19<sup>th</sup>???** As in the past, twelve to fifteen of our students have the opportunity to walk on the field for the pregame ceremony. If you have your order in for your tickets and would like your student(s) to participate please let Mrs. Tollefson know as soon as possible. Students selected will need to wear their church dress uniform on the field and must have their own ticket with them. The line-up area will begin at 6:20 p.m. and will be staged outside the Western Metal Building on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Staff members will chaperone the students on and off the field.
- Please refer to the information sheet found in today's weekly envelopes regarding the **annual May Crowning on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.** Mrs. Dean will notify students and parents if they have been selected to participate in the court as grade level representatives and king and queen.
- **This Friday, the first Friday of the month, will be a minimum day with dismissal at 12:00 p.m.** There will be after school daycare until the normal hour of 6:00 p.m. At 11:15 a.m. on Friday, the student council will hold the **Spring Sports Rally** in the auditorium. Cheerleaders will perform and members of the girls' basketball and co-ed soccer teams will be recognized.
- **In the month of May other important events will be taken place...**
  - May 1 through May 19 – STAR Testing
  - Saturday, May 6 – First Communion Retreat, 10:00 a.m., St. Didacus Parish Hall
  - Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9 and 10 - Preschool Mother's Day Teas, 10:30 a.m.
  - Wednesday, May 10 – Choir Performance at Mater Dei Catholic High School, 5:30 p.m.
  - Friday, May 12 – Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea, 9:00 a.m.
  - Saturday, May 13 – First Communion for Grade Two Students, 10:00 a.m.
  - Tuesday, May 16 – Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show, 5:30 p.m.
  - Friday, May 19 – May Crowning, 9:30 a.m.

**Catholic Schools Night at the Padres**

  - Sunday, May 21 – All School Family Mass sponsored by Grade One, 10:00 a.m.
  - Thursday, May 25 – Grade Eight Trip to Disneyland
  - Friday, May 26 – Staff/Grade 8 Volleyball Game, 1:45 p.m.
  - Monday, May 29 – No School – Memorial Day
  - Tuesday, May 30 – Sports Banquet for all three seasons, 6:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday, May 31 – Last All School Mass, 8:30 a.m.



**BIG CATCH OF THE WEEK**  
**MARCELO JABER**  
**Grade 4**

A St. Didacus Parish School Student is...  
• a Christ-centered person • an effective communicator  
• a life-long learner • a responsible citizen