May 10, 2017

Dear Parents,

Our Spring Program is tomorrow, Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Every student has a part in the concert portion of the program and every student will have art projects on display at the St. Joseph Art Gallery. At 5:45, the Art Gallery, displayed in the gym will be open from 5:45-6:20 p.m. Piano students will also be playing during this time. At 6:20, a bell will invite all students to gather in their classrooms so they may process to the church together for the concert portion of the evening. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. Grandparents, neighbors, and friends are certainly welcome to join us in the evening celebrating Art and Music. Students are asked to dress up for this evening. Following the program, please pick up your children from their homerooms so we are certain children are safely united with mom or dad. We look forward to this wonderful evening together.

We have a built-in snow day on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Since we did not use all of our scheduled snow days, May 12<sup>th</sup> will be a day of *no school* for the students. We hope everyone will be able to enjoy the spring time outdoors and have extra time with the family.

The annual Penny War Event begins next week on Monday. It will run from May  $15^{th}-19^{th}$ . The classroom that earns the most "points" wins. Pennies count positively toward the score and all other coins and dollar bills count negatively toward the score. There will be a jar representing each classroom. Feel free to stop in at the end of the day and help your child place pennies in the jar of his choice. You may also send along a bag of pennies or coins in your child's backpack and the teachers will help them drop coins in the jars. On Friday, May 19th we will have a countdown 'til the final minute and the event will end at 2:50 p.m. sharp! The money has traditionally been split between a charity of our student representatives' choice and for the needs of the school. We look forward to announcing the winner of this event.

Please read the enclosed flier about the "Spring Catch". Mark your calendars for next week Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. You may buy tickets in advance which we would appreciate for planning purposes. However, please know that tickets can be purchased at the door. We hope that as many of you as possible can come and share in this fun evening of fellowship! You won't want to miss it!

For those who have a child entering Kindergarten next fall, we have Kindergarten screening throughout the day on Tuesday, May 16th. You will find a note in today's letter with more details.

We have 4 Masses remaining for this school year. Even though shorts are now a part of our uniform, please remember that shorts should <u>not be worn on Wednesdays</u> at Mass. In the event that the day might be sweltering hot, please know that your child may change into shorts once he/she returns to school.

This Sunday is Mother's Day! Thank you to all mothers on this day and I hope you may spend a happy and relaxing day together as family! Enjoy your day.

It will be wonderful to see many of you tomorrow night at the Spring Showcase!

Sincerely, Administrative Team