ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EAGLE'S NEST NEWS

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday
7:50 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Friday
7:50 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

School Mass every Friday at 9:30 A.M. Please join us! LINK IS THE SAME EVERY WEEK.

Extended care available at 7:00 every school morning and until 5:30 P.M. every school day

School Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 3:30
Friday 7:30 - 1:00

Dear St. Joseph Catholic School Families,

May is the month of Mary. I share with you some words of Pope Francis.

Our Lady gives the Church the feel of a home, a home in which the God of newness dwells. Let us receive with amazement the mystery of the Mother of God. Let us allow ourselves to be gazed upon, to be embraced, and to be taken by the hand.

Especially in times of need, when we are entangled in life's knots, we rightly lift our eyes to Our Lady, to Our Mother. Yet first, we should let ourselves be gazed upon by Our Lady. When she gazes upon us, she does not see sinners but children. It is said that the eyes are the mirror of the soul; the eyes of Mary, full of grace, reflect the beauty of God, they show us a reflection of heaven. As she gazes upon us, she says: "Take heart, dear children; here I am, your Mother!" This maternal gaze, which instills confidence and trust, helps us to grow in faith. Faith is a bond with God that engages the whole person; to be preserved, it needs the Mother of God. Her maternal gaze helps us see ourselves as beloved children in God's faithful people, and to love one another regardless of our individual limitations and approaches. Mary's gaze reminds us that faith demands a tenderness that can save us from becoming lukewarm. Mary never points to herself but to Jesus; and our brothers and sisters, for Mary is mother.

Our Lady took everything to heart; she embraced everything, events both good and bad. And she pondered all these things; she brought them before God. This was her secret. In the same way, she now takes to heart the life of each of us: she wants to embrace our every situation and to present it to God.

In today's fragmented world, where we risk losing our bearings, a Mother's embrace is essential. The world is completely connected, yet seems increasingly disjointed. We need to entrust ourselves to our Mother. Mary is a cure for solitude and dispersion. She is the Mother of con-solation: she stands "with" those who are "alone". She knows that words are not enough to console; presence is needed, and she is present as a mother. Let us allow her to embrace our lives.

"We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God".
I have a very open door policy. Please do not hesitate to call, email or come by (with your mask of course!).

Wishing you peace and joy,

Kathy Van Loan, Principal

Mark your calendars –

May 17 – 21 – last week of school with ***12:30 dismissal all week*** – **No after care Friday May 21st.**

May 17 – 8:30 AM Staff VS 8th grade volleyball game

May 19 – 8th grade Mass and promotion – 9 AM in the church

May 20 – Kindergarten promotion 8:30 in the church

May 20 – PK promotion 10:30 in the church

May 21 – last day of school for grades 1 – 7. 12:30 dismissal – ***No after care.***

ADORATION

WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN ADORATION FOLLOWING MASS FRIDAY MAY 14 AND 21. FATHER ROBERT WILL BE TEACHING / REMINDING US ABOUT ADORATION FOLLOWING MASS ON FRIDAY. YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THEIR TIME FOR ADORATION GRADES 3 – 8.

MAY CROWNING FRIDAY MAY 7

8th grade girls read about the Mysteries of the Rosary. 3rd grade crowned Mary.

FRIDAY MASS

Father Robert will say Mass for the school only (we cannot allow family members at this time) and Mass will be live broadcast beginning at 9:30

Here is the link for Mass:
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/916910733

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.To you God entrusted his only Son;in you Mary placed her trust;with you Christ became man.Blessed Joseph, to us too,show yourself a fatherand guide us in the path of life.Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,and defend us from every evil. Amen.