

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Prayers and Acknowledgements

Over the weekend, Mr. Herbert W. Bachelder, the father of our computer teacher, Ms. Kerry Peele, passed away after a long illness. We ask for your prayers for Ms. Peele and her family during this time of loss. He was a fine man with the happiness only a Chicago Cubs fan would know. He had broad shoulders, a quick deep laugh, and the easy ways of the mid-westerner he was. He was a devout Polish Catholic, very proud of Pope John Paul II. May he rest in peace and may his wife and family be strengthened by their love and faith in the Risen Lord. We also pray for the soul of Leone Palacios, the great-grandfather of Rachel and Kimberly Lopez. He passed away over the weekend at the age of 100. Mr. Lopez mentioned Mr. Palacios was the father of 12 children, and leaves behind many grandchildren. A mass of celebration and resurrection was held this week. May he rest in peace.

All students who participated in the walk-a-thon on Sunday will be rewarded with a free-dress day tomorrow, April 14th. We want to thank all of our parent volunteers and event coordinator, Laure Moon. It was a beautiful day! We wish to thank Archbishop Riordan High School for the use of their facility.

We have two students, 8th grader Kathleen Esling, and Kindergartener Caroline Castaneda, participating in the Mercy High School production of "Gypsy," which opens this weekend. There's no business like show business! Good luck girls!

Report Cards and Summer School Requirements/Recommendations

Third quarter report cards go home this week. Please review and encourage where necessary. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Let's finish the year strong! A letter will be going home to parents of children we have either required, or recommended, attend summer school. Information regarding local summer school programs will be made available in the school lobby. Some of the more popular programs include: St. Peter's, School of the Epiphany, Sacred Heart-Cathedral High School, Archbishop Riordan High School, and Mercy High School. The high schools also have after school sports and recreation programs. In addition, these schools offer enrichment programs.

Fire Lane Parking

We have had some issues during game days, as well as practice days, of cars double-parked and parked squarely in the open lane between the school and parish. When it is a Sunday, and we have parishioners who are attending Mass, it accentuates the problem. We do have a "Do Not Park" sign that will be placed in the lane. Short of that, we need to rely on the good judgment of our school and parish families. Indeed, we have been told that police will start issuing tickets, and the parish/school could face a stiff fine. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Parent Volunteers Wanted!

Please see the attached Flyers regarding the upcoming Field Day and Carnival (May 17th), and the Environmental Detectives Assembly (May 5th). We need lots of volunteers! Remember, you must be fingerprinted in compliance with the Archdiocesan policy (through Livescan).

Service Hour Updates

Service Hour updates will be going home today. Mr. Colville and Mrs. Olivo would like to thank the many families who have completed their service hour commitment and are still contributing their time and effort. It demonstrates an unselfish commitment to our students and our school. Thank you!

Book Fair Coming Soon

The Book Fair is coming soon! Flyers with dates and times, as well as volunteer sign-up will be going home in today's Wednesday's envelope. Please note we have added a Sunday Book Fair day for your shopping convenience.

125th Parish Anniversary Celebration

Finger foods are needed for the Reception on April 24th. Service hour credit will be given to those who are able to assist with this effort. Also, if anyone would like to help set up for the event, help serve punch, or clean up, please contact the Rectory. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in making this event a success.

Teacher Appreciation (Request from Parent Group)

Teacher Appreciation will be recognized on Wednesday, June 1st. We need volunteers to help oversee the classrooms, yard, and office, so our faculty and staff can enjoy a catered lunch. The lunch will take place from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will need 9-12 classroom volunteers, and 2 volunteers for the office. Please consider volunteering on this day, as we need to cover the jobs of our wonderful and hard-working faculty/staff. Remember you must be fingerprinted through Livescan, for St. Paul's, in order to volunteer.

Walk-a-thon pledges due this Friday, April 15th

Thank you to all who participated and/or volunteered in the 6th annual St. Paul's School Walk-a-thon this past Sunday. Please collect the last of your pledges. All money is due in the school office by this Friday, April 15. Prizes will be announced within the next two weeks. Results will be published in the Wednesday bulletins. Free dress is awarded this Thursday, April 14th, to all those students who participated. Please check with the school office if you lost an earring at the Archbishop Riordan track.

Lost and Found

If you are missing any uniform items, etc., please check the Lost & Found Box in the school office. Items not picked up by Monday, April 18th will be laundered and sold at our Used Uniform Sale.

eScrip Recycling

Thanks to all who have contributed to the inkjet/cell phone recycling. eScrip Recycling recently sent us a check for \$70.00, and we have another shipment for which we are awaiting payment.

Sincerely,

Bruce Colville, Principal