



May 11, 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy Mother's Day to all the women among us who nurture life physically, emotionally, spiritually! Your feminine touch softens the edges and crassness of reality in our world. Your welcoming spirit invites others to come to warmth, hospitality, and security. You are truly instruments of God's peace! May your Mother's Day be all that you need it to be for you and your loved ones!

Tomorrow, at 1:00, in church, our parish school will honor our parish patroness, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, with our May Crowning ceremony. Everyone is invited to come to honor the Blessed Mother and to see our 8th graders receive their ribbons. The honor of crowning the Blessed Mother on behalf of our parish school and the Class of 2017 will be:

Elizabeth Cichowicz
Michael McClorey

CONGRATULATIONS to our Battle of the Books Teams! Our 5th grade team and our 6th/7th grade team won their competitions on Tuesday! We are so proud of and happy for every team member! Some of our students have already begun to read books for next year's competition. Way to go!

5 K Walk/Run update! God's hand was surely upon us! In spite of chilly, windy, overcast weather, the event produced a profit of **\$10,800!** This was beyond our expectations! Again, thank you to our organizers, our volunteers, our patrons, and our participants!

Mrs. Page is sending home required physical, dental, and/or eye exam forms today! Specific grade levels will receive the required forms! Please put these forms in a safe place, and make these appointments during summer. These health forms are required by the State of Illinois!

We need our parents to step up! All tuition was to be paid in full by April. Unfortunately, there is still unpaid tuition in the amount of \$15,600. With all that we experienced this past year with finances and keeping the school open, this can't happen. Students will be held out of school and/or report cards will not be issued, transcripts not sent to high schools, diplomas not issued, and field trips not taken. Please don't make us the "bad guys" for expecting our parents to be fiscally responsible for services that have already been rendered to our students.

Just a few calendar reminders this week:

O.L.O.R. will hold an Open House this Monday, May 15th, between 6:00 and 8:00. This event is for new families, so talk it up to anyone who might have a school age child. We need to "regrow" our enrollment! Help us out!

Our Communicants are invited to participate in our parish May Crowning this Sunday at the start of 9:30 Mass. The children should wear their Communion outfits.

Mark Friday, June 2nd, on your calendar! Besides being the last day of school, we will host a Save Our School Thank You Party at Our Lady. More information will come home in the near future.

See our final Sip and Shop flyer for tonight's event!

The O.L.O.R. Band will present the Spring Concert on Tuesday evening, at 7:00, in the gym. All are welcome!

Keep referring to the May calendar for all the events prior to the closing of school.

Blessings on your week! Love your family enough to bring them to Eucharist this weekend at Our Lady!

Peace and all good!

St. Stephanie