



May 5, 2017

Dear Parents,

Greetings for the first week of May! The mad dash to the end of the year has begun! Keep those calendars handy to know what's happening at our school and parish!

**THANK YOU TO THE HEARTY SOULS** who made our Second Annual 5K Walk/Run a success! Despite the wind, clouds, and chilly temperature all went smoothly. (We now know that a Jumpy House can actually fit inside the gym!) Once again, our School Board Members, with the assistance of dedicated parents, parishioners, and civic/local organizations, did an outstanding job. Thanks in a very special way to Chris Lavin, Marianne Gillfillan, Sara Aldworth, and Dorothy Welborn. Thank you to all who walked/ran, who donated any type of goods or supplies, photography talents, offered help or expertise, moral or spiritual support, or in any other way, assisted in helping our 5K be another success!

**Teacher Appreciation Week** has been a special treat! Thank you to parents who wrote notes of gratitude, sent in scrumptious treats, and thoughtful gifts. The teachers, staff, and I felt every ounce of love in each gesture. Thank you to our Parent Club for organizing and directing the TLC for us this week. We are most grateful and blessed!

A very special day will be celebrated for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders this Saturday. They will receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Eucharist on May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00. The girls and boys have prepared their hearts for a long time for this special day. All are welcome to celebrate with our school and parish students this Saturday. Your prayers for the boys and girls, as well as their teachers, would be a wonderful gift!

Our Lady of the Ridge will participate in the Battle of the Books next Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Students volunteered to be team members, read required books, and compete against other teams at the Chicago Ridge Library. All are welcome to cheer on our teams. I suggest you come early because the library fills up quickly. Blessings and good luck to our team members:

GRADE 5

Benjamin Brodie  
Gnian Derequito  
Alicja Kusper  
Anna Lazarz  
Julian Lopez  
Caroline Murphy

GRADE 6

Eleanor Aldworth  
Alexander Cichowicz

GRADE 7

Faith Nelson  
Cadence Stemen

All are welcome to join our school community as we crown the Blessed Mother next Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 in church. Our First Communicants will be the honor guard for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will lead the

rosary and receive their Graduation ribbons. It's a lovely tribute to the Blessed Mother and the formal presentation of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as the Class of 2017. Consider attending the ceremony to honor our Mother Mary and seeing our 8<sup>th</sup> graders begin the last leg of their journey with us at Our Lady.

Several informational items:

- Our Safety Patrol and Altar Servers have received an invitation today to a Hot Dog Day. It's our way of expressing our gratitude for their service to the parish and school. See the flyer for details!
- An invitation is coming home today to invite parent/grandparent volunteers to our Mass and fellowship in the gym on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. An RSVP is required! Hope to see you there!
- Information about ordering a pizza lunch on May 30<sup>th</sup> is coming home today. Orders must meet the deadline and be prepaid. Late orders will not be accepted.
- Fr. Wayne has invited our First Communicants to wear their outfits to church this weekend so the parish community can congratulate and welcome them to the Altar of the Lord.

Blessings on the rest of your week! Love your family enough to bring them to worship with us at Our Lady this weekend!

Peace and all good!

*St. Stephanie*