

Thursday, September 15

Happy Thursday! Thank goodness for a much needed break from the heat. I wanted to take a moment and acknowledge all of the hard work that went into planning the Parish picnic and what a great event it turned out to be. Our students were so excited all of last week, and genuinely had a great time last Sunday. Our community should feel proud that we come together to support our Parish and our Parish school the way we do!

We hope that you will mark your calendars for our **Fall Family Fun Fest this October 15 from 6:30p-8:30p**. Many of you attended this event last year and enjoyed food, fun, activities, prayer, and family! This year our Fall Family Fun Fest will center around the Falcon Five. In addition, this year, we are able to transition the Fun Fest from a paid event to a donation based event in order to have even more families attend! Because we serve food, it will be important that each family RSVP's to this event. If you would like to volunteer your time or talent to help run a station please contact Natalie Hammer at nataliehammer@gmail.com. Please look for an email invite and RSVP in the very near future.

On a very serious note, we would like to ask for prayers for a Norton high school student who was killed yesterday in a bus accident. Our students will be making a prayer chain for the student body of Norton High School and delivering it to them on Monday. Because the safety of our students is our number one priority I would like to take a moment to review our drop off and pick up procedures. In the morning, we prefer that all car riders enter through the back entrance of the building on State St. and come through the car rider line alongside the mobile unit trailer (Preschool and Pre-K parents, please see your communication from Mrs. Gilbert). We ask that you keep the main entrance open for busses only. Car riders will get dropped off at the Kindergarten hallway door and bus riders will be dropped of at the main entrance.

Pick up will take place the same way. Car riders will be in the courtyard by the Kindergarten hallway doors and parents should pull through the same car rider line. We ask that you **do not** pass other cars in the car rider line. Many families with multiple children pick up students on both sides of the car. Additionally, we ask that you do not park and get out of your car to pick your student up from the courtyard. We have adults out there who call students by the orange nameplate on your dashboard to ensure that your child goes home safely with the person who is designated to pick them up.

We also ask that if you are parent visiting or volunteering in the building that you only use the lower lot directly in front of the school for parking. We need to reserve the upper parking lot by the garage for our elderly visitors who need daily access to the Upper Room. Finally, we have noticed that often times the flashing lights in front of the school are not always visible due to

nature taking its course, but please remember that the speed limit outside of the school is 20 mph and inside the parking lot is 10 mph. There are students out in the parking lot at all times of the day traveling to the Church, their specials classes or for recess. We appreciate you partnering with us in all of our efforts to ensure that all of our students remain safe at all times.

<u>Pride Day!</u>	<u>Student Council Elections</u>	<u>Writing Proficiency</u>
<p>Our first pride day is quickly approaching! On Wednesday, September 21 students are permitted to wear <u>ANY</u> Falcons/St. Francis spirit wear top they may have with their regular uniform bottoms. They can be tie-dye, bedazzled, glittered, sports related, etc.</p> <p>We would like to congratulate Rachel Smeiles in 3rd grade as the T-shirt contest winner! Rachel's design has been submitted to a t-shirt company who will digitalize it and create an online order form for parents to order the 2016-2017 school year t-shirt. Please be on the lookout for more details soon!</p>	<p>Any student in grades 5-8 who is interested in running for class officer should pick up a sign-up sheet in the office. You can also find that document here.</p> <p>Please remember you will need to get a signature from all of your core teachers.</p> <p>We will have activities and spirit committee applications after Class Officer elections are over.</p> <p>I am looking forward to another great STUCO year!</p>	<p>In an effort to keep parents most informed about current Diocesan policies, I would like to mention that it was announced yesterday that all Writing Proficiency tests will no longer take place effective immediately.</p>
<u>MAPS Testing K-4</u>	<u>High School Night</u>	<u>A letter from our School Counselor</u>
<p>In grades K-4 we will be implementing MAPS (Measure of Academic Progress) testing. This will help us to gauge on a more regular basis where students stand with regard to mastery of standards, achievement level within their class, and</p>	<p>All interested 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their parents are invited to attend a High School Night hosted by St. Barnabas School in Northfield.</p> <p>It will take place on Wednesday, September 28</p>	<p>Please also note that there is a letter in your Thursday folder from Ms. Grimm, our School Counselor, for 5th and 6th grade parents and another letter for our 7th and 8th grade parents.</p> <p>These letters detail a new</p>

<p>get an accurate projection where they will be in each stage of their learning.</p> <p>Teachers will provide more information to K-4 parents as the first testing window nears in October.</p> <p>If you would like additional information, please visit this site to view some of the research on why this product is so successful.</p>	<p>from 6:30p-8:30p. You can find more information on the flyer in your Thursday folder.</p>	<p>program she will be implementing from 8a-8:30a on select mornings. These programs will focus on everything from study skills to organizational habits to leadership.</p> <p>Please be sure to read the back of the letter to see which modules will cover which material.</p> <p>If you are interested please drop your student off on the designated dates by 7:55a.</p>
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Last but not least, in order to have each person sign off, we have provided you with a paper copy of the handbook signoff. Please sign the form and return it to your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher(s) tomorrow, Friday, September 16.

Have a wonderful weekend!

In Christ,

Miss Buzzelli