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# Parent News May

*Learning to Love  
God and Each  
Other*

*Living Faith  
Engaging Minds  
Embracing  
Community  
Inspiring Integrity*

*Learning for Life*

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## **Eighth Grade Musical**

We can't wait to hear the voices of our eighth grade students and watch them dance at their musical on Friday evening, May 5th at All Souls Parish. The musical is about a crazy classroom in a mixed up school and is called "Recess".

The dress rehearsal will be held on Thursday morning, May 4, and students in grades K-7 will attend. Children will take buses to and from All

Souls and we will be asking parents to send a donation of \$1.00 or \$2.00 to help offset the cost of the buses.

**Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the performance for a minimum donation of \$2.00 for adults and young adults, \$1.00 for children 6-14 and no charge for those five and under.** This minimal charge helps us to pay for

the rights to the play and for props and costumes. If anyone is able to donate more we would be grateful.

**Many thanks to those parents who helped with rides back and forth from rehearsal for the month before the play and helped with costumes and props.**

## **Wine and Cheese for the SAVE Foundation**

As you know, Holy Trinity Catholic School is an accredited Virtue Based Restorative Discipline School. We are proud of the fact the we were the very first school in the Archdiocese to earn this distinction. Many of the teachers on staff are on the planning committee of the Archdiocese for Restorative Discipline training. This past year a new non-profit organization was formed, called the SAVE Foundation, with the purpose of promoting virtue and restorative

practices, including non-violent ways to settle problems and disputes, into the wider community. Members of our Holy Trinity staff and several parents of our school community are on the board of the SAVE (Social Action and Virtue Education) Foundation.

We have gotten a small grant and we are working on our second small grant and a larger grant next year in order to have the money to continue training outreach personnel. We are also holding

fundraisers when we can. Our second fundraiser is a **wine and cheese event** here at school on Friday evening, May 19. The time is 6:00 -8:00pm, adults twenty-one and older are welcome. The cost is \$10.00 per person when tickets are purchased before the event and \$15.00

Please think about joining us for this fun evening! Tickets are available in the school office.

## Field Day, May 12, Parent Volunteers Needed



We are all looking forward to our annual Field Day on Fri., May 12, for grades Kindergarten through 8. Field Day teams are composed of students from every grade level. The eighth grade students are the team captains and they choose the team color and the name of their team. We could use parent help as well! Please return the volunteer form going

home today if you can help.

Students are to wear their uniform shorts and tennis shoes with their team shirt; this is not a free dress day. Students may always choose to wear their uniform rather than a "team" shirt.

Pray for great weather as Field Day will not be rescheduled in case of rain; we will do cheers,

share a treat and make the morning as much fun as possible indoors.

May 12 is also our final 11:30 dismissal and faculty meeting for the school year. Don't forget to send a lunch if your child is coming to Extended Care!

## Saturday Circle for Parents May 6

This year we have invited our school parents to Saturday morning circles. These doughnut and coffee mornings begin at 8:00am and last less than one hour. Parents learn a little about how a circle works, it is a community building activity that students at every grade level participate in at least once each week.



Our final circle is geared for parents of students in grades three, four, five and six.

Free child care will be available, I know it is early, but come up and see what VBRD and the circle process are about.

## 5th Dance

We look forward to our 5th grade dancing at Affton High School on May 3. The students did a great job at the Culminating Event on April 12, we are looking to take home the gold when they compete with other schools.

## Home & School Meeting May 9

We are looking forward to our final Home & School meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00pm. We will also be selling used uniforms that evening. We will go over the Fish Fry proceeds, talk about the

School Picnic and wrap up business for the year.

As always babysitting will be provided, drinks and refreshments will be available and the class with the highest percentage in attendance will win a free dress day

as well as earn a pass for free dress for each child whose parents attend.

Please let us know if you would be willing to help as an officer of Home & School in years to come.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass and Dinner, May 23

Congratulations to our eighth grade students who will be graduating on Tuesday, May 23 with a 6:00 pm Mass at Holy Trinity Parish Center followed by a dinner in the gym for the graduate, parents, family and friends. Up to eight people in total are invited but younger siblings are asked not to attend the dinner. Child care is provided. Students will wear gowns to the Mass and will be sized at school and given to them ahead. The dinner is catered and the seventh grade parents and students will do all the set-up, decorating, serving

and clean-up. **Thank you seventh grade students and parents!**

The most exciting part of the evening for the seventh grade students will be receiving their eighth grade shirts. They are then allowed to wear these to school the rest of the week to signify that they are the new eighth grade class. **Seventh grade students will have a 9:30 start on Wednesday to make up for the late night.**

Every year our students add to a portfolio that they have been keeping since their first year in the

school. It is always a joy and a sadness to give back the student portfolios and to see how much the students have grown by looking at their work through the years.

Parents are invited to join us for an awards ceremony at 2:00 pm **on Monday, May 22 when 8<sup>th</sup> grade** students will receive their portfolios and other awards. Please keep all of our graduates in your prayers as they move out into a larger world.



## School Picnic, May 26

The school picnic, this year will be on Fri., May 26, is always old-fashioned fun. We begin the day with a final liturgy and then parade to Tiemeyer Park. The parade is always exciting as the students walk with their class in the class colors. The colors will be decided at our final Home & School Meeting in May and will be sent home in the Wed. envelope on May 10.

**Once at the park each child must be accompanied by a**

**responsible adult.** In grade K through 2 we will send home a note requesting that you let us know who that designated adult will be so that we can get the children to the proper adults once we reach the park. Preschool children are asked to walk with an adult to the park. We also invite all adults to walk with us in the parade; it will help the transition when we get to Tiemeyer.

The Home & School Association usually arranges for the **swimming pool to be**

**opened early but tickets for the pool must be purchased before May 26.** Please look for all the information on the School Picnic to come home within the next few days.

I hope to see everyone at the picnic!

**Remember, students must be accompanied by an adult, not necessarily a parent, in order to attend the picnic.**



## 6 Hour Reading Club

Congratulations to all of our students in grades K-6 who participated in this year's Six Hour Reading Club. Those who returned their log-ins with a parent's signature will be awarded a free ticket to Six Flags, to be given out at the final assembly at 1:30 on May 25.

We are proud of all those who earned a ticket and those who tried.

Remember this incentive next winter when the program begins again!

## T-shirt day

For .50 students may wear any t-shirt they wish with their uniform on



## First grade Wax Museum

All parents and students are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 24 from 2:00 -2:45 for the first grade "Wax Museum". First grade students will choose a famous person to dress as and will write a small informative speech about that character.

On May 24 they will dress as their character and stand as still as possible, becoming "wax statues" of their character. When someone presses the button on their lapel they will share their story.

This is a fun and informative presentation

and I know the students and parents will enjoy the show.

## Summer Reading and Math

Next week we will send home information on our summer reading and math program. Students in grades K-4 will be sent a reading and math log, with instructions on how to fill it out with on-line math or reading information. The computer lab here at school will be open on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 2:00 for anyone who wants to use our computer lab to access on-line math or reading games.

Students in grades 5-7 will have specific summer math to do, and all students will have reading book reports to turn in in August.

## May Crowning, May 10

Every May we pray in a special way to Mary, the mother of Jesus, to intercede for us in heaven. As the mother of Jesus she is the perfect example of patience and humility.

One of the beautiful traditions in the Catholic Church is a May Crowning and ours will take place at **2:00 on Wednesday, May 10**

Students are invited to bring flowers to be placed around the statue of Mary. Many children pick flowers from their yard or ask a neighbor if they can have some flowers. Please do not feel as if you need to purchase flowers for this ceremony, although you

may if you wish. Weather permitting, the entire school will move to the statue of Mary that is adjacent to the church and sing hymns and say a few prayers. The president of our Student Council will then crown Mary with a wreath of flowers. The entire prayer service will take about thirty minutes. If the weather is poor we will do the ceremony indoors.

**Please join us for the rosary and May Crowning if you can and bring a flower if you wish.**

## Physicals Needed for K, 3 and 6

Students entering grades K, 3 and 6 will need a physical to begin the new school year. This is an Archdiocesan policy and helps assure that our children are healthy!

The blank physical forms will be sent home on **Wednesday, May 10** in the Wednesday Envelope.

**Students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade will also need an immunization before eighth grade**, a new regulation from the Missouri Health Department.

## Report Cards

Report cards will be available on **Fast Direct on Friday, June 2**. For those not on Fast Direct the final report card will be available in the school office on **Tuesday, June 6**.

**Just a reminder that all fees must be paid in full before report cards will be released.**

If you have P.E. shorts marked office or any white socks with H T on them please send them into the office. We have some missing. Thank you!

## Summer Hours

We will be in the office from 9:00 -3:00 beginning on Tuesday, May 30. The office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays throughout the summer. If you need to contact someone on Monday or Friday you can usually get Linda McGrath at the parish office, 733-1463, extension 11.

Have a wonderful summer! We will look forward to our new school year and our new start in August.

## Honors Assembly

Students in grades 1 through 7 will participate in an Honor's Assembly on Thursday, May 25 at 1:30. Students will receive PE awards, art awards, Six Flag awards and other honors earned throughout the school year.

Parents are invited if they wish to attend.

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