



Message from Mrs. Bogataj

Dear Parents,

Father Gary and I decided that this year we would take a few minutes with each family to talk about our school. Last week we met with over 50 families and had the opportunity to hear some of your concerns and compliments. Whenever an organization wants to make improvements it's important to take the time to listen to the people with the most invested and in this case it's our families.

At the end of the month we will have a visit from a Florida Catholic Conference Accreditation Team to verify our School Improvement Plan and help us continue to grow. They will offer suggestions for improvement and let us know what we are doing well. It's an exciting (if somewhat stressful) time here at our school yet I know with all of this input we are moving in the right direction.

Blessings on your upcoming week!

Kathy J. Bogataj

Campus Happenings

****Sun. Mar. 9th - 9:30 Mass - 1st Communion enrollment**

****Tues. Mar. 10th - Spring Pictures**

****Thurs. Mar. 12th - 7:00 p.m. Parish In-Council Meeting in the Conmy Center-- All are welcome and encouraged to attend!!**

****Sat. Mar. 21st - Parish Family Retreat**

****Fri. Mar. 20th - 3rd Quarter Ends**

****Thurs. Mar. 26th - Presentation for the Accreditation Team Visit at 7:00 p.m. in the Conmy Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!!**

This and That

****The second Parish In-Council Meeting will be held Thursday March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conmy Center.** I hope our school families will be well represented. This meeting provides an opportunity for you to make sure you know what is going on in your parish.

****Thank you for your patience as we tweak the car line to provide a safer dismissal for our children. Please note a few dismissal points—**

1- We are encouraging you to place your family name-tag back in your front window. It will help the teachers better identify student's cars.

2- Students will not be allowed to walk towards the cars until the 10 cars have come to a complete stop.

3- Please make sure that when you pull through the line you continue moving. Do not stop on the other side of the Conmy Center unless you pull into a parking spot.



Profile

The students in the intermediate grades have participated in a wide variety of activities in the last few weeks. The third graders have been learning about rocks and minerals. They tried some mini-experiments and then they chose rocks from the playground and "adopted" them. They designed creative paper bag homes for their "pet rocks" and wrote about where their rocks came from and how to care for them.

In fourth grade the students completed an integrated unit about penguins. They read Mr. Popper's Penguins then researched the types, habitats, predators, and the life-span of penguins. They completed an oral presentation which allowed them to practice their public speaking skills. What a terrific experience for our students!

The fifth grade took an overnight field trip to Tallahassee to learn about our state capitol. During this busy trip they visited the Korean/Vietnam memorial, FSU, San Luis Mission, and the Florida Historical Museum. They also went to the State Capitol and actually sat in the representatives' chairs during a mock senate session with high school students. Chaperones and students alike enjoyed this memorable trip.