

Weekly Message from the Principal
Mary Ann McQueen
March 11, 2017





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We are excited to share with you some plans for school enhancements. We have plans to reconfigure and enhance the art room, all offices, adult restrooms, the library and faculty meeting and kitchen areas.

The Library- The library will be moved to a new location adjacent to the faculty room. This opens up an innovative new space for students, faculty, and parents for presentations, meetings, and collaboration. This will enhance the ability of students to connect presentations and projects based upon inquiry and research. The Faculty and Library rooms will be connected by a folding door, which will allow for an enlarged space for gatherings and meetings. This will create an inviting space inside the school for the sharing of new ideas between faculty and parent leaders. The relative location of the adult restrooms to these spaces will be an enhancement as well.



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Catholic Relief Services- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl project at St. Mark is hosting Thomas Awaipo, a Ghanian, at all masses this weekend. Please join the St. Mark Church and Parish community in welcoming Thomas. His life story and his advocacy of CRS is testament to the great work being done around the world by this organization. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

Auction & Raffle Updates- The Auction is one week away. Thank you to our Auction Committee and to all of our parents who have supported our Auction through donations and time.

The deadline to turn in your raffle money is Wednesday, March 15. Our students have been so excited this year selling more tickets than ever. Please turn in all sold and unsold tickets by Wednesday.

Speech and Language- Sara Mangano, a local speech and language pathologist spent time with the faculty on two occasions and worked with them to identify students who would benefit from a more thorough screening. In addition, Sara visited classrooms and met individually with each student. This was a lengthy and productive process as we can say with assurance that all of our students have benefited from her expertise and work directly with the teachers.

Materials were carefully prepared for you to provide more information and suggestions about the next steps to take in regards to your child. We assume that you may have questions and are providing an information session for all parents who are interested in meeting with Sara and me in this regard. The meeting will take place on **Thursday, March 23 at 7:50 AM** in the school library. Sara will describe the tools used to conduct the screenings, next steps to take and the expected outcomes that parents will likely see as a result of following up with outside intervention services.

Please click on the link to RSVP so that we may know how many parents to expect.

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Snack Sale & Jeans Day- On Friday, March 17 is our green theme jeans day along with our snack sale sponsored by the 5th & 6th grades.

Yearbook One-Liner- Free one-liner per student. Parents here's your chance to put a message in the yearbook for your student. Remember this is free for grades TK-7th. Your child would love to see a message from you! Click on the link to write your message. Limit 25 words or less.

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Calendar date for 2017-2018- Here are a few key calendar dates for the next school year. A more current calendar will be sent out next week.

August 21- Parent Orientation 5PM

August 23- First Day of School 12:30 dismissal

August 24- 12:30 dismissal

September 4- Labor Day- No School

November 22-24- Thanksgiving Holiday

December 21-January 7- Christmas Holiday

March 30-April 8- Easter Holiday

June 8- 8th Grade Graduation

June 13- Last day of school

Daylight savings time tonight. Please move your clocks forward.