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MARGARET MEMO

Week of February 6, 2012

Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned [by rote,] Therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous; And the wisdom of their wise men will perish, And the discernment of their discerning men will be concealed." -

Isaiah 29:13-14

INFORMATION ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ IMPORTANT DATES

From the Principal's Desk...

We experienced a memorable Catholic Schools Week and it is our hope that the students have a greater appreciation for the service and history of our schools. From the highs to the lows of the week, Jesus was with us every moment. Guiding and protecting us. He is the reason our school exists and He is the reason you send your children.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK:

- Friday, February 10th: Report Sent Home

LOOKING AHEAD...

- Friday, February 17th - Monday, February 21st: President's Weekend - NO SCHOOL
- Saturday, February 18th: Consistory to elevate Archbishop Dolan to Cardinal

SCHOOL NEWS ~

Second Quarter Report Cards

Report Cards for this quarter will be sent home Friday, February 10th.

Please be reminded that 2011-2012 Tuition must be up-to-date or Report Cards can and will be withheld. Thank you for your cooperation.

Re-Registration

Our Re-Registration period is half over. Please remember to send in your forms this week. Plans for next year begin very soon and many decisions will need to be made. Without accurate enrollment figures these plans will be harder to organize and impossible to finalize.

Another reason I urge all of our current families to send in the forms before the weekend is that new families may begin registering next Wednesday. Open spots MUST be made available to these

new families and current families may get shut out of a class. Please do not allow this to happen. This is an urgency in several grades, including Kindergarten as we have over fifty (50) students in

PK who receive first chance at these spots and if we need to open a second class we need to decide this soon so that preparations can be made.

REMINDER: Families paying the parish rate MUST be up-to-date with their parish contributions. Failure to keep current with parish contributions may result in losing the parishioner rate, being billed for the non-parishioner rate, and/or placing re-registration for the new school in jeopardy. In addition, all tuition must be up-to-date in order to be eligible for re-registration.

After School Activities

Sign Up notices for the latest round of After School Activities have been sent home. If interested, please return them to the attention of Mrs. Croke.

Loss of a former student

As mentioned in the message last week, the young student at The Ursuline School, Eira Maghuyop, attended St. Margaret's several years ago as a young child.

A few people have contacted me to ask what the St. Margaret's Community can/should do to honor her memory. I have reached out to the Principal of St. Eugene's School where Eira attended after St. Margaret's and graduated from, so that anything we decide will be coordinated with their efforts.

Thank you to those of you who have shared your ideas.

Mrs. Benedetti

For those who have not heard, Mrs. Benedetti, our First Grade Teacher, and her husband are expecting their first child. We are very excited for them both and I am sure the entire school community shares in our excitement.

Of course, this means we would need to have someone available to lead our First Graders and continue the great work Mrs. Benedetti has been doing with them. I am pleased to inform you that we have just the teacher. Miss Eileen Smith is her name and she is a certified teacher with experience in many grade levels. She will be in the classroom occasionally for the next few weeks to become familiar with the students and the school/classroom routines. We welcome her to our extended family and I am confident that our students will be in wonderful hands during Mrs. Benedetti's Maternity Leave.

PARISH NEWS ~

First Reconciliation

On Saturday, February 4th, our Second Graders made their First Reconciliation. What a wonderful memory for them and their parents/guardians. Mrs. Hund is busy preparing them for the next step as they move closer to their First Holy Eucharist!

HSA NEWS ~

March Calendar Raffle

It is March calendar raffle time again and this year there are a few changes. To ensure the success of the fundraiser, we ask that each family buy/sell 5 raffles. For selling these five raffles you will receive 1 NUT card for each child in your family. For each additional raffle you buy/sell after the original five you receive a NUT card for each child in your family. So, if you buy/sell 10 raffles you will receive 6 NUT cards for each child. With over 200 families in the school, we will surpass our goal and be able to provide additional programs for our students to enjoy.

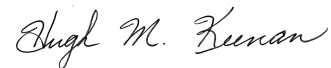
For those of you that are familiar with the March calendar raffle you will recall that the \$100 that you contribute to in the fundraising fee was put toward the March calendar raffle. Now, that \$100 gets your family a ticket to the 300 Grand Prize Bonanza. Grand Prize - \$10,000.

Thank you for your continuous support in making our fundraisers successful.

Thank you.

HSA

God's blessings to you all.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh M. Keenan".

Hugh M. Keenan, Principal