

August 29, 2011

Dear Parents,

The curriculum night for parents of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade parents was very well attended; thank you for the positive feedback on the evening. Eighth grade parents will receive additional information from me later this week. I look forward to seeing Kindergarten through fifth grade parents on Thursday evening.

**Sports** - Volleyball practice begins Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, for girls in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Flag football practice for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys begins Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> as the heat advisory is supposed to run through Tuesday at 8:00pm. Both practices end at 4:45pm. The gate near the Science wing will be open for pick-up. We are still in need of a coach for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade flag football team. Contact me or Coach Andy if you are interested, [akiltz@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:akiltz@diocesephoenix.org).

**Monthly Calendar** – Important dates from the September calendar:

September 1 K-5 Open House, 6:00 -7:30pm; Safe Environment Training  
September 2 1:00 Dismissal every Friday; send a substantial snack with your child  
September 5 Labor Day, no school  
September 7 School Mass 10:00am, please join us as Student Council facilitates the Mass  
September 8 ITBS Testing begins  
September 9 Magazine Fundraiser Kick-off  
September 11 Family Mass, 9:30am, and Pancake Breakfast, 10:30am  
September 13 School Pictures, in uniform  
September 22 Magazine Fundraiser Turn-In (Thursday)  
September 27 Parent Advisory Board Meeting 7:00pm

**Safe Environment Training** –We are grateful to the parents and grandparents who selflessly give of their time to volunteer on the playground during lunch and participate in the many other volunteer opportunities at our school. It is Diocesan policy that anyone serving as a volunteer must complete *Called to Protect for Ministries* as a foundation course before you can volunteer in any school ministries. If you have not already taken Safe Environment Training, please note that there will be two opportunities this week on Thursday evening, 5:15 and 7:25pm. Those of you who have completed the initial training only need to complete a subsequent annual renewal, available online. Please register online at [www.safeenvironmenttraining.org](http://www.safeenvironmenttraining.org).

**Open House/Curriculum Information** –We have scheduled times for teachers in grades 3-5 to speak to parents as a group in their child's homeroom as this format worked well last year. Please feel free to bring your children; kindly keep them with you when inside listening to the teachers. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 1st, beginning at 6:00pm.

5:15 – 5:50	6:00 – 6:15	6:15 – 6:30	6:45 - 7:00	7:00 – 7:15	7:25 – 8:00
Safe Environment Training 7B	Mrs. Estes 3A	Mrs. Mattei 3B	Mrs. Estes 3A	Mrs. Mattei 3B	Safe Environment Training 7B
	Mrs. Montes 4A	Mrs. Murphy 4B	Mrs. Montes 4A	Mrs. Murphy 4B	
	Mrs. Higgins 5A	Mrs. Saller 5B	Mrs. Higgins 5A	Mrs. Saller 5B	

**Springfest 2012** - First official kick-off meeting for Springfest 2012 will be held in Maguire Hall on Monday September 12th at 8:15am. Please come and support our Annual School Fundraiser by volunteering your time and talent. If you cannot attend this meeting and would like to volunteer, please contact Kathleen Ohanian at [theoahanians@cox.net.com](mailto:theoahanians@cox.net.com) or Polly Larsen at [plarsen@larsengallery.com](mailto:plarsen@larsengallery.com).

**School Pictures** – School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 13th. Order form envelopes will be going home this week. Kindly return orders to your child’s homeroom teacher by Thursday, September 8th. All students will be photographed in their school uniforms.

**Health Office** – A notice went out in May reminding parents of incoming 6th graders that two vaccines, Tdap/Td and the Meningitis (Menactra or MCV4), are required by the Arizona Department of Health Services for the 2011-2012 school year. If your child has received these vaccines and you haven’t yet submitted documentation to the Health Office, please send in a copy of your immunization record as soon as possible. If your child still needs these vaccines, kindly make arrangements to do so as soon as possible; send a copy of the immunization record to the office.

Any student who has not provided evidence that they have received Tdap and Meningitis vaccines by September 23rd will be asked not to return to school until such time that they are immunized.

**School Logo** – I reported last year that a marketing team of parent representatives had been working on a logo/crest for our school. We all agreed on the common elements to be included: *Knowledge, Love, and Service*. The representations of these are the book, cross, and crescents. The logo appears on the cover of this year’s handbook; the youngest in every family should have taken one home.

The open book symbolizes the knowledge and academics that form the basis of the educational values we instill in the children we teach and have taught over five decades; our graduates leave us with the expectation that they are Life-Long Learners.

The cross is a simplified Celtic cross like the one on the front of the school building at the entrance to the office above the arch, representing the Irish heritage of Monsignor Eugene Maguire and Monsignor Thomas Hever.

The three crescents are derived from the Seton Family Coat of Arms, representing the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill who have served Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School for over 50 years.

The icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is perhaps the oldest actual icon of the Blessed Virgin. The Imperial Crown was chosen as representation of our patroness.

Monsignor Tom and I are grateful to Mrs. Tricia Covert, Mr. Joe Meyer, and Mr. Scott Larsen for working with us to see this project to a successful conclusion.

**Dennis Uniform** – We provided Dennis Uniform with a copy of the new logo in July as soon as it was finalized. Please understand that production delays were unavoidable. Please check with Josie if anyone is in need of shirts to hold you over until the new ones are available.

Have a wonderful week and a very enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

Blessings to you and your family,

***Donna Lauro***

Principal