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April 25, 2022

My dear Parents,

During the past few days of this long vacation period, there has been time to reflect on the past two years and the collateral damage that the pandemic has visited upon us. In all honesty, I am breathing a sigh of relief that we have been able to come as far as we have....and to look with great hope and renewed energy toward the future. The next few weeks will challenge our stamina, but should be a positive sign that we are truly moving ahead wiser, stronger and more aware of what we must do for each other and the for the mission of our school, our families, our church and our world.

You have already received your “weekly note home” via the website, so you should be up to date on where we stand this week. The following is just a few more notes, suggestions and requests:

- **Friday, April 29 is the Senior Citizens’ Luncheon** prepared and hosted by the class of 2022.. We should be welcoming local seniors for a simple lunch, good fellowship and entertainment. In 2020, this was cancelled (or Covid-ed). Last year, the class prepared the food and made home deliveries...so, this should be a welcome home to all!
- The Induction ceremony for the **National Junior Honor Society** will be held on Tuesday, May 3. Twenty Prep students will be inducted at a simple candlelight ceremony. This will be live-streamed at 10AM.
- All of our supporting parishes will hold **First Holy Communion** liturgies on the weekend of May 7. This is a special time for our young children. We urge all the parents to prepare for the sacrament along with their children.
- **The Fine Arts Week** concerts will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 2PM and on Wednesday evening, May 18 at 7PM. Please check the website for details. All Hamptones, Hamptonix, Joyful Noise, Band, Guitar and String players will perform.
- **Ladies Luncheon (May 22)** invitations have been mailed out. The event is very special and a great chance for moms and their friends to get out for a special after-

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noon. Space is limited, so early reservations are urged.

- The Spring Show “***The Toast of the Town***” will be taking shape in the coming weeks. All notes about the cast, costume needs, music, etc will be found on the [www.olh.org](http://www.olh.org) site PRINCIPAL’S PAGE....

A few other questions that need quick answers now:

- **MASKING** .....While we are cautious about making any assumptions and need to wait for further guidance from the CDC, Health Department, etc....AS OF NOW ....there is no masking requirement for school children. There are protocols regarding quarantine, etc for anyone whose child does test positive. Best advice....as always...monitor your child’s health carefully. If a fever...stay home....If questions, please call Mrs. Shimkus. (If you need more home testing kits, we will gladly provide them for you. Just ask!)
- **TUITION**.....The school Board has not yet announced the 2022-23 tuition schedule, although it should be coming shortly. You certainly can expect an increase, but we are trying to minimize that impact. (At the same time, please know that our school snow plowing bills this year were over \$25,000 and the most recent fuel deliveries for our 10,000 gallon tank were close to \$40,000!)

All tuition for this year is now due. Individual bills will be sent out in the next two weeks. Please check your balance...and also....if you have not met with your pastor for that voucher, know that the additional fee will be added to your balance,

***One additional announcement that will affect grades five through eight. Effective tomorrow, April 25, Spanish classes will be taught by a new faculty member, Senora Karla Ruiz.. Please join in welcoming her!***

The pace of our lives is rapid and changes every day. Let’s all be ready for the good things to come and the challenges we may face. Let’s try to “keep it simple”...be open...honest and respectful! We have been placed here together by our God for some very special things that only we can do for Him!

God bless you!

Peace always,

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