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## BACK TO ROUTINE

by Tina Silvestri, Principal

Many people have been anticipating the actual arrival of spring weather as we had a rather cold Easter break. This week we felt a bit of spring fever with some warmer weather mid-week. During recess on Thursday, students were excited to go out and play without a coat if they had long sleeves. The warm weather, birds chirping and sunshine makes it easy for us to enjoy the outdoors a little more.

Indoors, we have returned from break and have settled back into our routines. I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms this week to see how teachers interact with students and vice versa. I have been very pleased to see how well students are engaged, they are asking meaningful questions and they are collaborating with each other. Our teachers go above and beyond to make sure they work with students one-on-one to check for their understanding. I enjoy seeing the excitement students bring into their day. "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

## LEFT OUT

One student was mistakenly left off the Honor Roll list from our last newsletter. **CHARLIE MINJOE** received the Principal's Award. Congratulations Charlie.

## ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 4TH - 8TH

Track begins April 16th. **Practices** will be 4/16, 4/18, 4/20, 4/23 and 4/25 from 3pm - 4pm in the school parking lot. **Meets** will be 4/27, 5/4 and 5/11 at 5:00pm. To participate you must have a current physical on file and turn in \$20 Pay-to-Play fee to the office.

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## REFLECTIONS OF SIXTH GRADE

**Alexandria Pecorilli, 6th Grade Teacher**

At the beginning of the school year, I had the opportunity to introduce myself as the new sixth grade teacher. I am amazed at how fast the year has flown by and all of the incredible experiences I have had along the way. I have been so grateful for those in the school, parish, and community who have helped me become a better person, a better teacher, and a better Catholic. I am especially grateful for the young faces I see each and every day who have taught me just how unpredictable, silly, and exciting learning can be.

Of course I am not the only one in my classroom facing different challenges and opportunities. I also have fifteen sixth graders who have joined our middle school group. What may only seem like a few steps further down the hallway, sixth grade is a year full of new learning styles, new friendships, and new responsibilities. Though there is still much learning to do in the remaining few weeks, I asked my students to share some of their thoughts and experiences about their first year in middle school, and these are just a few of the many insightful responses I received:

- "Middle school has been fun so far, but one thing I've learned is you have to be very organized and you have to put all of your effort into your work."
- "I love it so much. It is a fun, yet challenging experience to move around all of the classrooms."
- "As a middle schooler, work gets a little more difficult, but that's what school is for! We get to do lots of school projects and move from class to class...We have a lot of fun!"
- "I've begun to actually think about my future and what I want to do....I would have to say that I'm maturing in everything I do."

I am so excited to see what the next few weeks will bring and I hope everyone had a very relaxing break and a very Blessed Easter.

## WANTED: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR CHAIRPERSON TRAINEE

Training for this position will take place during our two book fairs next school year (October 2018 and March 2019) and is worth 11 service credits. If you are interested in becoming the next chairperson for our school book fairs, please contact Debbie Horlocker at rhorlocker@comcast.net or (586) 707-7200.