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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year and welcome back! We thank God for his immense love and protection throughout the past year and for ushering us into this New Year. We ask for His mercy and protection upon all of us throughout this year of 2021.

Thank you to all our parents who volunteered their children to do the COVID test. Thank you to our parents who were also willing to volunteer but were told to wait till the next turn. We are required to test 20% of our students and teachers/staff. In case, we need to do further COVID testing, the next group will go. Please, wait until you hear from me.

For the safety of our students, teachers, and parents, we ask that each student wears a mask and that the parents drop off their child at the school entrance without entering the school building. In case of any necessity, please feel free to call or schedule an appointment. We would appreciate that you wear your mask as you enter the school building.

The re-registration forms for the 2021- 2022 school Year for Pre-K students will be sent home on January 5th, 2021. THE Pre-K 3 will register for Pre-K 4. The Pre-K 4 will get the **Kdgn – 3rd Grade form to register for Kindergarten**. These forms, the Tuition Options form, and the registration fee are due by Thursday, January 28, 2021.

We will begin our Gym class on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 following the COVID guidelines. The Pre-K students will have their Gym class on Tuesday, January 19. The Kindergarten and First Grade will have their Gym class on Wednesday, January 20, while the 2nd & 3rd will have their Gym class on Thursday, January 21, 2021.

The Italian language class will commence on Friday, January 15, 2021. As of now, we do not have a Spanish teacher. We are working toward it. Due to COVID 19, it is has been very difficult to find a computer teacher, but we look forward to find one as the year goes by.

Catholic Schools Week will begin from January 31st. to February 6th. Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic education. We celebrate the importance, values, and contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world. The students will do some activities to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The theme for the Catholic Schools Week is **“Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, and Service**. There is a theme for each day to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Please see attached sheet for details.

The students in Grades K-3rd will still have their Science Fair. The students will present their science project before their classmates in their classrooms and each student will receive a certificate of participation after presentation. We hope to close the Catholic Schools Week with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist only for the students on February 5th at our chapel.

Also just a gentle reminder for those who have not yet paid the December tuition, could you please pay it as soon as you can.

Thank you always for your cooperation and may all have a wonderful and COVID free New Year!
God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Sister Grace Dike, SCGR

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week Themes

Monday: Celebrating Your Community – The students will learn the **importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities they demonstrate the values and faith gained through Catholic education** (*Teachers will discuss this with their students in their classrooms*).

Tuesday: Celebrating Your Students: Schools celebrate students during National Catholic Schools Week by planning enjoyable and meaningful activities for them and recognizing their accomplishments. *We plan to have a talent show day in the afternoon for our students.* Students can demonstrate their gifts and talents, whether (music, playing musical instrument, or dance, ballet, poetry, whatever each child is good at doing, he/she can show that gift on that day.

Wednesday: Celebrating the Nation: On National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools, students, families, educators and other Catholic school supporters communicate the value of Catholic education to government leaders. *The older students will write about the value of Catholic Education, which can be posted on our Facebook.*

Thursday: Celebrating Vocations: By focusing on faith, knowledge and Service, Catholic schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest later in life. On this day, children will recognize that we have different vocations. *Being aware of this, each student will dress up according to what he/she would like to be when she/he grows up (a teacher, religious Sister, priest, mother, religious brother, doctor, police officer, etc.).*

Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers & Parents: Parents, guardians and other family members play a vital role in Catholic education. Not only do they volunteer at the school, they instill values and expectations for academic excellence in their children at home. *Here students will write a thank you note to the teachers and volunteers to thank them for services.*
