

*Walking With Jesus in Faith, Hope, and Love*

June 10, 2009

Dear Parents:

**Happy Father's Day**

During the month of June we give thanks for the gift of our fathers. The children and staff are remembering our school dads each morning this week in prayer. We hope and pray that all of our school dads enjoy a relaxing and happy Father's Day!

**Last Day for Backpacks**

This afternoon the students will be cleaning out their desks and cupboards, and your child(ren) will be bringing home all personal items. Students will not need backpacks for the remainder of the week; please do not send your child to school with a backpack on Thursday or Friday.

**Survivor Island Field Day**

Tomorrow is Field Day. Children should wear sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses as they will be outside from 8:30-11:30 tomorrow. The theme of this year's field day is "Survivor Island." Students will participate on teams that include students from all grade levels. Each team has a faculty member as a coach. Teams and their coaches met yesterday to discuss Field Day and detailed information was also sent home with the students yesterday. Please note: students should not bring backpacks to school on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> as they will be participating in Field Day activities from 8:15-11:45. Dismissal is at 12:00 noon. We will be serving Otter Pops, bottled water, and granola bars at Field Day; if your child is unable to consume these items due to allergies, please send a snack in a paper bag.

**Extended Care Information**

Please note that Morning Extended Care is available until the last day of school. The last day for Afternoon Extended Care is today, June 10<sup>th</sup>. *There is no Afternoon Extended Care on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.*

**Last Day of School Schedule**

The student body will attend the 8:30 am Mass on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Immediately following Mass the students will return to the classrooms to receive their report cards and collect any belongings that need to go home for the summer. Father Al will be distributing the report cards to the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders. Dismissal will be at 11:00 am. This is a formal uniform day.

**Summer Reading Information**

Last week a newsletter regarding summer reading was sent home in the Friday folders with every student. Included in today's envelope is an additional packet that contains a synopsis of each book found on the recommended reading list. Just a reminder: all students entering grades three through eight have one required book to read over the summer. This list was sent home last week and is also being printed on the back of the school supply lists. Special thanks go to Mrs. Chun and Mrs. Phillips for the hours spent writing, organizing, and publishing the summer reading materials.

**School Supply Lists:**

We have created a classroom supply list for each grade, and we have printed the supplies lists on separate sheets of paper for each grade. The supply lists are being sent home in the report card envelopes on Friday.

### **Spring Show DVD's**

We are scheduled to pick up our Spring Show DVD's today and will then deliver them to the students this afternoon. If for some reason we are unable to get them today, we will deliver them to students on Thursday.

### **School Uniform Requirements:**

Please note the following as you make your uniform purchases for next year:

- The 2009-2010 school year will be a transition year for uniforms. You may purchase uniforms at the Used Uniform Sales (dates will be announced via parent e-mails during the summer), at Vicki Marsha, or at Lands End. Beginning in 2010-2011 all uniforms will be purchased through Lands End.
- Boys and Girls Shoes: Students are to wear tennis shoes or oxford-style shoes to school. All shoes must have laces or Velcro closures. Colors are limited to predominantly one color. Colors must be white, navy blue, black, or brown. Accent colors must also be white, navy blue, black, or brown. Shoes must be free of designs including, but not limited to, patterns, stars, flowers, and characters. Shoes that have rollers on the bottom and/or illuminate are not allowed.
- Boys and Girls Socks: all socks must **completely** cover the ankle bone. Please do not purchase "ped" style socks as they do not easily nor completely cover the ankle bone and students spend their days pulling them up in order to meet the dress code requirements. Sock colors are limited to white or navy blue. Girls' tights must be white or navy blue.
- Boys Belts: must be worn daily. Belts must be one of the following solid colors: navy, black, khaki, or brown.

The full dress code will be published in the 2009-2010 Handbook. However, I wanted to provide this information for you so that you do not inadvertently purchase an item that your child will not be allowed to wear to school. We will be enforcing the uniform code beginning on the first day of school. Thank you for adhering to the school uniform policies.

### **Summer Camps at Mater Dei**

Mater Dei High School is hosting youth sports camps to provide competitive skill development in a positive, fun environment, in its state-of-the-art facilities. Nationally renowned coaches will host camps in football, basketball, baseball, softball, golf, volleyball, lacrosse, swim and water polo. Camps also will be offered in band, dance, cheerleading and songleading. A variety of camps are open to youth entering first through ninth grades. Registration is now open. For details and registration forms visit [www.materdei.org](http://www.materdei.org).

### **Summer Activities**

Our literature racks in the Front Office are filled with flyers for summer schools, summer camps, and theatre opportunities. Please stop by and browse, or, if you need a package of these flyers sent home, please contact Ms. Kelso in the Front Office.

### **Art**

Included in today's envelope is a list of St. Cecilia Students who were recently featured in Art Shows. Thank you to Mrs. Truxaw for her endless dedication to developing our students' artistic talents!

### **Auction! Auction! Auction!**

Included in today's envelope is the first Auction newsletter for our Annual Auction on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. So much has already been planned for this spectacular event – you won't want to miss it!

In closing, I want to send my heartfelt thanks to each family at St. Cecilia School. The staff and I are grateful that we have had the opportunity to work with your wonderful children over the past year. We hope and pray that all our families enjoy a restful, healthy, and safe summer. God bless you all!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mary Alvarado  
Principal