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## June 2014

### Dear Families & Parishioners:

June. It seems as though it came so fast. It is bittersweet. There is the celebration for the end of the school year and for the summer months of vacation, but sadness in saying goodbye to friends and teachers. Yet, there is so much to be hopeful for. Remember with God there is always hope for things to come.

With June comes final exams and project presentations. This year we have continued our Religion, ELA, and Social Studies combination projects. The teachers have students in grades 3-8 put what they have learned into practice by giving back. Students can really get a lot out of this project, and it is much more authentic, as far as assessment goes, than a typical test. Students who do not perform well on tests can shine. In addition, our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders have brought back the Living History project, which includes a term paper. Students learn what a good term paper requires and then they are able to present their findings. Students dress up as their character or person of history to share what they have learned. If you haven't joined us for this day, take some time to do so. The kids have worked so hard and it really is enjoyable!

I would also like to congratulate our PK3, PK4 and Kindergarten students who graduate the week of June 9<sup>th</sup>. They have been a smiling bright light in our school! Whenever I need a smile I just go to those rooms! You have made us proud!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are also graduating this month. The class is chock full of individual kindred spirits. It has been an honor watching them grow over the last 3 years as principal, and for a few months as their ELA teacher. I know that they will go on to be successful. I wish you all many blessings in the years to come.

Peace and blessings,  
Mrs. Colleen Politowski  
Principal

### Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying that we are born into Eternal Life.  
Amen.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**Late to School:** Please be sure to have your child stop in the office if they are late to check in and order lunch if needed. We also need a note each time they are tardy. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Registrations-**

As we wrap up the school year, the school office is beginning the preparation for the summer. We will have to copy all student records and prepare them for their new school. Can you please call or email Mrs. Wagner and let her know where you are planning on sending your child. We will receive the transfer requests over the summer but would like to get a jump start on the coping.

**Cafeteria Corner:** Attached to this month's newsletter you will find June's lunch menu. Prepayment is the easiest and best form of payment. If prepaying, always put the money in an envelope with your child's name on it. Include last name, grade, and the amount that is in the envelope. Prepaying is always welcome!

If you received a notice from the school cafeteria that you owe money for lunch, please pay as soon as possible. The money must be put in an envelope and clearly marked.

**School Masses** – Please join us for our daily mass in the chapel at 8:30a.m. Our school masses will be on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 and June 25<sup>th</sup> at noon.

THANK YOU TO.....

- *All parents that have worked so hard to make our school a positive place to continue to educate our children in faith, academics and friendships.*

### **Recycle Center**

**Do you have beverage containers that are taking up space and don't have the time to wait in line at the bottle return?**

Bottle Junction  
Beverage Container Redemption Center  
3050 Niagara Falls Blvd (between Nash Road and Ward Road) North Tonawanda

OR  
1942 Colvin Blvd  
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Monday-Friday 10am-5pm  
Saturday 9am-4pm

The Bottle Junction employees will come to your car and take your beverage containers so you don't even need to leave your vehicle! Mention that you would like your beverage containers deposit to be donated to St. Francis of Assisi School. We can use the money to help the school.

## IMPORTANT DATES



- June 2<sup>nd</sup>—NYS Science Written Exam Grade 4-8
- June 5<sup>th</sup>—School Mass 8:30am
- June 10<sup>th</sup>—PK3 Graduation at 9:00am
- June 11<sup>th</sup>—PK4 Graduation 9:00am
- June 12<sup>th</sup>—Mass 8:30am, Kindergarten Graduation 9:30am, Sports Awards Banquet 6pm
- June 12<sup>th</sup>—Last Day of Specials and Letter Days
- June 13<sup>th</sup>—Grades Close, Early Dismissal at 11am, Family Day at Fantasy Island
- June 16<sup>th</sup>—Finals Week (More info to come)
- June 20<sup>th</sup>—Algebra Regents, school mass 12pm
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>—No School, Teacher Record Day
- June 24<sup>th</sup>—Field Trip Day
- June 25<sup>th</sup>—8:30am School Mass, 10am Dismissal, Last Day of School

- June 25<sup>th</sup>—Grade 8 Graduation at 7pm

**Summer Hours:**

The school office summer hours are as follows and begin July 7th:

Monday-Thursday 9am-12pm

Closed Fridays.

St. Francis School office will be closed the week of June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Sports Awards Night**

Mark your calendar-Sports Award Evening will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria. Please watch in the backpacks for more information, invitation and RSVP form.

**Other Athletic Information**

Please return your sports uniforms at the close of your season. All uniforms are due back in the office in a bag with students name on it by June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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