



*” Pray, Hope, and Don’t Worry!” St. Pio*

May 2021

Dear GSS Parents!

Spring has certainly arrived, with the trees leafing out, and the tulips waving in the breeze, this time of spring renewal brings such optimism. NYS is easing up on COVID restrictions, which brings a sense of hope that the days ahead will be filled with some new and some traditional activities.

We congratulate our children who will receive their First Holy Communion on May 15th and our 7th graders who will receive Confirmation on June 5th. Please keep our children in your prayers as they make their final preparations for these beautiful sacraments.

Ultimately, we are nearing the end of a school year that has not looked like any school year we have seen or experienced before, and we are rounding that final corner. As we come down the home stretch, it is essential to remain vigilant and careful in terms of safety for our community and our students. They must continue to persevere through their final weeks of class, finish their projects, complete their classwork and homework, and study for tests. It is easy to give less effort as they look for their summer vacation, but we certainly do not want any upsets when they have been working hard all year. Let us all encourage and support our children to finish this year strong!

We welcome back Mr. Pizzuto, who will support our teachers and students by providing small group instruction in grades 1-6. Ms. Ginley will continue as the Fifth-Grade teacher, and Ms. Burke will return to us as the Art teacher.

As we look towards the new school year of 2021-2022, it is essential to have registration numbers to help effectively plan the curriculum and staffing needs.

**If you have not yet registered or re-registered, please reach out to Mrs. Kennedy to make arrangements; [hildakennedy@gsschoolnyc.org](mailto:hildakennedy@gsschoolnyc.org).** She will gladly make an appointment with you to complete the registration process or collect payment for tuition or fundraising. Please recommend new students to Good Shepherd. We will continue to honor the "Recommendation" discount, as outlined in the Handbook.

### **Looking Ahead!**

GSS is a host school for Catapult Summer Program for students in grades k-8. It is an in-person program for GSS students at no cost to the parents! The dates are June 30-August 6 Mon-Thursdays 8 am-12:30 pm. You will receive an email from Catapult with registration information and directions. Please do not hesitate to call me if you are having difficulty registering!

### ***MAY HIGHLIGHTS***

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| <b>May 10</b>  | <b>Spring MAP Assessments begin</b>   |
| <b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>                           | <b>Ascension Thursday -School Mass</b>  |
| <b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>                           | <b>First Communion</b>  |
| <b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>                           | <b>Summer Gym Uniform permitted every day (please note this is optional)</b>      |
| <b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>                           | <b>Memorial Day \$2 Dress Down K-8                      3K &amp; UPK optional</b> |
| <b>May 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31</b> | <b>Happy Memorial Weekend! School Closed!</b>                                     |

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Lavery