



# Saint Katharine Drexel Preparatory School

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*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward."*

October 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

While we count our blessings that our community has been spared this storm season, we ask that you continue to pray with us for our neighbors, families, and friends in Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands who have been affected by recent hurricanes. We are also concerned about the international crisis unfolding for the people of Mexico City, after several earthquakes have devastated major buildings and homes in their area. Please pray, without ceasing, that God's mercy and grace would abide with us all.

On September 25, 2017, we celebrated the Eucharist with an exceptional Family Day Liturgy and Program. Led by our SKDP Gospel Choir, the entire student body collectively stretched their vocal chords as they praised God through a medley of uplifting songs. A joyful noise filled the Drexel as every heart seemed to be burst with an exuberant spirit! Students also had an opportunity to participate in a variety of Family Day activities, which focused on family unity. We extend a hearty "thank you" to the Religion Department for a job well done!

Sophomore students will take part in the Cancer Walk on October 7, 2017. We will begin at 8:00 AM in Champion Square, working with the organizers, supporting walkers, distributing water and ice, and cheering for the walkers along the route as they raise money for the cure.

This month, teachers will employ specific strategies to improve PSAT and ACT scores. Students will receive pre-tests, test blitzes, tutoring, and other opportunities that are designed to enhance their readiness for the upcoming standardized tests. Catapult will sponsor tutoring four (4) days a week to support students in Algebra and Geometry. The SKDP Math and English Departments will also target particular areas to further prepare our students.

Report Card Conference will take place on October 22, 2017; from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Parents will be given a paper copy of their daughter's report cards, which will include grades, behavior, and attendance records. If you need additional time to discuss grades, we ask that you schedule an appointment to meet with the teacher the week after you receive report cards. Please remember to utilize Plus Portal to monitor class work, tests, homework assignments, projects, etc.

Since tuition alone does not support the total operation of our school, we must rely on fundraisers. We are asking that all students, parents, faculty, staff, and friends of the Prep assist us by selling boxes of candy during our World's Finest Chocolates drive during the month October.

We are ramping up for our upcoming OPEN HOUSE, which is scheduled for November 2, 2017, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM; please pick up a yard sign to help promote this event. Thank you, Parents, for all you do!

Jacob J. Owens, Jr  
Principal

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