

Dear Parents and Students,

The last day of school is here. What a roller coaster year it was. We have learned many new platforms together and the true resilience we have to forge ahead in challenging times. Thank you, Parents for entrusting St. Francis Catholic School with Distance Learning and supporting one another.

The teachers will be sending home an email that will outline summer work. There will no summer packets sent this year.

In the next couple of weeks, I will be reviewing next year's school framework on how we will be returning in the fall. As you may know, since the ODE release on Wednesday, on schools requirements in the fall, there have been three revisions. I will be sending a survey next week to get your feedback. Please complete the survey; therefore, I will know what will work best for our community. Additionally, a task force will be assembled for input, I cannot do this alone.

Once we return to "normalcy" where we all can meet, we will have a celebration for Mrs. Brown and her commitment to St. Francis.

We honored our graduates on Wednesday, June 9th. We congratulate the following on their additional achievements:

Archbishop Sample Award - presented to **Mikko Rosal** for exhibiting servant leadership on behalf of his Catholic School community. The award includes a \$200 scholarship to Jesuit High School where Mikko will attend in the fall.

Christian Leadership Award - presented to **Matthew Wiren** and **Isaiah McIntosh** for earning all "+"s in each trimester for work habits and personal development.

New this year- the **Gretchen Brown Christian Service Award** - In honor of Mrs. Brown and her legacy here at St. Francis Catholic School and her strong dedication to Catholic education and to the parish an award was created for her service. Mrs. Brown has influenced our school by promoting service to others and demonstrating compassion to families, students, teachers, and administrators. Each year an award will be given to a graduating student that embodies and demonstrates these qualities and has done so throughout their time at St. Francis Catholic School. A plaque will be hung in the office with the recipient's name. The recipient of this award was presented to **Samantha Battilega**.

Academic Excellence Award - presented to **Matthew Wiren**. Matthew maintained the highest-grade point average of 4.0 throughout his eighth-grade year. This is not an easy accomplishment!

Congratulations to all of the graduates: Samantha Battilega, Aiden Highberger, Isaiah McIntosh, Talan Ruef, Mikko Rosal, Elliandra Will, Jaden Will, and Matthew Wiren. You are all ready for a new challenge and we wish you the best. You will be missed!

Again, I thank you for a great year, despite our challenges, this is and will remain a welcoming and caring community. Please continue to check *School Speak* as I will be keeping you up-to-date on advances or changes via this platform.

Let us leave with an end of the year prayer:

God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year.

We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in Your love and give them refreshment and peace.

We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

God bless, stay well, and enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,
Ms. Gonzalez
Principal