



June 19, 2020,

Dear Parents,

The teachers are officially on summer break. I want to thank each of them for their outstanding work and teamwork from March 13 – June 17. Moreover, thank you for working with the administration and teachers in creating a learning environment where the students continued learning to academic standards.

Usually, the middle school students would be recognized at the End of the Year Awards Assembly for their outstanding accomplishments, but due to COVID19, I would like to take this time to recognize the following on their achievement/s:

Academic Excellence Award: These students maintained the highest-grade point average of 4.0 throughout the 2019-2020 school year: This is not an easy accomplishment. Congratulations to the following:

Seventh Grade:

- Thomas Bui
- Reanne Guevara
- Katie Huber
- Mackenzie McCollister
- Jaya Simmons
- Sierra Simmons

Christian Leadership Award: These students earned all “+”s in each trimester for work habits and personal development. Congratulations to the following:

- Mackenzie McCollister
- Jaya Simmons
- Sierra Simmons

The middle school students awarded High Honors and Second Honors, in an individual trimester, will be sent home with their report cards. Congratulations to those students for their outstanding work.

Attached is the list of summer work in reading and mathematics for each incoming grade level. Please pay close attention to the requirements. Please note, these are minimum minutes in

reading and *Moby Max/Aleks*. If you want your child to complete more than the minimum minutes, you are welcome to modify the requirements for your child/ren.

On Monday, June 22, I will be attending a Principal Meeting reviewing multiple plans on how best to return to school in the fall.

Currently, we are in the process of measuring all classrooms to see how many desks/students can fit in each classroom, six-feet apart. We are also, looking into converting the library into a classroom as well as the south classrooms in the parish hall.

At this time, my plan is for students to return in the fall, following ODE requirements. I never thought I would state this.... Yet, we are very fortunate to have low enrollment, this is helping us in our planning to meet the students' needs.

Attached is a Parent Survey that will assist administration in planning for the next school year. The deadline to respond is Wednesday, June 24, at 3:30 pm.

PreK is considered childcare and will start in the fall regardless, following ODE requirements. PreK parents will be informed on plans at a later day.

Starting Monday, June 22 – June 30, Sally Butzer will be shadowing the one and only Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Butzer has worked in Catholic education since 2005; additionally, she was an executive administrator for Intel Corporation, Tektronix, and a coordinator at A-dec. Mrs. Butzer comes with a plethora of knowledge in administrative skills.

Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Carsner, Ms. Hilburger, and I completed our interview process for the first/second grade blend in the fall. We would like to welcome Caroline Halvorson. She is a graduate from the University of Portland, where she was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education. Previous to education, she was a dance instructor. She is bilingual with experience in classroom teaching and speaking both English and Spanish. Ms. Halvorson completed her student teaching at Cooper Mountain Elementary and The Madeleine School in Portland, Oregon. She comes highly recommended.

Update on STEAM certification with the Portland Public School. Ms. De Jesus, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Gelao, Mrs. Carsner, and I will be attending online workshops in the summer to continue SF STEAM's certification. These workshops will keep us on track for time lost due to COVID19.

The **Choose –A–Thon** was a huge success! Thank you to Mrs. Nanson, Mrs. Balias, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Corcoran, and Mrs. Brown for coordinating. Thank you to the SF School Community for all of your help in having fun and assisting in offsetting the school's budget for this year. At this time, \$9,620.00 was raised. That is sooooo awesome. I cannot express my gratitude to the whole community! Thank you!

On Wednesday, June 17, we celebrated Mrs. Larsen and Ms. Skipper on their new journey. They will be back to visit and they know they are always welcome. The best to the both of them, and I thank them for all of their work and dedication to St. Francis Catholic School. Mrs. Brown's retirement celebration will be at a later date.

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Additionally, I want to thank you for a welcoming first year. We did have our challenges, but we pulled through it together.

I will be out of the office from July 3 – July 27; however, I will be checking emails sporadically.

God bless, have a great summer, and stay well!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gonzalez
Principal



Incoming Grade in the Fall
Summer Reading and Math First - Eighth (2020)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Summer Reading</u>	<u>Summer Math</u>
Incoming Kinder	Provided by the teacher via email	See teacher's email
Incoming First and Second	3 days per week, 15 minutes a day - keep a log of your reading, you will turn in when you return in September	Moby Max 3 days per week, 15 minutes per day
Incoming Third	Read: a <i>Magic Treehouse</i> book in July Read: <i>BFG</i> in August	Moby Max 3 days per week, 20 minutes per day
Incoming Fourth	Read: <i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> in July Read: <i>Charlotte's Web</i> in August Required: 100 minutes a week Books Provided	Moby Max 3 days per week, 20 minutes per day
Incoming Fifth	Read: <i>Frindle</i> in July Read: <i>Sign of the Beaver</i> in August Books Provided	Moby Max 15 minutes Fact Fluency and 15 minutes lessons 4 days per week
Incoming Sixth	Read: <i>The Cay</i> in July Read: <i>Caddie Woodlawn</i> in August	Moby Max 15 minutes fact fluency and 20 minutes lessons 4 days per week
Incoming Seventh	Read: choose 1 book to read from the list provided by Mrs. Smith in July Read: <i>Crispin</i> in August <i>Crispin</i> - provided	Aleks 15 minutes fact fluency and 20 minutes lessons 4 days per week
Incoming Eighth	Read: Choose 1 book to read from the list provided by Ms. Gelao in July Read: - <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> in August	Aleks 15 minutes fact fluency and 20 minutes lessons 4 days per week Algebra Students Only - Aleks 30 minutes lessons 4 days per week

Teachers will provide further username and password

