



June 24, 2021

Dear Parents:

Happy summer! The teachers are officially on a well-deserved summer break. I truly cannot thank the faculty and staff enough for their dedication to education! Moreover, thank you parents for your patience and pivoting with us as COVID guidelines changed.

On July 22, the state will be releasing a *Ready School Safe Learners* update. At that time, I will know the requirements and recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year. I will thoroughly review the guidelines and meet with Fr. Amal and the teachers to review our strategies for next school year. It is with great hope and prayers we will be returning to a 'normal' school year with volunteers in the building, field trips scheduled, students changing classrooms, art in the art room, getting to eat lunch together in the parish hall, and etc., so say those prayers.

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

Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Cordell, and I completed our interview process for the PreK and Second Grade teachers. We would like to welcome Ms. Tessla Andrus, second grade teacher, and Mrs. Lora Myers, PreK teacher, to St. Francis Catholic School. Also, previously announced, our new music teacher, Mrs. Lucy Neary, will be starting in the fall and our long-term first grade substitute, Jonathan Johannesen, will be our PE teacher, as Mrs. Green will focus on art and sixth grade social studies. So many wonderful changes and additions have been added to the St. Francis community.

On Wednesday, June 18, we celebrated Mrs. Finnell and Ms. Halvorson 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 hard work.

On a very exciting note, the eighth graders successfully completed their education at St. Francis Catholic School with a graduation and award ceremony with family, faculty, and the St. Francis community on June 16. I would like to take this time to recognize the following on their achievements.



Archbishop Sample Scholarship: This award is presented to a student that in the judgement of the pastor, the principal, and the teachers has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service. This award includes a \$200 scholarship to the Catholic high school the candidate will attend. Congratulations to:

- Thomas Bui – attending Jesuit High School in the fall

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

- Reanne Gueverra
- Katelyn Huber
- Mackenzie McCollister
- Jaya Simmons

Gretchen Brown Christian Service Award: This student encompasses all Catholic Social Teachings, is a compassionate and caring individual, friend, and fulfills all Schoolwide Learning Expectations: Congratulations to the following:

- Jackson Martson

Schoolwide Learning Expectation (SLEs) Awards: All St. Francis students are taught to be members of many groups and are aware of what is expected of them at graduation. It is important that each student be Faith-Filled, a Life-Long Learner, a Well-Rounded Individual, and a Compassionate Person: Congratulations to the following:

Faith-Filled Person Award:

- Andrew O’Sullivan

Life-Long Learner Award:

- Jaya Simmons

Self-Awareness Award:

- Katelyn Huber

Compassionate Person Award:

- Zachary Brockmann



Academic Excellence Award: These graduating students maintained the highest-grade point average of 4.0 throughout the 2020-2021 school year: This is not an easy accomplishment. Congratulations to the following:

- Thomas Bui
- Reanne Guevera
- Katelyn Huber
- Mackenzie McCollister
- Emily Pitt
- Jaya Simmons
- Sierra Simmons

Congratulations to the St. Francis class of 2021. We wish you the best in all that you do!

At this time, I would like to recognize the **Sixth and Seventh** graders for their outstanding accomplishments in Christian Leadership and Academic Excellence.

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Sixth Grade:

- Ella Golda
- Alec Zaw-Tun

Seventh Grade:

- Sophie Green
- Matthew Mehta
- Michael Mehta
- Haven Zaw-Tun

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

Sixth Grade:

- Cosette Duckett
- Alec Zaw-Tun



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Seventh Grade:

- Siena Biallas
- Sophie Green
- Matthew Mehta
- Michael Mehta
- Haven Zaw-Tun

Parents, I truly cannot thank you enough for entrusting the faculty, staff, and me with your children this year. Their safety and education were our number one priority, and we made it happen. We should all feel so very blessed our students are well and continued to learn!

I am looking forward to the next school year; however, in the meantime, I will be out of the office the month of July for a bit of family fun. I will be checking emails sporadically if you need to contact me.

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

Sincerely,
Ms. Gonzalez
Principal