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Have the Courage to Be Happy
Pope Francis I – World Youth Day 2015

Good afternoon,

I write this as my very favorite team - the Cleveland Browns - are playing against the Baltimore Ravens. Go Browns!

This was a truly blessed weekend at Saint Charles Parish. There were **two weddings** on Saturday afternoon - both of the brides went to Saint Charles School. In the evening, the Class of 2020 received the graces and blessings of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of **Confirmation** and Michael Gordan, whose older siblings were confirmed, received his **First Communion**. Bishop Roger Gries was so joyful! Then this morning at 10am Mass, Robby Mueller received his **First Communion**. God is so good!

We welcome the preschool students for regular class times this week. We are so happy to have our youngest kids in school with us.

Tomorrow is picture day for students in grades K-8. Preschool will have their pictures taken in October.

Kids should wear a shirt, dress, etc. that is of a color/colors that looks good on them and with the color you choose for background. It is, essentially, a dress down/dress up day.

For those who have physical education tomorrow, there are a couple of options.

They should definitely dress for their picture. We will have those classes have their pictures taken first. Unless parents are ordering a full body picture, the kids can wear whatever shirt looks best for pictures and wear PE shorts and tennis shoes. OR - after the picture is taken, the kids can change from picture clothes into PE uniforms. OR - kids can continue to wear the clothes you choose for picture day and just be sure to have tennis shoes. Mr. Gerace will adjust.

I am attaching the information that you will need to order school pictures. It is suggested that you order online. If you prefer to send the order form and check into school with your child, that is OK too. Remember that you need to be sure to put the envelope and check in your child's bookbag and tell him/her to give it to the teacher. We need to limit people coming into the office - forgetting the picture form is not an emergency. If you forget, simply order online.

MAP testing begins this week. MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress. The teachers are able to use the data to know where the class as a whole is excelling or may need extra support. It also lets us know how students are doing as individuals. Given that the fourth quarter of last school year was unprecedented, remote learning (a first for teachers and

students alike), the information we will be able to gather in these next few weeks of assessment will be very helpful in planning. Please do not schedule appointments during the school day unless absolutely necessary.

The initial Drama Club meeting for the year will be on Wednesday in the gym from 2:40-3:10pm. Miss Perkins has spoken with students in grades 6-8 about this opportunity. Please be on time to pick up your children in the large Wilber Ave. parking lot. The kids will exit through the main office doors.

This Friday, grades four through eight will participate in the Friday 8:30am Mass. NEXT week, the seventh and eighth graders will be a part of Choose Life - classes that discuss respecting life from conception to natural death.

Have you cleaned out your closets and drawers so that you can donate items in the PTU fundraiser with Savers? Bring your gently used and clean clothes, shoes, belts, bedding, curtains, hats and purses in bags or boxes to the large Wilber Ave. parking lot between 9am and noon on Saturday, September 19. Family and friends are welcome to help with this fundraising event.

Speaking of fundraising - please keep bringing your paper and broken down cardboard to the recycling green bins in the small Wilber Ave. parking lot or in the Unity Catholic parking lot.

The plan is for the first PTU meeting of the school year to be a Zoom/virtual meeting. We will send out the invite during this week for next week.

Have a wonderful rest of your Sunday!

Choose the joy of Christ each day -

Eileen M. Updegrove