

The Academy at St. Mary  
72 Chestnut Street  
Rutherford, NJ 07070

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

March 3, 2020

Dear Parents,

**Re-registration** which started on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 is still ongoing. If you have not sent in your registration and application, please do so as soon as possible. Invite your friends and family to come to our last Open House on March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Report cards for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester** will be handed out on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Each homeroom teacher will send home a schedule of parent meetings.

We had a very successful STREAM Fair which was held on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The students worked on their projects using the United Nations Sustainable Goals (SDG) as a guide. Thank you to Mr. Zaccone, Mrs. Riviuccio, and Miss B. Oliveira for working hard with our students on their projects.

Congratulations (!! ) to the following students for their achievement in the STREAM FAIR:

**STREAM FAIR WINNERS:**

- **“Aquatic Industries” - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**– Grade 7: Samira Lamboy, Mariana Arias, Carolyn Fonseca, & Justin Boling
- **“Marine Housing L.L.C.” - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Grade 7: Gianna Modica, Neysa Vineet, Alyssa Chichi & Sophia Lora
- **“Educate to Elevate Co.”—3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Grade 6: Talan Mangasi, Geet Bajhukhandi, Nicholas Ford, & Meghan Fraser
- **“Clean Car Inc.” – Honorable Mention** – Grade 7: Michael Luna, Bridget Cronrath, Isabella Holland, Julian Montoya, & Kailyn Manzo

### **Special Recognition to the following people:**

- **Scripps Spelling Bee Contestant, Sophia Bautista, a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student,** will be competing in the Scripps Spelling Bee on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Outstanding Catholic School Graduate. Michael Pugliese,** has been chosen as the Outstanding Catholic School Graduate of 2020 representing the Academy. He will be recognized along with other 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the different archdiocesan schools on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the CYO Center in Kearny.
- **School Sportsmanship Awards. Nazario Ramos, 8<sup>th</sup> Grader, and Bridget Cronrath, 7<sup>th</sup> Grader,** will be receiving the School Sportsmanship Award from the CYO Athletics of the Archdiocese of Newark. This award is presented to athletes who display outstanding sportsmanship through service or actions on and off the athletic field in their parish or community. This special award will be presented to them on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, during the First Annual CYO Athletics Recognition Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.
- **In grateful appreciation for her leadership in our Track Program and her dedicated service to our school children, Mrs. Bobbi Weigel,** affectionately called Coach Bobbi, will be receiving the **School Discipleship Award.** This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to young people and athletics in their parish or school. She will also receive her award at the First Annual CYO Athletics Recognition Sunday.

**Tricky Tray** is fast approaching. It will be on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Graycliff, Moonachie, NJ. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Please return your ticket order forms to our PTO President, Mrs. Lisa DiDomenico at [lisadidomenicoasmpto@gmail.com](mailto:lisadidomenicoasmpto@gmail.com)

**Field Trip to the Liberty Science Center.** Students in Pre-K to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade will have a field trip to the Liberty Science Center on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Drama Club – Wonka Jr.** Mrs. Rivieccio and Mrs. Besterci, Directors of the Drama Club are hard at work with the school children in practicing and preparing for their performances on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the High School Auditorium. On Saturday, there will be two performances, a matinee at 1:00 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are currently on sale.

**Spring Carnival** is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to our PTO President, Mrs. Lisa DiDomenico at [lisadidomenicoasmpto@gmail.com](mailto:lisadidomenicoasmpto@gmail.com) if you would like to help with the booths.

**Transportation Eligibility.** I just want to inform you that the following towns assist parents in transportation reimbursement: Jersey City, Secaucus, Little Ferry, Garfield, North Haledon, Belleville, Bloomfield, Clifton, Moonachie, Newark, North Bergen, Nutley, Paterson, Elmwood Park, and Totowa. If you live in any of these towns, you may fill in a B6T form. This form is available in our main office.

**Payments to the Academy.** After April 15<sup>th</sup>, no personal checks will be accepted in the school office. All payments to the Academy must be in **cash or money order**.

**Safety of Students at Dismissal.** It has come to my attention that the safety of our students at dismissal is once again compromised due to cars speeding through the lot or rushing to park in any space in the lot. This has to STOP for the sake of our students. No one is allowed to park in the parking lot at dismissal time. Also parking in the church section of the parking lot or in the handicap section is not permitted. Parents are required to use street parking in the afternoon.

May God bless you and love you always.

Sincerely,  
*Miss Ana Maria Castaneda*  
Principal