

Dear Parents,

I hope that all of you are happy and healthy. This coming week we may have an opportunity to have all of our faculty and staff vaccinated if they choose to do so. This would mean though that we **schedule a NOON dismissal** so that they can go to the site and receive the vaccine which often takes more than an hour. We do not have substitute teachers and will have to send at least 4 each hour. We do not want to miss this opportunity for our hard working faculty and staff who have risked getting the virus each day they are at school.

As you know our Lenten Theme is '**Walking with Jesus in Love**'. During COVID our Lent will look different, it did with the receiving of ashes on our heads rather than our foreheads, and it may seem different during Holy Week when Churches will only be able to allow a small number in for the services. Thank God we have technology and there are so many options for being a part of a service even online. We hope that as a family you make every Sunday special by attending an in person Mass or setting up a table with a candle and cloth and celebrating a virtual Mass together. Hopefully, with more people vaccinated, we will return to a greater normalcy.

We are so proud of our **Academic Decathlon Team** this year who are ready to compete. The Mock Decathlon will be this Saturday from 7:30 to 10:30 am. Students can come in relaxed dress and should have had a good breakfast. Their devices should be fully charged. The following Saturday is the actual event. This is by far the best team we have ever had at Saint Anne. The competition on the following Saturday will be live streamed for parents and coaches.

Remember that the **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** is open for you now on FACTS. We hope that you take advantage of this. We know that our enrollment for next year will increase and some classes are full. Make sure that your children are included now for next year. We believe that class sizes will need to remain on the lower side for next year if the virus is still with us after the summer months.

We are happy to announce that **Mrs. Price will return on March 8th** with physical education for Kindergarten through Grade 8. Students will have PE twice a week for 40 minutes and must come to school in their PE uniforms. They will remain in their PE uniform for the rest of the day even on the School Mass days which fall on Friday. There is no need for them to change into regular uniforms. Here are the days that classes will have PE:

**MONDAY: Grade 1, 2 and 7**

**TUESDAY: Grade 3, 5, and 6**

**WEDNESDAY: Grade 1, 2,4, 7 and 8**

**THURSDAY: Grade 5, 6 and 8**

**FRIDAY: Kindergarten, Grade 3 and 4**

We also hope to restart our **Student Council Program** when Mrs. Price returns.

We are at the end of the **READING CHALLENGE**. At the end of the week teachers will submit their reading totals and then the **TOP THREE CLASSES** will be announced.

Next month we will be holding the **HOLY JEOPARDY CONTEST** which will be sponsored by the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** of Saint Anne Church in Seal Beach. There will be **FOUR PRIZES** in each classroom from Kindergarten through Grade 8. Teachers in Grades 1-8 have received the **QUESTIONS/ANSWERS** that students in each grade level will study. Teachers will have a contest in their classrooms to choose the top **FOUR STUDENTS** and on March 31st there will be a competition held to see who will win First, Second, Third, and Fourth. We will most likely stream the final competition held for each classroom. We are giving parents the opportunity of using our Virtual Fundraising Website to ask for donations for this contest. This will help you fulfill the \$400 Fundraising Commitment each family must make this year. More information will be coming out on how to use it and what prizes will be given to the most money brought in for a family through the website.

Have a great weekend. Be sure of my thoughts and prayer for you and your families.

Here are the important dates coming up:

March 5, Friday	NOON Dismissal
March 6, Saturday	Academic Decathlon Meet, 7:30 am here at school
March 12, Friday	End of the Second Trimester