

Dear Parents.

We hope that you and your families will have a joyous Easter. Please remember that COVID is still with us and we must be extra careful when around those that we usually do not associate with. We pray that everyone will remain healthy and happy.

Our last day this week is Wednesday. We will have a full day of school with day care available on Wednesday. There is no school on Thursday through the following week. Because our Drumline is going to be competing in a regional competition, they will have practice on Wednesday afterschool from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. They will also have practice on Monday and Wednesday of Easter break. Mr. Cilloniz will be informing you of the times that you are aware.

Saint Anne School was approved to hold a six week summer program from June 21 through July 29. It will only be from 9:00 - 12:00 Monday through Thursday. We will have Early Morning Drop Off at 7:30 am for those who need it for an additional \$40 for the entire six weeks or \$2.00 per day to pay someone to be with these students. Our own teachers will be teaching this program. The teachers will be announced for each grade level after Easter break.

The cost of the 6 week program is \$100. There is also an additional \$25.00 registration fee. Some students will be required to attend this program if they missed 20 days of school this year or were late and absent more than 40 days. Students will also be required to attend if they score lower than 35% on the STAR test which will be given toward the end of April. As with all other schools we have seen a drop in our students academic performance due to Distance Learning, the three months that we had to quickly transition into Distance Learning, and due to the slower pace we all moved at with students in person and students zooming. We need all of our students to be performing at their grade level when they return to school after summer. Letters will be sent home if your child needs to attend due to absences, lateness or low performance.

There may be students who want to attend for the challenge and to keep learning. Those students who are above the 50th percentile will be allowed to participate in the next grade level above their grade, for instance, Grade One Students could join the Second Grade remedial group, and so on. This is a great opportunity for any student as their learning curve will project upward during the summer months when usually there is already a learning curve downward.

Please remember to register your children for next year. We already have a wait list for two grade levels and will accept who comes first on the list. You are still in time for the EARLY BIRD SPECIAL at \$250.00 per child. This rate will change to \$300 per child after the Easter break.

We are extremely proud of our amazing Drumline made up of Grade 5 through Grade 8 students who will soon be competing against high schools in our area. They are that good! I will be posting on Constant Contact next week the performance that they will be doing for the competition. I have not heard any better group than our students. We commend their parents for supporting music for their children which gives them an added advantage as they grow older

in many ways: academically it encourages the neurons of the brain to make stronger connections as many senses are being used in the playing of an instrument and socially as they have had to work as a team at a time when students had no sports to play and had to remain socially apart. This group of young drummers was able to learn so much in 7 months thanks to the excellent teacher in Mr. Bruno Cilloniz who taught them this year.

Our Jazz Band will also have a performance toward the end of May. I will also be able to post this. They too are doing excellent thanks to Mr. Cilloniz. Our students are naturally musically inclined and this is just one more opportunity we are giving them at Saint Anne School.

Have a blessed Easter and may it be filled with joy! God bless, Sr. Teresa