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Dear Mount Carmel School Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week (CSW)! We have much to celebrate as a Catholic school that has weathered storms, economic turbulence, and the pandemic, all while remaining committed to this year's CSW theme: Faith, Excellence, and Service. In that celebratory spirit, we want to share some important updates with you, which are bulleted below and explained in detail thereafter:

- We will dismiss from 11:35 am to 12:00 noon tomorrow, Tuesday, February 2.
- Watch the premiere of the latest entry in the “We Drank Our Tears” film series this Thursday, February 4.
- Join us for a battle of wits as students and teachers face off in the first ever Knight Games this Friday, February 5, at 10:00 am on the school's Facebook page.
- Join us for this year's CSW Virtual Awards Ceremony this Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 am on the school's YouTube channel.
- We will NOT have classes on Monday, February 8, as we do every year to celebrate CSW.
- Stay safe, stay vigilant, and stay healthy!

11:35 AM—12:00 NOON DISMISSAL TOMORROW

As our way of honoring our teachers and staff for Tuesday's CSW focus on them, we will dismiss early tomorrow, Tuesday, February 2, from 11:35 am to 12:00 noon. Please arrange transportation accordingly so that our teachers and staff may enjoy a special luncheon planned for them.

NEW “WE DRANK OUR TEARS” FILM TO PREMIERE THIS THURSDAY

Mount Carmel School and D&R Visuals proudly present new stories in its award-winning “We Drank Our Tears” film series at American Memorial Park's amphitheater on Thursday, February 4, starting at 7:00 pm. Telling the stories of Visitation Camacho, Henry Indalecio, and Dave Sablan, the new film will be screened after encore screenings of all previous films in the series. \$5 admission tickets may be purchased at the MCS Business Office, Herman's Modern Bakery, Kagman Mobil, Naked Fish, Surf Rider Hotel, or TRIBE Marianas. To comply with COVID-19 Mitigation Guidelines, this is a ticketed event with limited seats available.

KNIGHT GAMES THIS FRIDAY AT 10:00 AM ON FACEBOOK

In lieu of our usual CSW Road-side Waving, Field Games, and Family Night, we will celebrate students with the first ever Knight Games to be streamed this Friday at 10:00 am on the school's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mtcarmelcnmi. Watch student teams battle each other, teacher teams battle each other, and then a student team and a teacher team battle each other in an epic final round. These fun games will test their wits, creativity, and overall teams spirit.

Our mission is to educate the whole person to see with Christ's eyes.

CSW VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY THIS SATURDAY AT 10:00 ON YOUTUBE

An annual CSW tradition is to recognize the many stakeholders that make a huge difference for Mount Carmel School, including the AlumKnight of the Year, Parent of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Support Staff of the Year, Legacy Teacher of the Year, Millennium Falcon Awardee of the Year, and Class of the Year. To ensure the safety of our school family and the broader community, and to comply with COVID-19 mitigation guidelines, we will recognize all of these stakeholders at a CSW Virtual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 am on the school's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/c/MountCarmelSchool. The ceremony will conclude with the premiere of this year's MCS "Super Bowl" Video.

NO CLASSES ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Another annual tradition is to grant the entire school family a CSW Holiday on the Monday following CSW. With that, please note that we will NOT have classes on Monday, February 8.

STAY VIGILANT. STAY SAFE. STAY HEALTHY.

Our diligent and collective efforts as a community have kept the CNMI one of the safest places in the world with one of the lowest transmission rates in the nation. Likewise, here at the school, we thank all our families for working with us and cooperating with our COVID-19 mitigation efforts. Whether teaching your children proper hygiene, complying with our procedures and protocols, or following traffic safety procedures, you have helped our school safely conduct face-to-face classes. However, we must not become complacent. We must remain vigilant. As such, remember the three simple Ws:

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- **Watch your distance** by maintaining a physical distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and other people you don't live with.
- **Wear a mask** in public settings around people who don't live in your household.

These are challenging times, but we have survived devastating typhoons, economic recessions, and many other tragedies. But, we're all in this together, and with **FAITH** in our Lord, **HOPE** for a better tomorrow, and **LOVE** for each other, we will get through this. We are **KNIGHT STRONG**. We are **MARIANAS STRONG**.

Sincerely in Christ,



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