

May 4, 2017

Dear Parents,

May is here but don't blink, because it will be over in a flash as our calendar is booked for this month. More important than tests and field trips, it is the time of year that we celebrate Mary, the Queen of May. Every morning we are saying the rosary and speaking about the promises made by Mary to those who recite the rosary. Please stop in and join us for prayer if you have some time!

Yesterday evening, our 8th graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Byrne. If you see an 8th grader, congratulate them as they are filled with the Holy Spirit. Our Home School Association exceeded expectations with the World's Finest Chocolate Sale. The final tally is not yet in as *all* chocolate money needs to be in by *this Friday*, May 5. The 6-8 Social/Dance was a huge success thanks to the DiPierro and LoPresti families and all the volunteers. St. Columbanus students and teachers also raised \$400 for Dress-Down Day for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Cancer Society.

NYS Math Tests (3-8) are done; make up days are tomorrow and Monday. The Iowa Tests for grades K-2 will be on the mornings of May 8-12. This upcoming Monday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 10 will be the Scholastic Book Fair in the library. Also on the 8th, a photographer will be coming from the Archdiocese to take pictures of our students in action to update our school website. Please have your child(ren) wear their best uniforms (no Spring uniforms or redemption NUT cards on this day, please). Please join us for our final HSA Meeting that will be Wednesday, May 10 at 7 pm in the gymnasium (the book fair will be running simultaneously in our library).

May 12 is a half day, so the school day ends at 11 am. May 12 is also the Communion Breakfast in the gymnasium in the morning, and First Communion Mass is Saturday, May 13 at 11 am at the church. During May, all the grades will be going on field trips or having guest visitors. You should have or will be receiving letters home about these events. Monday, May 15 is May Crowning at 7 pm at the church; we will crown Mary and process around the grounds reciting the rosary; there will be Benediction following the service. Also on the 15th, the final progress reports will be sent home. On Tuesday, May 16, we will be having our annual St. Columbanus Field Day. We are thankful for Mrs. Bruno and Mrs. Radar for chairing this event.

The Spring Band Concert will be Wednesday, May 17 at 7 pm in the gymnasium. Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation, is May 25. Father Paul has offered to hold Mass for the students of St. Columbanus at 9 am. Please come and join us. We lost all the "snow days" listed on our school calendar for the month of May. The only day off for students in May is Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 (and the ½ day on the 12th). Finals begin on the Tuesday May 30 and run through Friday, June 2. Summer vacation will be upon us before you know it; enjoy this spring weather while you can.

God Bless, *Principal Frohm*