



Saint Patrick School

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Dear Parents:

Today, as we celebrate the feast of St. John Chrysostom (golden mouthed), Bishop and Doctor of the Church, we remember we are invited to embrace the attitudes of God's Kingdom:

"Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly:... you must put them all away: anger, fury, malice, slander, and obscene language out of your mouths." Colossians 3:5a, 8

It would be worth our while to have a conversation with our children on our invitation to adopt different attitudes than those the world around us offers us. The way we speak to one another, the attitudes we adopt, the decisions we make, should challenge the people around us to desire our Christian values for themselves and for their loved ones.

We thank all parents who attended our Back-To-School Nights. We hope you found worthwhile the information you received. If you have any questions or doubts about what was discussed at the general meetings as well as in the classroom presentation, please, do not hesitate to contact us. **Parents who did not attend have been charged \$10 in TADS. Among the changes we shared with parents were: the new requirement that if a student is absent, parents need to call us and send a note to excuse the absence, and the fact that for every five unexcused tardies, the parents of the student will have to do an additional service hour. If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to call us.**

We thank Sr. Mary for guiding our students to lead the first Prayer Service in honor of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and for preparing the commissioning of our Student Council members. We also thank Mrs. Alegre and the 8th Grade class for their hospitality at our first Family Mass of this academic year. Our parishioners enjoy thoroughly the presence of our students at the Sunday Mass.

This week our students in 1st to 8th grade are taking their **STAR Math and Reading assessments**. Our Kindergarten students are taking the **STAR Early Literacy assessment**. Please, make sure your children sleep well and that they have a nutritious breakfast every day of the week. We are looking forward to see how their summer academic plans helped them maintain or even improve their performance from the previous academic year. Any make-up assessments will be given next week.

Last week we had to say goodbye to our new TK Teacher, Ms. Laura Cardona. Due to family issues she had to leave us. Please, keep her and her family in your prayers. Our new TK Teacher, Ms. Leila Ibarra will begin her work with us on Monday, September 18. In the mean time, Ms. Martha Liles is working with us. Please, keep in your prayers Ms. Leila Ibarra, as she prepares to begin her ministry with our TK students.

This Friday, September 15 is our **Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner** from 4pm to 6pm. We hope you are all able to join us. We are looking forward to spend time with you as we share a meal together.

The preparations for our **Jog-a-thon** have began! **We congratulate Alex Tran** for his T-Shirt drawing chosen by popular vote among our students, faculty and staff! We are now hoping every student begins to do his or her part in this first fundraising event, by asking for sponsors among their relatives, friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners. This is a great opportunity to tell everyone how wonderful our school is and all the great things that are happening. **Everyone who hears this, will want to cooperate!**

May our Lord, Jesus, bless you and your families!

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