

April 18th, 2019

## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

I want to thank all the parents, church finance board members, church trustees, parishioners, school staff, alumni, Fr. Rudolph and Ginny for attending the meeting on Tuesday. It was good to see representation from all stakeholders present. The objective of the meeting was to be informative, to listen to concerns and questions and have a dialogue with one another in order that we may move forward as a school and parish.

The most joyous and fruitful part of the meeting was when we all broke into small groups and were able to share our thoughts and ideas. A full report of the meeting will be published. I am continuing to hear from parents. Please do not hesitate to call me or email me. Your concerns and questions will also go into the full report. My goal is to have the report finished by next Tuesday.

A Parent Satisfaction Survey is attached to this newsletter. It is anonymous and voluntary. Your input is valued as we set a foundation in moving the school upward and forward. If you choose not to answer the survey, please mark the box indicating that you choose not to answer. It will count as we report the number of surveys turned-in and record results.

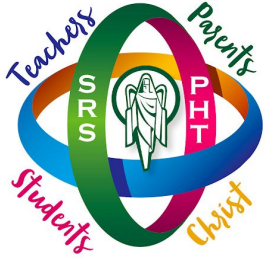
God Bless,

Cheryl Aviña  
Interim Principal

## Upcoming Events

- Fri. - Mon. 4/19 - 4/22 - Easter break (no school)
- Tues. 4/23 - School resumes
- Fri. 4/26 - Field Trip ~ Bell Museum (Grades 3rd, 4th & 5th)
- Thurs. 5/2 - May Crowning during Mass
- Fri. 5/3 - Field Trip - Totino Grace Play (Grades K, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th)
- Sun. 5/5 - Open House 9:30am-12:30pm
- Wed. 5/8 - VFW Steak Night (Dining for dollars)
- Thurs. 5/16 - Spring concert, Art Show and Bake Sale (more info to follow)

# PHT News and Events



We have already gotten some great silent auction items for the upcoming **May 10, 2019 Burgers, Bottles, and Brews Gala!!** You will not want to miss out on your chance for the Schmitt Music ukulele, Fitbody Bootcamp program, Fire truck ride for the kids, Zoo passes, piano lessons with Mrs. Bowen, a Culver's tasting party, and more!!

If you have something you can donate - an item, tickets to a sporting or arts event, or a service - please consider donating and check with your employer as many will match! Don't forget to contribute to your child's classroom basket.

We are certainly going to need volunteers for the day and night of, so be on the watch for an upcoming volunteer sign-up link. We'll need help for set-up, games, bartending, food, registration, take-down, etc. Ask your friends and family to join you!

Thank you ALL in advance for your help in making this a great night! We are excited to have it in the school gym this year and want to celebrate with you all!

Mark your Calendars:

- VFW Steak Night Dining for Dollars - 5/8/19
- PHT Meeting - 5/15/19

## Lunch Accounts

Parents, please check the lunch account for your student and have it paid in full before the end of the school year. There are 2 ways to pay; send check or cash to school in an envelope marked lunch account and give it to the secretary, or you may go online to the parish website, click the online giving button on the top of the page, follow the instructions through Vanco and choose Lunch Program for payment activity option.

## DONATIONS FOR EDUCATION

~See attachment

Our **final contest** will run from through **May 14th**. Turn-in days started Tuesday, 4/16 and subsequent Tuesdays through 5/14. Bring DFE items to classroom buckets in labeled baggies (name and grade). This is a team contest. (Teams 1-PS/PK/6th; Team 2- K/7th; Team 3-1st/5th; Team 4-2nd/4th; Team 5-3rd/8th). For every 25 DFE items turned in the team moves one space on the gameboard. However, there are pitfalls and rewards along the way! First team to reach the garden space wins an ice cream party with extra recess.

## Piano Recital

Sunday May 5th 6:30-7:30 pm

All are invited to enjoy music by the St. Raphael Parish and School students of Mrs. Bowen, on May 5th in Marian Hall.

Refreshments will be served!

## School Open House

The school will have its Open House on Sunday, May 5th from 9:30-am - 12:30pm

Tours and information about the school will be given throughout the day; food and beverages will be served.

Bring your family and friends to share in our community. All are welcome!

## Classroom & Student Highlights

### Maude Hart Lovelace Recognition and Celebration

It is the time of year once again where eligible students from around the state of Minnesota have the opportunity to vote in the Maud Hart Lovelace 2018-2019 Book Award Contest. Each year students through our state are invited to join this group, read the designated number of books in their age level, and then vote for their favorite. This is the only book award that is determined by the votes of young readers.

I would like to congratulate the following students for taking on this challenge. **Antonio Teixeira, Gus Nordstrom, Tyler Hillenbrand, Kiera Keske, Ava Teixeira, Abby Hanson, Dana Pham, Jason Hirt, Railey Gerlach, Kira Gerlach, Leylani Villa.** Special recognition goes to **Maia Lahr, James Herrera, Isabelle Schmitz** and **Ava Schmid** who achieved Hall of Fame status for reading all 10 selections in their age group. We will celebrate our accomplishments as well as Maud Hart Lovelace's birthday on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> with Ice Cream Sundaes. ~Deb Schmitz, Library Director

## Rice Bowls

Final turn in is either today at the school, Fri. April 18th or at the church on or before Easter Sunday April 21st. Thank you for your generosity.

