



From the Principal...

October 26, 2011

Every child brings us God's smile.

Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Parents,

I can imagine the excitement as grade reports are shared this evening. I know you will find some things to celebrate together. And yes, there will undoubtedly be some items that need more work—we need to recognize these as well and begin making corrections. It is the teacher's responsibility to identify these areas and to make you aware—this is because teachers love your child want him/her to become the person God intends them to be. We sometimes tend to emphasize the negative and overlook our accomplishments—praise goes a long way.

Parent-teacher conferences will begin next week. These provide a wonderful opportunity to have a dialog with your child's teacher—exchange thoughts and ideas—for you to hear what she has to say and for her to listen to you. When parents and teachers are “on the same page” the child always wins.

Unfortunately I will not be in the building for conferences Thursday, Nov. 3 and Friday, Nov. 4—I will be at an important meeting scheduled by the Diocese for principals. If the teachers would like for me to sit in on a conference I have asked them to schedule that for Thursday, Nov. 4. Also please remember that if there is something you would like to discuss with me you may schedule anytime.

Again I thank you for trusting us with the important job of helping you educate your son and/or daughter. Each morning, as a school staff, we remind ourselves of the mission to which we have been called. We are not in this alone—we have each other, the help the Holy Spirit and the intercession of our Blessed Mother, patroness of our school. God bless,

Mark your calendars

- ◆ Wednesday, Oct. 26—Grade reports come home
- ◆ Friday, Oct. 28—ALL Fundraiser \$\$ due
- ◆ Tuesday, Nov. 1—8:45 am—All-School Mass for *All Saints Day*
7:00 pm—School Council
- ◆ Thurs., Nov. 3—4:00 to 8:00 pm—Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ◆ Friday, Nov. 4—9:30am to 3:00 pm—Parent-Teacher Conferences—No School
5:30 pm—*Bread & Bowl* served by school and PTO at 1st. U. Methodist Church
- ◆ Thursday, Nov. 10—4:00 to 8:00 pm—Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ◆ Friday, Nov. 11—No School for Staff professional Development
- ◆ Monday, Nov. 14—6:00 pm—PTO
- ◆ Wednesday thru Friday, Nov. 23, 24, and 25—No School for Thanksgiving break
- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 11—4:00 pm—*Aloha Christmas*, School Christmas Program



Talk With Your Kids...

Responsibility, current L.I.F.E.

Skill has two meanings:

- ◆ accepting duties, and
- ◆ being accountable for what you have done

Both are important. Share with your child how each of these is part of being a parent.



Also help them realize that we do make mistakes from time to time—that's because we are human. On those occasions we need to say, "I'm sorry" and ask "Will you please forgive me?"