

From the Desk of Principal D'Amico

April 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful spring break. We are still praying for the warmer weather to break through. Hopefully by the end of the week we will be approaching the warmer front. A warm thank you to our students who participated in Holy Week services. You are the true meaning of sacrifice and offering. Also, I would like to acknowledge the BETA Club for receiving donations for our annual basket project with a big thank you to all the families for the goods that were donated. The donations went to various places this year. At Hoboken Hospital, Children's Therapy Center, and Holy Name Hospital, we spread holiday cheer to over 100 local families!

If you have not noticed our safety project is almost completed. We have installed 73 security bollards 66" inches apart. The purpose of this project is to keep our students safe during arrival and dismissal times. I appreciate your patience during this project and your suggestions during the principal perk. It is wonderful to see how parents and administrators can work together in a positive way for a greater outcome.

Please join me in congratulating Father Peter on his new role beginning in May. Father was elected Provincial of the Immaculate Conception Province. We wish much happiness on this spiritual journey. He truly is a great example to our youngsters and parish.

The STEM Expo will be held this Friday, April 14th from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. We wish our finalists luck as they represent our school. If you are in the area, please join the students and learn more about innovative solutions to global challenges.

Our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year will be taking place this month. We hope you can join us at Casino Night on April 27th at La Fortuna for a fun evening. We ask that you purchase a ticket, donate a prize or sponsor a table. Many companies and families use these donations as a tax exemption. You have asked for a new gym, and we are hoping to raise money to get this done this summer. I am personally asking you to please make this event our top fundraiser. If you need more information, please contact Frances Santos, SCC member and chair.

We hope you enjoyed our "One Book One School" reading initiative. The students were thrilled with our assembly right before break, and thank you for sending in pictures of you reading as a family. We hope to continue this activity next year. Our goal is to promote reading in school and at home.

This year it was decided not to test our kindergarten and first grade students for the IOWA Assessment standardized test. This decision was made on the school level. The students in these grades within most of the Archdiocesan schools will not be tested. The test is also not mandatory for these grade levels as well. We have gathered various multi-measure assessments throughout the year to examine the needs of the students. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school office.

As a reminder any parent who wishes to chaperone field trips or attend school activities as a volunteer will need to be approved with a background check and have completed Protecting God's Children.

I hope to see you all at our Casino Night!

Mrs. Filomena D'Amico