

## From the Desk of Principal D'Amico

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January 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for the frigid temperatures upon us. The students have returned to school sharing such wonderful stories about their holiday fun. I was fortunate enough to spend my holiday with close family and friends. I enjoyed the much needed break and have returned ready to start the New Year. We have a variety of events returning this winter season that I encourage you to take part.

Our preschool board has officially been meeting, and it has been such a pleasure to work alongside its members. These wonderful ladies have a number of innovative ideas and have already planned some events. Please look for the flyer and sign up to be a part of this wonderful opportunity. Our goal is to provide activities that are solely geared for toddlers and parents. We hope you can join us at our first event.

Please be reminded that inclement weather may affect the schedule at the Academy of Our Lady of Grace. As a reminder, you can wait for our phone call, check our website, Facebook page or call the school phone to check on closures and delays. In the event of bad weather, the days that follow do not allow students to be excused if they are late. Lateness is not acceptable; please allow extra time to get to school.

Catholic Schools Week is right around the corner. This week is geared to celebrate Catholic Schools and just how special our students, families and staff members are. We hope you can participate in all our events. Look for the calendar in School Messenger coming out soon.

I hope we have some super spellers out there getting ready for our annual spelling bee. You can follow along with our word lists that were given to your children.

On January 9th, we hosted our first parent workshop on the topic of bullying. The workshop was informative and raised some important concerns. We have invited the team to return so they can educate our students and staff members. Our goal is to form a partnership and make bullying nonexistent.

As a reminder, the students will be taking the IOWA Standardized Test this year. We have looked into purchasing some test preps for preparing our students and will be sharing that with you within the next few weeks. Please make certain that your child is in school that week and appointments are not scheduled so classes are not disrupted.

The cast is set for *Beauty and The Beast*, and we hope you will be our guest at our spring musical. The children and staff are excited and practices will begin shortly. Please mark your calendars this spring for what promises to be the best show yet!

Registration is ongoing and we encourage you to save your seat for the following school year. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us. Classes will be filled shortly after registration is closed.

Have a great January.