

From the Desk of Principal D'Amico

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Dear Parents,

Warmer weather has arrived and baseball season has officially begun with spring training. I have been trying my very best to get our children outside to play and enjoy recess time. Our STREAM fair was a great success this week. A special thanks to our STEM, art and science teachers who supported our students to create such wonderful projects.

This month we will be celebrating reading! As you know, our Scholastic Book Fair kicked off Read Across America week and was very successful. I am excited to share with you that the funds raised from this book fair will help achieve our school goal of replacing or upgrading the interactive white boards for grades K – 8. I am excited to share with you our awesome new school project for grades K - 5. It's called, "One Book, One School." I encourage you to take part in this amazing adventure.

The students in AOLG have been participating in many Lenten experiences. Some of our students will be "coloring a smile" for someone special, preparing an Easter Basket, or rehearsing for Holy Week Services. I hope you can either donate to our basket project or come out and watch one of our Holy Week performances.

Our cast is set and practices have been underway for Beauty and the Beast. I hope you can save the date for what promises to be one of the biggest and best performances yet! The play will be performed on May 4th and 5th.

With the recent events that have occurred in Florida, our town police and the Archdiocese of Newark have been working with us to ensure that safety is always priority. I want to remind you that safety is my top priority daily as well. I will continue to practice monthly drills and train our students for preparedness. If your child comes home and discusses any of their concerns please address me immediately.

This Friday our teachers and paraprofessionals will receive professional development on bullying. This workshop is part of a 3 part series that will address teachers, parents, and students. This Friday's training is specifically designed for school staff. In the month of May, the students will be receiving their training. As some of you were apart of our parent workshop in January, I am committed to ensuring that parents, teachers, and staff know the characteristics of abused children. This is a two year program from New Jersey Child Assault Prevention. If you would like further information, please contact me.

Congratulations to all our grade 8 students who were accepted into various technical schools, Catholic high schools and private schools. Your hard work, dedication and achievements are to be recognized. We will miss you, but we know that you have all the tools to succeed in high school.

I have begun the bidding process for a new gym floor. Please do your best to help us raise funds for this new project. Our Casino Night Fundraiser will strictly go for this endeavor. Any donation will help or, if you know of a company that would like to sponsor our event, please share the information that was provided to you last month or contact Frances Santos from the SCC.

Lent is a time for reflection and renewal. I hope this Lenten season is filled with faith and the inspiration to make new promises.