

From the Desk of Principal D'Amico

October 2017

Dear Parents,

We had a great end in the month of September with fundraisers for the students at the Academy of Our Lady of Grace. Our Scholarship Golf Outing which was last week raised over \$30,000 for our students. We also had a fabulous turn out for Pocketbook Bingo. The night was filled with fun moments and lots of laughter in support for a good cause, our school. A special thank you to all those who contributed and worked the events.

I want you to pay special attention to the calendar this month. Students will not be in session on the 9th which is Columbus Day and the 16th which is a professional day. At the end of the month on the 27th, there will be a half day with a noon dismissal, and our after care services will be available. On this day the teachers will attend a school Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. I hope you embrace these long weekends and get to enjoy them with your family.

Our module project is progressing nicely. As you drive by the back lot, please notice how the building's hallway is now connected to these two new classrooms. Our first grade parents will be notified as soon as the rooms are ready for touring. I appreciate your patience during this transition.

This month we begin our VIP Breakfast series. Please take the time to be a part of this wonderful activity in your child's classroom. We changed the name, but it's still the same concept. Mark your calendars.

As you stroll through our hallways, please take notice of our brand new bulletin boards hanging outside each classroom. These boards have been designed for our teachers to display students' work in a neat and creative way. We hope you recognize the effort and time our teachers and students have expended on their bulletin board displays and enjoy them immensely.

The eighth grade class has begun their integration with technology in the subject matter of history on the new Chromebooks. It has been a delight watching these youngsters advance in the area of technology. We are hoping to have both our 7th and 8th grades fully integrated by the end of the school year.

We are gearing up for Middle States reaccreditation. In November four members will be observing and evaluating a self-study that has been in place for the past 7 years. We would like to thank you all for responding to the surveys and interview questions which helped us get to where we are now.

Our new program, 10/10, is up and running. Ten minutes of math and ten minutes of writing in the beginning of the day and at the end of the day, respectively, is the school wide theme. I invite you to share your thoughts and ideas with your child's teacher. We are trying to strengthen our math and writing skills by promoting enthusiasm as a motivator.

Please join us this Halloween for a pre-school parade. This year it will commence at 2:15 p.m., and parents will be able to take their children home by 2:40 p.m. I hope to see you all at the Halloween parties which promise to be fun.