

From the Desk of Principal D'Amico

Summer 2018

Dear Parents,

It seems like June has just come and now will be quickly leaving us soon. I hope you enjoyed this school year as much as I did. At this moment, I would like to take the time to thank all faculty and staff for their dedication throughout the year and sharing their talents with our students. I would like to personally say thank you to the SCC for hosting such wonderful activities for our children. Also, our athletic director, Marie, made such pleasing attributions to our sports teams. To all our coaches, class moms, and preschool board moms, it is because of you our school has such great energy and passion to make it the best place to be!

To summarize this year academically, students were given many opportunities to work toward their goals. We had many programs designed to enhance learning. All the after school enrichment classes that were provided were either instructed by our on-staff teachers or through outside programs. It was a perfect combination of academics, sports, and with an exposure to culture. These programs allowed your children to take learning to the next level. The Iowa Assessment standardized test, new to AOLG this year, also challenged the students. If you have any follow up questions, please contact us this summer. We would be happy to walk you through the reports.

Our focus this year on writing was a success. Our students became better writers, and our teachers were given the tools and professional development to make it happen. Our CAP antibullying program increased awareness and educated our parents, students and educators what the warning signs are and how to handle situations under stress. I hope to continue these workshops for the upcoming school year.

This summer has just begun and there are numerous opportunities to participate in events and activities. Please be reminded about the numerous free programs that are being offered to the students at AOLG. We have Packets and Popcorn Summer Packet Fun, summer camp, basketball clinic, Jump Start Program and a new multiplication workshop. The summer can feel long so have your children try something new!

We are also having some bittersweet departures this school year. Michele Burke, who has worked over 25 years and a longtime parishioner, will be retiring from the office this June. We consider ourselves fortunate to have had her work with us for such a long period of time. We wish her well as she enters retirement and gets to enjoy her beautiful grandchildren. Her friendly smile will be missed by all! Also, Ms. Williams, Ms. Rachel, Ms. O'Brien, our school nurse, and Italian teacher, Mrs. Altomonte, will not be returning in the upcoming school year. Although they may no longer be with us, we wish them the best and appreciate all they have done for our children. I have been currently interviewing for these positions and will keep you all posted in the near future. Happily, Mr. Keiser has accepted a full time position as physical education teacher and athletics. He is a great addition to our team.

I hope you all enjoy your summer. I ask that you keep us all in your prayers as we keep you in ours as well. Please attend Mass on Sundays, and I can't wait to see you all in September.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Filomena D'Amico