

From the Desk of Principal D'Amico

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Dear Parents,

Now that the holidays are officially over we can begin to settle into the New Year. It is wonderful to walk around the school reading what students have written for their New Year's resolutions. The beginning of the year allows us to reflect on our past, renew the promises we've made, and meet the challenges of tomorrow.

We are gearing up for Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month. Look for the calendar to come out soon with entertaining activities for students and parents. If you click on this link, you will find a dozen reasons why Catholic School is the right choice. <https://ncea.org/csw/Planning%20Tools/>

[A Dozen Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools/CSW/Planning Tools/](#)

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It is my favorite week of the school year when we can be proud of what sets us apart from other schools. Please join us at the exciting events to come.

Our eighth grade students will begin to get their acceptance letters from various high schools. Please pray for them as they make this journey into the next chapter of their lives. I can confidently say that these students are ready to take the next step.

In the event of emergency closings due to inclement weather, please make sure you are connected to your school messenger account. If you do not receive emails or phone calls, please contact: feliciano@aolgfairview.org.

Next month we will be hosting anti-bullying workshops for teachers, students, and parents. I encourage you to take part in this parent only meeting on February 5th at 6:30 p.m. This informative meeting is an extension of the series of workshops we hosted last year. I am happy to let you know students and teachers are better educated through programs like these. Mark your calendar for this important event. All are welcome to attend.

The basketball/cheerleading season is underway and the students and coaches have been doing a fabulous job. I cannot thank the coaches enough for dedicating themselves to our children. Their patience and enthusiasm exceeds the level of expectation. Mr. Kaiser, our athletic director, has been working tirelessly to keep practices, games and communication clear. He is the glue that holds this program together. As you all know, sportsmanship is key for a successful season. I ask that positive behavior during games, both at home and away, is displayed as you represent our school. Remember, you are a spectator so please have respect for all coaches, players, and referees. You are the example for your children.

I am pleased to announce that students in kindergarten through fourth grade have started an excellent reading program called Raz-Kids. The students were sent home with their usernames and icon passwords to access the program at home. This program provides comprehensive leveled reading resources for students. Every eBook is available in online and mobile formats for the students. It allows the students to listen to each story, record themselves reading and permits them to read at their own pace. Raz-Kids also builds the students' assessment skills after each story by having them complete an equiz.

Lastly, please join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Feliciano on their new baby girl, Alivia, born on January 9th. We send them all our blessed and best wishes!

Respectfully,
Mrs. D'Amico