

From the Desk of Principal D'Amico

December 2018

Dear Parents,

December is already here at the Academy of Our Lady of Grace, and the school is bustling with many wonderful events for our students! Our Gingerbread House competition was a wonderful occasion for our families to show their creativity. We hosted twenty-five families, and each house was designed with love and lots of sugar. Also this month, we are in the midst of our school Christmas pageants, a band performance and short Nativity excerpts. We hope you enjoy watching your child and it brings you some holiday cheer. Breakfast with Santa was also hosted this month by our Youth Group, and we thank them for their time and service.

Other exciting happenings at our school include the casting of our new spring musical, *The Lion King*. The students and directors are very enthusiastic about this production. In addition, our new spirit wear apparel has been launched. We are placing one order this week so please get your order forms in no later than Thursday, December 13th. These items can be worn on school spirit days and certain specified days throughout the year.

Our SCC is working very hard with our class parents gearing up to host our annual school Christmas party, Holiday Shop and wrapping paper event. We hope you can participate in these fundraising activities. All proceeds help with school assemblies and refurbishment of our building.

This month we have begun our registration for the 2019-2020 school year. We will have priority registration for our families for the month of December and part of January. Kindly submit the paperwork at your earliest opportunity to secure your seat!

In the next few months, students will be working on their STEM projects and preparing to present them at our Science Fair. Please mark your calendars for February 27th at 6:30 p.m. These projects are hands-on ventures and encourage students to research how to address third world problems.

I am proud to announce that Ms. Jaworowski and Mrs. Toth have applied for two different grants and we have been awarded both! One was from A.C. Moore, which will be spent towards art supplies. The second one was from The New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. We have already begun to use the \$1,000.00 from this grant for new gym equipment. This new equipment will be put to good use in January as I plan to bring back the series of open gyms with our physical education teachers. We hope you can engage with your child during these series!

The end of November began the second trimester. If you did not schedule a meeting with your child's teacher last week, please reach out to the teacher to do so. It is our obligation as a school to ensure that all parent and teacher communication is positive and that lines of communication are clear. I also encourage you to check PowerSchool daily as the student assessments are updated regularly. If you are having trouble accessing this site, please call the office at your earliest opportunity.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2019 bring you love, peace and happiness!

Respectfully,

Mrs. F. D'Amico