

## From the Desk of Principal D'Amico

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October 2018

Dear Parents,

I think we can finally enjoy our pumpkin spice latte and apple cider doughnuts this month! October will be another busy month for the Academy of Our Lady of Grace. We are gearing up for Fire Safety Month and Halloween. Students in preschool through grade 3 will be treated to a demonstration from the Fairview Fire Department. I thank the firefighters for their commitment to our community and continuous support to the school children. The next big event is Halloween. Halloween will be celebrated this year with a school wide party on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>! Please look for the flyer to purchase your tickets as this event does sell out quickly. A new addition to this year is that students will be able to wear their costumes to school. However, I am telling students not to wear masks or bring any weapons into the school building. Also, students are to use tasteful discretion when choosing a costume to wear.

If you have not taken the recent workshop for *Protecting God's Children*, AOLG will be hosting another workshop next month. Mark your calendars for November 5th. Registration will start at 6:30 p.m., and at 7:00 p.m. class will begin. It is imperative to attend this workshop if you would like to volunteer. Without the proper background check, you will not be able to help.

This week I hosted a Principal's Perk Forum. I would like to thank all those who attended. It is nice to see we share the same vision, and your comments and suggestions are always appreciated. If I didn't see you this time; hopefully, you can make it to my next one.

The SCC hosted some fabulous events last month. I would like to acknowledge this group who works tirelessly as a team to promote school wide events. Last year I created a preschool board which met once a month in the morning to discuss events and new ideas for the youngsters. Last year, three members graduated. I am asking if anyone has a passion for bringing fresh innovative ideas to our board, please email me. I am looking to fill three spots. We are just a bunch of new moms ,or dads if interested, planning to bring educational experiences to our preschoolers while creating a network of bonding.

Power School is your tool for staying involved in the academics of your child. This website will give all parents in grades K-8 access to their child's grades. Please, if you do not have access, call the main office for your user name and password. If you set up your account last year, your access is still the same.

Our students have adapted well to the transition of a new year. Last month they enjoyed a BMX assembly which discussed the issues of bullying and bike safety. The performers' cool tricks and important messages had all our students in awe. This month an assembly called, Science Tellers, will take place. We are looking forward to some spooky science!

In the area of academics, please refer to our curriculum maps located online. This will inform you where your children are in the subject matter and what objectives they will be covering this year. It is so important to have good routines at home and in school. I ask you to reach out to any teacher if something is not clear, or if your child is having difficulty. Also, let's not forget the programs that will begin this month for afterschool help. You can always ask your child's teacher to see if your child qualifies for these programs. If not, after school enrichment is an affordable way to challenge your child for some hands on fun. If you didn't register this month, look for the new schedule that will come out later this month. However, remember that classes do close when they are filled.

I thank you for entrusting your special gifts to us daily, and it is always our commitment to work with you and your child.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. D'Amico