

From the Desk of Principal D'Amico

October 2019

Dear Parents,

The first month of school just zoomed right by us. I am happy to report all events we hosted were successful and well attended. The students have been easing into school attending some wonderful assemblies. This month we hosted Fit4Kids, Mad Science, Instrumental Band, and Kyle Anderson of the N.B.A basketball team, the Memphis Grizzlies. Our students really loved these special programs. Mr. Anderson shared an important message, "to be a respectful student," one who is dedicated to his or her school, family and community! We were thankful for his visit. Academically, the students have begun their testing for the new Map Growth Assessment. The window for testing has opened and students will be practicing and taking their tests daily for about an hour. Attendance is very important so please have your children avoid missing school within the next two weeks. I am happy to share that tardiness has been very low. As you know, students who are at school on time get a head start and can prepare for the morning without rushing. Please make this a top priority. I do not want students penalized for being tardy.

Spiritually, our students have welcomed the Archbishop of Peru singing songs and learning about his culture. Some of our students and teachers participated in the shut in picnic for the Sisters of Charity this past Saturday. Please pray for our 7th and 8th graders as they attend their retreats at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearney later this week.

Fall uniforms take effect on October 15th. There are no exceptions for the boys. A shirt (not polo) with a tie must be worn for grades K-8. Please adhere to this policy. This uniform is also to be worn on picture day. We will now be offering school lunch on half days. Mashios will be providing our students the opportunity to purchase lunch between 12:00-12:30 p.m. It will be a "grab and go" lunch. We hope this will make your morning easier and less stressful.

This month progress reports will be mailed to your homes. Kindly find the time to review them, and if you have any questions, email your child's teacher. Additionally, letters have been sent home to students who are missing immunizations. These are mandatory and need to be done within the mandated time. This is stated clearly on the agreement which is signed during registration. I take this protocol extremely serious and will remove a child from school if the requirements are not met. A healthy school is a happy school!

Mark your calendar for some exciting events this month which include our annual golf outing on the 8th, Halloween party on the 26th, and new this year, Trunk or Treat . Also, later this week AOLG will be hosting a group of students from Brazil who will offer a program for our school. These are Pallottine students who have prepared lessons to present to our students. It will be a great experience for them to learn about another culture while attending a sister school. Stay tuned for some exciting photos to follow.

Last year our funded security money was spent on new doors, a basic bucket lock down kit, and whistles. Security is a top priority. As you can see, our new front doors have been installed. There will be two additional sets of doors installed this month. We have also been practicing drills monthly. We ask that you discuss with your child the importance of following directions during these drills.

I ask that you kindly encourage your children to sign into Class Works for testing practice. This wonderful program will enhance and prepare them for the skills required for testing! If there is anyone who would like to volunteer on our pre-k board, I am looking for two moms or dads who are free once a month in the morning. This informal group meets to discuss pre-k needs for the program to help them grow socially. Please email me at damico@aolgfairview.org.

May the start to your autumn days be filled with a crisp breath of fresh air!

Respectfully,
Mrs. D'Amico