

September 2016

Dear St. John Parents,

This year, we celebrated The Feast day of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, 2016. This feast day is the celebration of the birth of Mary and the light she brought and bore to this earth. How wonderful it is that the St. John School 2016-2017 school year began on this very important day. I have no doubt that as we started our school year, our Blessed Mother watched over us on her birthday.

This new school year has brought some changes to our morning schedule. Upon arriving to school at 7:30am, students move directly to their classrooms and prepare themselves for prayers and the start of the school day. Each week, an eighth grade student volunteers to lead our school in prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance over our intercom system. Our eighth grade prayer leaders model to all students reverence to our Lord and hone their public speaking skills. Their leadership has made it possible for me to pray with students in a different classroom.

As we notice the cooler weather greeting us each morning, we notice too that October is rapidly approaching, which means our basketball and cheerleading season is close at hand. For students in need of sports physicals, the nurse practitioner is scheduled to provide sports physicals on September 26th and October 6th. For those who wish to have their child seen by a family physician, please submit physicals by October 1, 2016. Please contact the nurse if you have any questions about physicals.

We started our school year with the celebration of the birth of Mary. All birthdays are important and signify the gift God provided us on that day. In honor of that gift, students may celebrate by Dressing Up on their birthday. In addition, a small class celebration in class is also acceptable. Please see your child's teacher for more details on parties in the classroom.

I wish you and your family a wonderful start to the new school year.

Respectfully,

Lisa Ferraro