

Principal's News – Week of June 3rd

We are beginning the last week of school for all classes.

- **Preschool** will celebrate on Monday, June 4 at 9:30 am with their family and friends
 - **Kindergarten** will celebrate on Wednesday, June 6 at 10:00 am with their family and friends
 - **8th Grade** will celebrate on June 6 at a 6:00 pm Mass in St. Sylvester Church followed by a Dinner hosted by the 7th Grade parents.
 - **1st through 7th Grade** will celebrate with the 8:30 am Mass followed by their own celebration of the year in the Church Hall. We invite everyone to pray with us at Mass and join us in the church hall. After our celebration students will return to school to get ready for the 11:30 dismissal.
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Out of Uniform Days this week include:

- **8th Grade** will be out of uniform on Monday and Tuesday. They have a free day on Wednesday, June 6.
 - **1st through 7th Grade** will be out of uniform on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with Friday being a Dress Up Day
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Lunches:

- The school's hot lunch program will be available on **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday** this week. This is Mrs. Schmitt's last week in the cafeteria. We have been blessed to have her work as hard as she has to see that our children had hot, healthy lunches. We wish her many graces and blessings as she enjoys the summer being "Mom!".
 - **Thursday is Field Day** and we ask that the kids bring a Brown Bag Lunch. The cafeteria will have cold bottled water and assorted drinks available for \$0.50.
 - **Friday** is an 11:30 dismissal and there will be no lunches served.
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The St Sylvester Parish Bulletin had the following message this week:

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND(June 9 - 10 : Our parish will be collecting canned soups, stews, fruit and vegetables, paper products and cleaning items next weekend for the Brentwood Food Pantry. Also, think child friendly foods since school will be out shortly and families will need extra food for their hungry kids! These items will be distributed on Saturday, June 16th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We will have a large container outside of the office this week with the hope that our children can bring in one item from the above list which we can donate next week end from the children in our school. We'll make it our start of summer service project. If you can't contribute this week but manage to get to the store next Saturday just drop your donation at church over the week-end. This is totally voluntary and we will be grateful for whatever we get.

Virtual School Garden:

We asked for a photo every so often of the plant that we sent home with each child a month ago. They were herbs, fruits and vegetables. Some were flowers also went home. We will be building our virtual garden wall in the entry way. The plants could be placed in containers or in the ground. If you send a picture from your phone we'll print it here at school. A school garden is a STEAM project in schools where one has been established. There is so much to learn from by growing such a little plant. You can read about the parts of a plant, etc., but seeing, touching, caring for it, tasting it are all part of the learning process as well. If you can upload a small picture to this email address we would love to start our Garden Wall. Plants went home to K through 6. We welcome 7th and 8th photos too if students are taking care of a special plant.

Use of cellphones on the school campus.

We sent a message out through Option C that children are not to turn their cellphones on here at school. We have had to take several phones recently from students who think that the message didn't mean their phone. This happens usually before school and after school while they are on their way home. Student phones are placed in their homeroom box and sent to the office in the morning. The box goes back to the homeroom about 2:35 but is not to be turned on until they get off the school bus. Messages that need to be given to the student about changes in dismissal plans should be called into the schools office. We will see that the student gets the information.

We do our best to see that the policy is followed but know that there are times when a phone did not go into the box. We know because at times a student has been sent to the office because the phone was not put in the box but left in their pocket or backpack and it rang during a class. (Parents are called and will be asked to pick up the phone when they can. The student does not get it back until a parent gets it.)

- You can help us by making it a habit to check your child's phone to see when it was used that day. If you see that the phone was used during the school day then hopefully you have consequences in place for when you discover that the child broke the trust we have placed in them. Turning the phone off and placing it in the homeroom bin has worked "on the honor system here". Children do forget sometimes and if they know you are tracking school usage during the day they'll think twice about turning it on when it should be off.