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May 3, 2018

Dear Parents.

Father John's homilies during our weekly Masses are always thought provoking, but today's was especially so. In part, he said, "The great gift of attending Trinity Junior High is learning that among the array of the voices in my head is also the voice of the Holy Spirit. Only by trusting and obeying God's voice will you find true happiness. The reason we exist as a school is to help you hear that voice and do what he tells you. And that's why we gather the whole school to pray at Mass each week, like the Apostles gathered to pray at the first Council of Jerusalem. Only when we silence the monologue in our mind can we hear the voice of God."

Sometimes in May, it can be a little difficult to focus--for students, teachers, and parents alike. We begin to get so busy with end-of-the-year activities, and our minds turn to vacations and summer plans. Some students may begin to question why they still need to study, why they need to wear uniforms, why they can't use their cell phones during the day or why they need to tuck their shirts in. Rules and regulations can seem more of a bother than anything! But as Fr. John said, the reason Trinity exists is to help each other hear God's voice. Helping students manage their time, prioritize, respect authority, be modest--all of those can help them to listen more closely to what God is asking of them. What a great reminder for the end of the school year.

Please be sure to check your Trinity website and May calendar so you will not miss any of the exciting end-of-the-year events.

Financial Info and Lunch Info

All outstanding financial obligations must be paid by May 21, 2018. If unpaid, we will be unable to release final report cards or transcripts. If you have questions regarding your financial obligations, please contact Julie Greene. Many of our students owe lunch money to the office and some amounts are significant. Please send money to the office to cover your student's lunch debts. Friday, May 4 is the **LAST** day to borrow lunch money from the office. All students who do not pay their outstanding lunch bills by Monday, May 7 will have their lunch orders canceled and should plan to bring a brown bag lunch instead. Friday, May 18 will be the last day for lunch yendors.

Locks, Chargers, and Chromebooks

All of these items will be checked in on May 21. Any missing or damaged items will be charged to the student's account.

Health Physicals

Mercy Hospital will be offering FREE athletic physicals on Wednesday, May 16 from 4 p.m. -- 7 p.m. at Trinity. Each student who participates in athletics MUST have a yearly physical. Please take advantage of this FREE and convenient opportunity!

Graduation Mass

Everyone is invited to this very special Mass on May 22 at 6 p.m. I want to extend a sincere word of gratitude to our priests, teachers and parents who are making preparations for this special event. We wish our graduates God's special blessing as they leave us and enter the next phase of their educational journey.

Last days of School

All 7th and 8th graders will take all-day field trips on May 22. That will be the last day of school for those who do not need to take semester tests. Semester tests for 7th and 8th graders begin on May 23.

Summer Office Hours

The school office will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the summer from 9:30 a.m.-- 1 p.m.

Financial Assistance Letters

Letters of assistance for the 2018/19 school year will be mailed by May 7.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our parents who entrust their children to us, who support our rules and our policies, and who make their students' education a priority both for their time and their treasure. We appreciate you and I firmly believe that your students will reap the benefits of a Trinity education and your dedication to helping them to learn to hear God's voice. We wish you and your student a happy and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karen Hollenbeck

Principal