



Saint Francis Catholic School

October 23, 2007

Dear Parents,

Psalm 95 begins: *“Come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us. Let us approach Him with praise and thanksgiving.”* This is my prayer this week as I see the faculty and staff working diligently to prepare report cards and move toward parent-teacher conferences. Aides, teachers, and office staff have filled in while personal situations call employees away from school or sadness touches our lives. Everyone has pulled together to make these difficult times a little less trying. I praise God during this time, since His Grace is so evident in the love, concern, and hard work of His people; and I thank all who have allowed Him to use them as “instruments of His Peace.”

Items of interest this week include:

- **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** – See the enclosed **REPORT CARDS** and conference notifications. Remember that there is **11:30 AM DISMISSAL THIS WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY** due to those conferences. There will be no lunch period on these days.
- **ANDREA STUDENC** is our new 1st Grade Aide - Mrs. Studenc has “subbed” as an aide several times in the past and began her duties officially on Monday. She and her husband, Daniel, have two children at St. Francis – Anzlee (Pre-K) and Brennan (1st).
- **SAFETY FIRST - Drivers** – Some are driving too aggressively in the church and school parking lots. Drive slowly and be alert!
- **10:00 AM MASS** – Yes, even though we are out early tomorrow, Wednesday, October 24th, we will have our school mass at its regularly scheduled time.
- **LIVING ROSARY** – We will have a Living Rosary on Friday, October 25th, at 8:30 AM in the Family Center. Many Knights of Columbus are planning on attending. All are, of course, invited to this event. It’s a great way to observe the Month of the Rosary.
- **BASKETBALL TEAM MEETINGS**
Friday, October 25th, at 3:00 PM in Mr. Pope’s Classroom = Middle School Girls Basketball program meeting
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- **PICTURE RETAKES** – On Tuesday, October 30th, we will have pictures taken for those who need retakes or were absent at our first picture day.
- **Bluffton-Hilton Head Commemorative Candlelight Vigil** – I have been asked to inform our families of this vigil which honors victims and survivors of domestic violence. It is on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 5:30 PM at Jarvis Creek Park. This year’s vigil will include a special tribute to the life of Catherine Aust.
- **POT LUCK DINNER ON NOVEMBER 16TH** – Please RSVP by returning the last week’s orange form or calling the school office.

Sincerely in Christ - Mike Rockers, Ed.D.