

Dear Parents,

DATES:

Tuesday, May 5- Friday, May 8- Potential Picture Days for 8th grade

Wednesday, May 13- Friday, May 15- Virtual Tour of Washington DC for 8th grade

Wednesday, May 27- Kindergarten graduation *

Thursday, May 28- Last day of instruction for grades 1-7

Friday, May 29- Grades 1-7- book return, including any chrome books and library books

-Last Day of School

NOTES:

-FOR 8TH GRADE PARENTS:

We are scheduling a date the week of May 5- May 8 to have individual 8th grade graduation pictures. We will then take the individual shots and comprise an 8th grade composite shot for the school and families. Appointments will be scheduled through Option C. After their picture, students, will be allowed to go to their locker to clean it out and pick up any personal items that need to be returned.

Please know that the 8th grade teachers and Mrs. Rasor have planned a Virtual Tour of Washington DC for May 13-15. There will be no school work for the 8th grade during this period.

Plans for a formal graduation and Mass are in a holding pattern. Next week the Archdiocese is going to tell the Parishes if they are going to open up the churches for public services. A scaled down graduation event, compliant with social distancing recommendations, may take place on the scheduled May 21st graduation date. If not, alternative plans will be developed and shared with you.

My hope is that by next week we can nail the date for the 8th grade graduation and from there determine the last day of instruction for eighth grade and the date when books and materials are to be returned.

The Cindy Beyerle, Jacinto & Estelle Tolentino and PTO Scholarships will be awarded again this year for graduating 8th graders. Applications for the Beyerle and Tolentino Scholarships are available by contacting me via email. The Cindy Beyerle Scholarship is a \$1000 tuition grant for a graduating St. Chris 8th grader attending Chaminade-Julienne next year. The Tolentino Scholarship is a \$500 tuition grant to a St. Chris 8th grade student who is a parish member who will be attending a Catholic high school this coming year. Grade point averages determine the awarding of the two \$500 PTO scholarships.

-GENERAL NOTES:

St. Chris School will have a second first grade class for 2020-21. The job has been posted on the Archdiocesan employment site.

*A kindergarten graduation event is being planned at this time. On the 27th of May, kindergarten students will also be expected to return their materials from Books in a Bag. Tuesday, May 26th is the last day of kindergarten instruction.

May is the Month of the Virgin Mary. We will not be having a May Crowning, but there will be a special shrine established by the Parish to honor her presence in our lives. There will be more to report next week.

The last day of instruction for grades 1-7 is Thursday, May 28th. Student's grades 1-7 will return their books and equipment on Friday, May 29th the last day of school. There will be assigned areas to check off the return of these materials (details later). Report cards will also be handed out at this time.

I am not certain whether we will be able to conduct a summer school program, grades K-2, as hoped for. I am looking into a workbook book called, Summer Solutions that would be a worthy material to eliminate some of the learning gaps in math and reading that are going to be an unfortunate consequence of this pandemic.

I would like to end this correspondence with these words of wisdom from a plaque on my office wall:

Living Life

Life is not a race- but instead a journey. Be honest. Work hard. Be choosy. Say "thank you", "I love you" and "great job" to someone each day. Go to church, take time for prayer. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper. Love your life and what you've been given, it is not accidental- search for your purpose and do it as best you can. Dreaming does matter. It allows you to become that which you aspire to be. Laugh often. Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them. Some of the best things really are free. Do not worry, less wrinkles are more becoming. Forgive, it frees the soul. Take time for yourself-plan for longevity. Recognize the special people you've been blessed to know. Live for today, enjoy the moment.