

Dear Parents,

### Dates:

Tuesday, May 5- Picture Day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade

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

Wednesday, May 20- last day of teacher instruction for grade 8

Thursday, May 21- all final grade 8 school assignments turned in by Noon

Friday, May 22- Virtual Field Day

Tuesday, May 26- all final Kindergarten school assignments turned in by Noon

Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 PM- **One of Two potential dates for grade 8 graduation**

Wednesday, May 27- Kindergarten graduation

Wednesday, May 27- last day of teacher instruction for grades 1-7

Thursday, May 28- all final grade 1-7 school assignments turned in by Noon

Friday, May 29- Last Day of school- grades 1-7 may pick up their report cards and turn in all books and school equipment

Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 PM- **One of Two potential dates for grade 8 graduation**

### For Grade 8 Parents:

- May 5 is grade 8 Picture Day. We still have some students who have not scheduled a photo appointment so that an 8<sup>th</sup> grade composite shot for the school can be developed. Appointments can be scheduled through Option C. If having difficulties please contact Mrs. Thompson at [kthompson@stchristopheronline.com](mailto:kthompson@stchristopheronline.com).
- Please note one of the two dates being considered for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. I thank you for your patience and ask that you please keep the two dates open. The May 26<sup>th</sup> date would be a “drive-in” graduation in the school parking lot. The June 2<sup>nd</sup> option would be a graduation Mass and awards program. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has stated that on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> churches will be open for services. If this is the case and holds up, then June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our date. We are awaiting final word from the Archdiocese on how Mass would be conducted and if they are still good with opening on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Once again, I ask for your patience. We really want to make this a special event for our graduates.
- Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to apply for the Cindy Beyerle Scholarship and the Jacinto & Estelle Tolentino Scholarship. The applications have been attached with this correspondence.
- All final 8<sup>th</sup> grade assignments and projects are due by Noon on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. On Friday, we will be completing the awards and report cards for each of our students. Additionally, grade point averages are being calculated to determine the two winners of the PTO scholarships.

### General Notes:

- An interview committee has been established to begin the process for finding a second first grade teacher. We are interviewing six candidates at this time.
- Kindergarten graduation is Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Dunkle and Mrs. Dahlinghaus will be providing further details for this moment to “cross the bridge” to grade one.
- Due to the uncertainty of what is going to take place this summer, I have decided that it would be too difficult to coordinate a Summer School program for grades K-2. In place of this at no expense to our families, I am seriously looking at purchasing Summer Solutions workbooks with Federal dollars we have in our budget. The plan would be to purchase reading and math workbooks for grades K-2 and math workbooks for grades 3- 8. These workbooks would be picked up during kindergarten graduation and the last day of school. Students who complete the workbooks would be given extra credit points upon the return to school and qualify for a master drawing of prizes. I am not making this a requirement, but would strongly urge student involvement. There are 30 lessons to complete in the workbook, each taking anywhere from 30- 45 minutes. The material covered would be a review of reading and math standards students were to have mastered in their current grade.  
<https://simplesolutions.org>  
Further details to follow.

**From St. Chris Parish:**

MARY 2020

In the month of May, we celebrate mothers...especially our most Blessed Mother, Mary! While we may not be able to celebrate in the common catholic tradition of a parish community May crowning, we wish to encourage your devotions to her through a variety of other sentimental, spiritual, and exploratory ways, such as:

Local Marian Scavenger Hunt | Mary Crowning Ideas at Home | Prayers & Devotions | Marian Songs/Videos | Virtual Tour Opportunities | & More!!!

Please visit our Mary 2020 & Easter 2020 web-pages for many spiritual resources and more throughout the remainder of this Easter season.

MAY CROWNING AT ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

During these glorious days of May, we want to honor our spiritual Mother with nature's bounty. In the landscape between the church and the parish office now stands a statue of Mary and the baby Jesus. This image is named "Our Lady of the Snow." **Our entire community is invited to surround this statue with flowers to honor Our Lady. Please drive by to see our mini-shrine and pay homage to our beloved spiritual role model and source of great consolation.** Be sure to check out our parish Facebook and Instagram feed to view the floral devotions in honor of our Blessed Mother throughout the month of May. Feel free to tag or post your own pictures of this beautiful display to any of our social media platforms.

*"Hope and Fear cannot occupy the same space. Invite one to stay. - Mary Angelou*