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June 2019 Newsletter

Principal's Message

This past year, we have learned a great deal from one another and together we met the challenges that were placed before us. We celebrated and prayed together. We played together and came together as a faith community to pray for one another. We also took care of one another and the wider community by raising funds for those less fortunate.

As we wake up each day this summer, remember God wants us to be able to look at life as an adventure, to see the beauty of life around us and to reach out to others. There are endless opportunities for adventure in simple things, we just need to see them and those in need. If we can begin to look at each day as an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, then we will really begin to love and live life as God wants us to. Each day is totally unique, filled with chances to love others, chances to hear and see amazing things from God and chances to experience life. So let us take some time this summer to open our eyes to the beautiful world and people around us and start to see life as an opportunity that God has granted us.

To those families leaving Pope Francis Elementary School, please accept our most sincere wish that you find much happiness in your new adventure, every success in the future and that God will continue to guide and watch over you.

On behalf of the Pope Francis Elementary School Staff, I thank all of you for your support throughout this school year. We look forward to working with you and your children again next year.

I leave you with this end of school year Prayer:

"Dear Jesus, how exciting it is to have an entire summer ahead of us! We'll have time to enjoy our families, create new memories, learn new things. When we're on vacation, sometimes we think only about ourselves and what we want to do. Open our minds and hearts this summer to see what others need. May we see ways to help our busy parents. May we see ways to help our brothers and sisters. And may we see ways to help our neighbours. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you by serving others. Help us to make each new day a time to learn new things and be closer to you. Amen." Prayers Before the Bell - Inviting Christ into the Classroom.

May God bless you all and keep you safe.,

Mr. Berthier
Principal

Our spiritual theme: "By Our Works, We Show Our Faith," (James 2: 16 - 18).

School News

After years at St. Paul's, O'Gorman High and Pope Francis, Ms. Murray will be retiring. Ms. Murray will be greatly missed. Ms. Murray is one of a kind as she has always made everyone feel welcome by greeting everyone with a smile and took time to answer your questions or concerns. Ms. Murray has always taken the time to attend to your children's needs by cleaning their cuts, providing ice for their bumps and bruises and calmed them when they were anxious. Ms. Murray is a very kind, caring and dedicated person and she has been wonderful to our community. The staff, students and parents wish Ms. Murray all the best in her retirement! I wish Ms. Murray all the best and I offer her this prayer:

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Ms. Murray
Thank you for the knowledge she has given us.
Help her know that wherever she goes, a part of us goes along, too.
May you always keep Ms. Murray under your wing,
gently guiding and protecting her to eternal life with you. Amen*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY:

Please remember that Friday, June 10th is a professional development day. The school will be closed and teachers will be working on various items that day.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

The last day of classes for our students is **June 27th**.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

It's a wrap! The end of the 2019-2020 school year is, but weeks away and Parent Council has been working tirelessly on your behalf to make the last month of school great.

Monday, June 24th is the Volunteer's Luncheon, where parents council purchase food and beverages for the volunteers to enjoy. It is a small token to show our appreciation.

The Pope Francis Elementary Fun Day and BBQ will be the last event of the year and will be held on Friday, June 21 from 11:30 - 3:30. Volunteers are needed!

At this time I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their commitment to Parent Council and to Pope Francis School. Our success as a community depends on you.

Have a safe and wonderful summer and think about how you can contribute to the school community next year to make it even better.

Last Council Meeting of the school year: Will be held on Thursday, June 19 at 6:00 pm in the school's meeting room. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who sit on School Council and make our school the wonderful place that it is. Your hard work, energy and enthusiasm have made this school year one of the best ever at Pope Francis!

FATHER'S DAY:

The students and staff of Pope Francis Elementary School wish all dads and grandfathers a very "Happy Father's Day" on June 16th. May God bless you and keep you safe.