



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

May-June 2010

“IN ALL THINGS THAT GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED”

We have entered into the beauty and grace of the Easter season and we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, giving us great hope for eternal life.

In a most special way, we celebrate with our children the joy of receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. Our prayers and blessing, are with our children as they continue their preparation for this most beautiful day.

May celebrates also our Blessed Mother. As a school and parish community, we honor Mary at the annual May Crowning on May 2 immediately following the 12:00 Mass. Many of our First Communion children, our Confirmation students, school and PREP students, will join with our parish community to crown our Blessed Mother. Please make an effort to make this wonderful celebration an important part of your Catholic tradition.

On June 8, at 7:00pm, our 8th grade celebrates the close of their elementary years at Our Lady of Fatima and the start of their new journey into high school. We congratulate our students as they move forward into high school.



First Holy Communion

Parents are reminded of the following dates and times of First Eucharist rehearsal and celebrations.

Celebration: Saturday, May 1 10:00am (English)	Rehearsal: April 29 6:00pm
Celebration: Saturday, May 8 10:00am (Spanish)	Rehearsal: May 5 6:30pm
Saturday, May 8 12:00pm (Spanish)	Rehearsal: May 6 6:30pm

May Crowning

Please join us on May 2 for the annual May Crowning immediately following the 12:00 Mass.

A Host of Summer Sunday's

Parents and guardians are reminded that just because school is out, their Sunday obligation continues. So often during the summer we get so caught up in our summer events and vacations that we forget that it is the Eucharist that will continue to strengthen and sustain us. Our lessons in faith certainly are reflected in our Sunday gospels and it is important that we are present and hearing the weekly lesson of God's love for us. Please remember to take your children to mass and model for them the importance of a commitment to their faith life no matter where they are.

Mandatory Parent Meeting

The annual **Mandatory Parent Meeting** will be held at 7:00 on May 4 in Dwyer Hall. All parents/guardians are asked to attend. There will be a school finance report along with an update on the 2010-2011 school year.



Congratulations

Honor Band

Once again we congratulate our Instrumental Music Honor Band students for a wonderful performance in concert on April 18 with the Philadelphia Honor Band at Villanova University.

Michael Kelso, Dominique Tee, and Gabriella Pergeorelis were the only students from Delaware chosen to perform. We are very proud of their accomplishment.

Science Olympiad

Our Lady of Fatima School congratulates our Science Olympiad team for a job well done at the St. Mark's Science Olympiad held on April 17. We also congratulate the following students on their achievements:

Grade 4	Calculator	Vinnie Kempczynski	2 nd Place
	Write It, Do It	Vinnie Kempczynski, Danny DiMascio	5 th Place
Grade 5	Barge	Sami Poore, Samantha McCarrick	2 nd Place

For the Sake of God's Children

This is a reminder to our parents that in order to participate on any of the upcoming class field trips, background checks are required by Diocesan and school policy. Applications take a month to process, so please be timely in applying if you have not done so.

School Events and Programs

Scrip Program

Scrip continues to be sold through the school office. Earn credit toward your tuition! Orders are taken every day for your convenience!

Internet Safety

On May 4 at 9:00am, students in grades 6-7-8 will participate in a discussion on internet safety program lead by Tae Kang, who is currently working in the Diocese of Wilmington as an Echo Apprentice Catechetical Leader. Notre Dame - Notre Dame Graduate Student in Theology.

Mr. Kang has given workshops and retreats throughout the diocese to many of our high schools and junior high groups. We think the students will find his presentation enlightening and thought provoking.



Parents/Guardians: If you are interested in attending this program as an observer, please call the school office so we can make sure seats are available.

Calendar Reminder

May 7 School in session Full Day
June 11 Last Day of School Dismissal 11:00 No After- Care Program

Uniform Measurement

Our Uniform measurement Day is May 5. Order Forms have gone home along with uniform guidelines for next year. Rush School Uniform will be here at 9:00 to measure the students.



Shop-Rite Visit

On May 10 the 3rd grade along with several of our 7th and 8th graders will travel to Shop Rite to participate in the Young Consumers program. This will be an opportunity for the students to learn how to shop for a healthy meal on a budget. It is a great morning of activity at the Shop -Rite Food Store. This program is sponsored by the Kenny Family of Shop -Rite Stores.



Instrumental Music Concert

Our Instrumental Music Concert will be on May 11 at 7:00 in Dwyer Hall. Our instrumental music students have prepared a wonderful selection of spring music. Please join us for a wonderful evening of concert music. Our third grade parents might find this concert informative as incoming 4th graders are eligible to participate in the instrumental music program.



Art Exhibition

The annual Art Exhibition takes place on Tuesday, May 18 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Student art work from across the grade levels will be exhibited in Dwyer Hall. Our parents/guardians are invited to view the creative talents of our students. This is also Water Ice Night sponsored by our Home and School Association.

Blue Rocks

Our 7th and 8th grade will attend the "School Day Game" at Blue Rocks stadium on May 26.

Field Day

Preschool and Kindergarten Field Day will be held on May 27 beginning at 9:00am. Grades 1-8 will have their Field day on June 4 beginning at 9:00. Volunteers are needed so please sign up to help. A Hot Dog, chips, and drink lunch will be provided for the students by the Home and School on June 4 for grades Pre K through grade 8.

Girls on the Run

Our Girls on the Run Team is off and "running". On June 5 they will be running in the "Girls on the Run 5K". This program focuses of building leadership skills in young girls. We are grateful to Ms. Julian and Mrs. Russell for organizing this effort with our girls.



School Nursing



Thank You

We are very grateful to all of our parents, guardians and friends who signed the petition to restore funding for our school nurse. 300 names were collected. Representative Barbieri has delivered your petitions to the State of Delaware Joint Finance committee, along with his letter of support. I have also had an opportunity to speak to Senator McBride who stated to me his support for nurse funding.

Please keep your letters, e-mail and phone calls going to all your state representatives. It is critical to the well-being of our students that the funding be restored.

14 Days in May--- Parking Lot Calls

Our next initiative will be a phone calling campaign to our representatives. Beginning on May 1 and continuing for 14 school days, we will be asking our parents to call a state representative regarding support of our nurses, transportation, and high school drivers education. Each day our parking lot parents will be given a card upon their arrival with the name of a state representative and a "script" for reference. Parents/guardians will be asked to call the number provided and leave a message. If you get a busy signal, keep calling, even throughout the evening.

We hope we can depend on our parents to help with this effort. Thanks to the Delaware Association of Catholic School Parents (DACSP) for their help in preparing the materials.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

The entire school community invites you to join in the fun at our first annual Barnes and Noble Book Fair on **May 19** at the **Christiana Mall**. The book fair helps to support Our Lady of Fatima School. Summer reading books will be available for purchase. Each family will be receiving a "Voucher" with our school identification number. Use the voucher and our school will get a percentage of the sales all day long (9:00am to 10:00pm). Several of our teachers will be there between 3:30 and 7:30 to read stories to the children. We hope to see all of our families at the Barnes and Noble in Christiana Mall on May 19. In addition, let your relatives and friends who live out of state know that they can purchase items on line and if they use the school identification number, we will get credit for that purchase.



See the flyer attached to this newsletter!

Happy Mothers Day

Happy Fathers Day

On behalf of all of our faculty and students, we wish all of our parents and guardians a very happy Mothers and Fathers Day. May you continue to be blessed for all the good work you do for your children.

May we remember in a very special way all those parents who have gone before us and now celebrate the resurrection with Jesus. We are grateful for the love and support they gave to us.

Eternal rest granted to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

