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Celebrate Christian Values ~ Excel in Education

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Dear Parents:

As we prepare to celebrate new life and the Feast of Easter, please know that we are grateful for your support and all you do for St. Agatha School. We will be remembering all of you in our prayers during this Holy Week and throughout the Easter Season. Please be reminded that there is no Extended Day and students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. on April 13, 2017 in observance of Holy Thursday. There will be no school on April 14, 2017 in observance of Good Friday, and no school from April 17-21, 2017 for April Vacation. All classes will resume at their normal times on Monday, April 24.

The following items are for your attention and planning:

1. **BINGO Parent Volunteers:** Pursuant to the parent meeting on February 28 regarding Bingo and fund-raising, we need your help. Monday night Bingo raises \$155,000 annually for the school and is our largest fundraiser. This translates to a \$400.00 per child discount on tuition. Please remember to keep your scheduled service hours for Monday night Bingo, and know that we still need regular volunteers to serve as callers. If you are able to help, please contact either Deacon Dan Sullivan at [dsullivan@stagathaparish.org](mailto:dsullivan@stagathaparish.org) or myself at [dmarion@stagathaparish.org](mailto:dmarion@stagathaparish.org). Mrs. Christine Rosado has come forward to organize Bingo volunteers by class. Thanks, Mrs. Rosado! We will be meeting next week and more details will be sent to you about this new program. We look forward to hearing from all of you.

2. St. Agatha School will again be hosting “**Teacher-Parent Science Week**” from Monday, May 1 through Friday, May 5, 2017. During this week, parents are invited to help engage students in their homeroom classes to raise interest in Science/STEM. Mr. Manuel Barroso, parent of a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grader, will coordinate the week’s events by homeroom. If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up for the groups you are interested in at: <https://stagathascience2017.eventbrite.com>. Should you have any questions about the week, please email Mr. Barroso directly at: [Manuel.Barroso@positivebcs.org](mailto:Manuel.Barroso@positivebcs.org). We look forward to having you with us!

3. **Parking Lot Safety:** Once again, parents and other drivers of students are reminded to use extreme caution both in the morning when dropping off students and picking them up at the end of the day. **Please follow the designated route, do not operate cell phones or other devices when in the lot, drive slowly and do NOT use Ellsworth Road** (the road directly behind the church and next to the school) to pick up or drop off students, or conduct school business. Ellsworth Road is private way and our neighbors are very supportive of our school. Thanks for your attention and cooperation.



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4. **2017-2018 School Year:** If you have not yet done so, we ask that you send in your re-registration form to Mrs. Joan Brown here at in the Main Office.

5. **Yearbook Orders:** The 2017 St. Agatha Yearbook will again be available this year to any student/family who wishes to order one. Order forms were sent to all parents; the cost of this 96 page hard cover memory book is \$30.00. Yearbooks will be available in early June, and we need to have order forms and payments returned to us by Wednesday, April 26 so we can finalize our school's order.

6. **School Play:** Thanks to all those who directed, organized, and were among the cast in our recent production of "The Music Man" by Meredith Wilson. The performances held at Fontbonne Academy were outstanding; congratulations to our Director, Mr. Tim McDonald; our Music Director, Mrs. Kathy Fitzpatrick; Choreographer, Maeve McDonald; Costumes and Stage Manager; Mrs. Alanna Edstrom; Seamstress, Mrs. Barbara Smith; House Manager; Mrs. Cheryl Shalvey; Publicity Coordinator, Mrs. Nancy McDonald, the Light and Stage Crew, and Footbridge Creators, Chris and Janine Winters. We also thank Fontbonne Academy for their support and use of the beautifully renovated auditorium. Job well done, St. Agatha Drama Club!

7. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip:** From Wednesday, April 26 to Friday, April 28, 2017 our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be in Washington, DC on their class trip. We ask that you keep our soon to be graduates in your thoughts and prayers while on their trip and as they begin to wind up their program of studies here at St. Agatha School. We are very proud of you! Enjoy the nation's capital!

8. **2017-18 Start of School:** For your future planning, school will begin next year for all students in Grades 1-8 on Tuesday, September 5 (1/2 day) with full days beginning on Wednesday, September 6. K-0 and K-2 will begin with half days on Wednesday, September 6 through Friday, September 8. All students will report for full day sessions on Monday, September 11. A complete calendar will be sent to you as soon as it is completed.

In closing, our gratitude and best wishes for all good things ahead go to Mr. Patrick Tierney who will begin a new position next week. Patrick has served on our custodial staff since last summer; his official last day will be Friday, April 14. Mr. Tierney has been a great support to us here at St. Agatha. Many, many thanks for your service, Mr. Tierney. Beginning next Tuesday, Mr. Andrew Farrar will be on board with us as our new custodian. Welcome, Mr. Farrar to St. Agatha School. We all look forward to meeting and working with you in the days and months ahead.

Happy Easter,

*David J. Marion*

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Principal

