



Friday Notes

FIRST SPIRIT DAY, AUG. 28

Students may wear a St. Mary's Spirit Shirt, an Aquinas shirt, or a religious shirt and any athletic shorts/pants, jeans, or skirts. All shorts or skirts must go past the finger tips and no leggings or tight shorts please



Welcome to Eric DeWispelare who will do some coordinating and support of our youth activities!

Upcoming

Events:

Mon, Aug 24: Youth VB camp

Wed, Aug 26: Confessions

Fri, Aug. 28: SPIRIT DAY! (note above)

Next week:

Powerschool web site info

WELCOME to Baby Milan to Lordis and Guillermo Pena and brother Diego, 2nd.

Getting Rolling

We are so excited to be off and running with students. It has been a busy first full week for sure. Students are getting into patterns of spacing and wearing masks as needed or requested by parents. It is clear that *they love being back with their classmates and at school*. We are doing our best to make sure that we stay *in school* this year and continue to provide the best learning environment that we can. All prayers appreciated. ☺ +

Knowledge Info: In general, teachers have been pleased with the recall of content from the long time out. We are filling gaps for content that we did not get to in

4th quarter, but the prior knowledge is mostly coming back. We are waiting a little to do our beginning testing to help students recall what we could first, so that testing will begin in the next couple of weeks. I think that will be a more accurate assessment of the students' beginning knowledge.

COVID Notes: We continue to be in the yellow, with our risk down a little from last week. We will maintain our current processes of distancing as much as possible and masks recommended, worn when needed by both students and staff. I just want to reiterate the

importance of keeping students home when they have symptoms on the self-screening form. Please let us know how they are doing and if they or someone in your household needs COVID testing. Several cases in our area have been contained by staying home during testing and the tests should be coming back fairly quickly. Thank you for partnering with us to help keep our quarantines to a minimum. I, and our families, understand that you could pick up the virus in a variety of ways, but we just want to try to contain it when it pops up, especially at school.

-God Bless, Mrs. Zook

It Takes a Village...

We have all of our supports in place for a great year. Beyond all of our amazing teachers, we have our paras (**Mrs. Hain, Mrs. Kovar, Mrs. Sisco and Mrs. Urban**) schedules filled helping with reading groups, assessment, teacher support and individual student help as needed. **Mrs. Roh** is reacquainting students with the library and procedures. **Mrs. Urban** has been troubleshooting technology for classrooms and the lab. Our lunch

ladies (**Mrs. Helgoth, Mrs. Kovar, Mrs. Sabata, and Mrs. Smith**) have tasty food lined up and lots of it! Our support staff for Title I (**Mrs. Behrens**), Special Education (**Mrs. McMahan and Mrs. Hain**), and Speech (**Mrs. Kouba**) have all begun working with students, too. We've **increased our recess spaces** to spread students out, so they are all helping get their wiggles out during the day, too. It really is a beautiful thing to see how

many people work together each day to help your children be successful. We are blessed to have such a kind, committed staff of professionals.

*Thank you so much for helping us work through our **parking lot system!!** When weather is good, we will close the parking lot from 8:30-2:30 to allow more space for the grade levels to spread out.

A fun way to end the week! Popsicles to celebrate our first five full days!

Pictures from this week





