

JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

Summer Greetings,

Our students and teachers have left for summer break and I find parts of the school very quiet. Upon my reflection, I am thankful for all the wonderful events and people, especially the volunteers, families and faculty that have contributed to this past school year. We were blessed by the grace of God that was mediated through them. Our St. Cletus Family also showed support for our theme: "We Are One Body in Christ by Choosing Acts of Kindness".

I am reminded of the acts of kindness as I walked into Morrissey Hall today and discovered many students working for Vacation Bible School (VBS) as leaders and participants. Furthermore, I am reminded of our vision and mission (*Faith, Family, Future*) of the school that needs to be part of our Catholic Identity. As important as academic excellence is to us, we need to also be attentive to the mission of our school.

The title and theme for VBS is *Shipwrecked*, rescued by Jesus. It is most certainly a theme about having faith. The theme for the 2018-19 school year is "Faith Can Move Mountains..." From Matthew: 17:20. As we plant our mustard seeds for the school at this time, I am very excited to see what will grow out of the strong faith I have in our returning and newly hired teachers along with all of our students. I ask that you reflect on the following words of Jesus with me this summer. He said to them, "For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."



After a summer's rest and reflection on the above scripture quote, we will come back to move mountains together by applying our motto of *Faith, Family and Future*. May your summer be one of enjoyment, relaxation and peace. Thank you for sharing your kindness and compassion with me this past school year. Amen!

Blessings,

Thomas Chinske
St. Cletus School Principal

Annual Giving Report

Thank you for the support you have shown St. Cletus this past year and going forward. The families and supporters of St. Cletus School are extremely generous and giving of their time, talent, and treasure. It is because of your generous financial support that we are able to raise funds and continually improve the educational offerings and opportunities to our students.

The following is a list of each fundraiser and the amount we raised:

Fall Fest	\$30,000
Annual Fund	\$37,000
Spring Auction	\$63,000
Call for Cash	\$16,000
Golf Outing	TBD
Dance-a-Thon	\$3,400

We also wish to thank our generous Church and parishioners for their continued support.



Queen of Hearts Fundraiser

We are thrilled to announce a new fundraiser. It is The Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle.

Regular drawings will be held 7:00 p.m. every Monday evening at Kenny's Irish Pub located at 917 W. 55th Street, Countryside, IL 60525, starting June 25. Buy your tickets at Kenny's all week and weekend long. Come in for a beverage or meal on "Money Mondays," participate in the fun, and visit with the school office team all summer long. The pot can reach as high as \$1 million dollars! You will not want to miss out on the fun and excitement of each drawing.

Graduates

We wish all of our graduates the very best and offer them our blessings; we encourage them to remember our motto of *“Faith, Family, Future”* and to continue to share their Acts of Kindness in all their future endeavors.



Gianna Angeletti
Gianna Annella
Nicole Annella
Joseph Antonietti
Ryan Beauregard
Annabella Beccara
Brigid Bergquist
Elizabeth Bourjaily
Chloe Brooks
Patrick Burke
Emma Cassidy
Nikolas Choate
Tristan Cranny
Isabella Davila
Talia DeGroot
Julia Donahue
Brianna Episcopo
Lillian Fransen
Emily Grab
Colin Grace
James Grubisic
Kamil Grzybicki
Katelyn Schuler
Emily Siegert
John Townsend
Tyler Ziemba

Caroline Hart
Casey Hart
Caden Hogan
Ian Hunt
Maureen Kane
Emma Karczewski
Peter Ketchum
Nora McCabe
Zachary McLean
Jack McNamara
Isabella Mitchell
Sean Morfoot
Antonia Naumovski
Michael Nawas
Carley Nicoletti
Christopher Noga
Lukas Oparinas
Nicholas Pociask
Abigail Quinn
Catherine Ramicone
Ava Rivera
Zoe Rossmiller
Abigail Shanley
Sadie Sifuentes
Julia Vincent

Highlights of Accomplishments

We are proud to announce we have received the Red Ribbon Certification this June. We are the first school in this area to receive this certification. The certification application assesses schools in four areas that promote healthy schools and the development of children:



1. Healthy school environment
2. Use of best practices in education
3. Parent Involvement
4. Year-round Red Ribbon activities

This certification is important to our school because it separates our school from others in our area, emphasizes parent engagement and the importance of families involved in the education and healthy development of their children, emphasizes the importance of reducing social problems to increase student resilience and academic achievement, and sustains pride and growing commitment through the ownership of good results.

Academic Enhancements Coming Next Year

We have some exciting new curriculum and instruction enhancements coming this next school year. Our STEM curriculum will become STEAM as we pick up an 'A' for art. This will further integrate science, technology, engineering, art and math across the curriculum. I am very excited for the new STEAM plan which will include among other things robotics, 3D printers, and more coding into the school.

Other changes specifically to the junior high include a new advisory program of 20 minutes for developing character, community and Catholic identity. This addition will address leadership and character development along with supporting the faith aspect of our junior high students.

Please be sure to watch for our August Newsletter which will introduce you to all the amazing teachers who will be joining us next year.

Until then, get outside, play, refresh, and renew your spirit! Happy Summer!