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Dear Parents:

I hope you had a wonderful Easter break with your family. Now that we're in Spring mode, there are many activities and events that will take place to keep us hopping through June. We certainly deserve warmer weather after a prolonged winter.

Our seventh graders will have an opportunity to see the National Geographic Encounter in New York next week. This fairly new venue brings the wonders of National Geographic's explorations to life in an interactive museum. Our fourth graders will be celebrating Arbor Day in conjunction with the Shade Tree Commission in planting a tree. Respecting the environment in our densely populated state is an important addition to general education.

Don't forget about our Walk for Education. Please make an effort to donate to a fund for families who are in temporary and immediate distress. This is part of our Christian faith and deeply embedded in our school's culture. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our Diocesan Day of Service is approaching quickly as well. Please help the pediatric wing of Jersey Shore Medical Center and put a smile on the face of children who are sick. A list of items per grade level have been sent home. Please check the school website.

A message from Fr. Ed:

"In honor of the Girls' Basketball Team and the Bowling Team's State Championship, we have been awarded a day off on Friday, May 25th!" Thank you, Father Ed.

God Bless,

Mr. Guito

P.S. Please know that the last week of school schedule is as follows:

June 18 = 12:20 PM Dismissal

June 19 = 12:20 PM Dismissal

June 20 = 12:20 PM Dismissal (Last Day)

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From the Jesuit Loyola Press:

**Gospel Reading**

**[Luke 24:35-48](#)**

**Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.**

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## Family Connection

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together [\*Tantum Ergo\*](#) or today's psalm, Psalm 4.

## April 2018

- 13 - Confirmation Interviews
- 17 - Confirmation Interviews
- 19 - Arbor Day
- 25 - Eighth Grade High Ropes
- 25 - Third Grade Play 7:00 PM - SRHS
- 27 - Walk for Education

## May 2018

- 1 – Eighth Grade Career Day – Parish Center
- 2 - Eighth Grade Broadway Show
- 4 - First Friday Mass - 9:00 AM
- 6 - May Crowning
- 8 - PTA Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10 - Ascension Thursday
- 11 - Pretzel Sale
- 12 - Confirmation Practice
- 12 - Plant Sale Pick - up
- 13 - Mother's Day
- 15 - Confirmation 3:30 PM or 5:30 PM
- 23 - Eighth Grade Thank You Social
- 25 - School Closed (Pastor Holiday)
- 28 - School Closed for Memorial Day
- 28 - Memorial Day - School Closed