

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Teaching minds. Forming hearts. Growing disciples.



May 31, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May our loving God watch over you and your family and keep His abiding peace alive in your hearts this summer. June, (which came upon us all too quickly,) the month traditionally devoted to honoring the LOVE of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is the perfect time to thank everyone whose LOVE has made the past ten months an outstanding time of grace and growth.

At the close of the school year, we extend a heartfelt word of appreciation to Father Sullivan and Father Larlick, our faculty, staff, students and their families, our School Board, PTO, volunteers and parishioners who minister to and support Saint Catherine Labouré School. Prayers of appreciation are daily offered for the generosity, selflessness, and LOVE they so happily have given to make the 2016 – 2017 School year a phenomenal one. We also congratulate the Class of 2017 and wish them every blessing as they prepare for adventure of High School. We look forward to hearing “great things” about them in High School and hope they will come back often to visit us at SCLS.

The ending of the school year also brings a sincere message of appreciation to those special people who will no longer be part of our School/Parish family here at Saint Catherine Labouré in August. We lovingly bid farewell to:

- **Father Matthew Larlick**, who brought Jesus to us at Eucharist, Reconciliation, and during his visits to the classrooms. May the Good Shepherd lead him in his new ministry as Pastor of Saint Joseph, Berwick.
- **Mrs. Dea Ferri**, who is retiring after 25 years of dedication and devotion as a stellar teacher here at SCLS. May Christ the Master Teacher bless her and her husband with health and happiness to enjoy this Sabbath time together with family and friends.
- **Mrs. Milvana Eichelberger** who is taking on a different teaching position that will allow her more quality time with her new son, Toby. Her joy and energetic love in Kindergarten will be sorely missed and we ask Our Blessed Mother to guide her in this new step in her journey of life.

They have all “gifted” our lives with goodness and many blessings.

On a practical note, I would also like to add a few summer reminders:

- When getting August haircuts and purchasing uniforms (especially the length of the girl’s uniform), please refer to our School Handbook found on our new website sclhbg.org.
- If you are making any kind of family plans, please note the **dates of the 2018 ITBS Standardized Testing**
 - **Week of March 19: COGAT Assessment Grades 3 and 5**
 - **Week of April 9: IOWA Test of Basic Skills Grades 3 to 8**

- Summertime School Office Hours will be:
 - o June 12 – June 16 from 8:00am to 3:00pm
 - o June 19 – August 18: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:00am to 12:00noon
 - o August 21 – August 25 from 8:00am to 3:00pm

School opens on August 28, 2017 for Grades 1 to 8. Preschool and Kindergarten Opening Day information will be sent from their teachers during the summer.

Finally, may the joys of summer remind us of God's goodness. May your summer days be also filled with good health, fine weather, and many chances to read and have fun, and relax as a family. Happy Father's Day to all of our terrific Dads and Grandpops!

Thank you again for a spectacular school year and for the privilege and golden opportunity to love your children. God bless you

In Mary
Lovingly

Sister Mary Anne Sweeney I.H.M.
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Principal

A Child's Summer Vacation Prayer

*No more homework, no more tests
No more getting up for school
No more uniforms or studying
My summer vacation begins today?
I'm so happy and I'm so free
I want to read and get up late
I want to ride my bike and swim
I want to play more with my friends
Please bless my summer days, dear God
Keep me safe and happy.*

-Catherine Odell