

### Please Bring in Flowers

It is our Catholic tradition to dedicate the month of May to Mary, Our Blessed Lady. During May, the children will be learning songs and prayers honoring Mary. Children may bring flowers on Mondays and Wednesdays to place in vases during Morning Prayer. The vases will be by the statue of Mary. May Crowning will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that every child will bring in one flower on that day to decorate the bushes by Mary's statue.

### Blood Drive Scholarship

#### Awarded

ACA held a blood drive during Catholic Schools Week. Our community donated 25 units of blood, creating a \$500 scholarship for



an 8<sup>th</sup> grader to use for Bishop Moore. All eligible 8<sup>th</sup> graders had to submit an application, write an essay describing his/her community service efforts, have a teacher recommendation, and maintain a GPA of 80% or higher. Claire Ferry was honored at the Community Blood Centers award banquet. This was the first annual Community Blood Center Scholarship program in the Orlando area. One of the nicest things about this program is that it is a win-win for all involved – the community benefits from the blood donations and the student is recognized for their community service efforts. We hope to participate in this worthy cause again next year.

### Quill Corner

The following is a writing sample from **Loren Breen**, 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Told from the perspective of a homeless person:

I didn't plan for this. I didn't ask for things to be this way. It just happened. I was born and raised in a small town in Indiana. I wanted something more than what I had. I wanted freedom, independence, and a big city life. I wanted Chicago. When I was fresh out of high school, when most people my age had college on their minds, I had bigger plans. I packed my belongings into my exhausted, old Volkswagen and drove with one place in mind...

### Spring Fling Tonight!

Join us as we SOAR INTO SPRING! Gather your family and friends...the Spring Fling is about to begin! Join us **TONIGHT** from 6:00-9:00 in the Family Life Center for some awesome **Mellow Mushroom** pizza and chill with some tasty treats at our **Bruster's** ice cream and dessert bar. Music, contests and a soaring good time is in store for all who attend. Tickets available at the door! Big Dudes/Dudettes are only \$9.00, L'il Dudes/Dudettes are only \$7.00.



Don't miss this sweet end of year celebration!

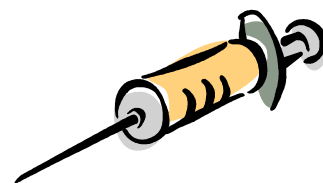
### Thank You

Thank you to Michelle Ingrassia and her committee for all their hard work and time commitment to the Spring Fling Social. It promises to be **a great time tonight!** Thank you to all those who generously volunteered their time to make this party a success.

Special thanks to **Mellow Mushroom Pizza** and **Bruster's Ice Cream** for their donations of food. We are grateful for the kindness and generosity of all!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students' Parents:

Immunization requirements for entry into 7<sup>th</sup> Grade next year are due before school ends. Please see that your child's immunizations are updated.



### Free Polo at Dennis Uniform

We're celebrating our new website...and you, our customer! Join us for the greatest customer appreciation event ever - **Ready, Set... Launch!**

**Exclusive online offer! For our internet shoppers only: April 23 – May 7, spend \$75 and choose a FREE polo shirt.**

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## Stay Focused in Carpool

1. Do not use your cell phone once you have pulled in front of the school.
2. Always drive slowly in front of the children. They could walk into the road when cars are moving. Your attentive driving is crucial.
3. If you are at the front of the line, pull up to the end of the covered sidewalk if you are in the right lane and up to the stop sign if you are in the left lane. The further up the cars go, the more cars we can fill each time.
4. Do not stop when you see your child on the sidewalk.
5. Do not honk or wave when you drive past your child.
6. Leave approximately four feet between the vehicles to allow children to pass safely.
7. Put your car in park until the entire line moves forward.
8. Do not get out of your car to retrieve your child.

## Fun With Words

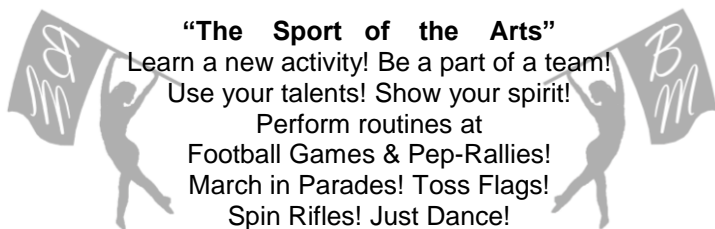
Directions for Fun - Here's a simple way for your youngster to practice writing clear instructions. She/he'll learn to be more specific in his/her writing, which will help her/him with essays for school.

Start by reading examples of instructions around the house (board games, craft kits, recipes). Then, list things your child does regularly that have multiple steps, such as making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or brushing his/her teeth.

Now for the challenge: each of you choose a task from the list and write step-by-step instructions. For example, peanut butter and jelly directions might begin: 1. Take out the bread. 2. Get a knife. 3. Open the peanut butter.

When you finish, trade papers and try to follow each other's directions exactly the way they are written. Can you both complete the tasks correctly?

## Bishop Moore Color Guard



For audition information or any questions contact Coach-Michele Sher: [michele@sherwithus.com](mailto:michele@sherwithus.com) (407) 782-5667.

## Sports Recognition Night

When: Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:30pm

Where: cafeteria

Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$10 per family

**Please give the money to Coach Anderson.**

All 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> graders who participated in CMAC basketball, soccer, volleyball or track and field are encouraged to come. Trophies, medals and certificates will be awarded for participation, all stars, or scholar athletes, as well as MVPs and coaches' awards for varsity sports. Desserts and drinks will be provided.

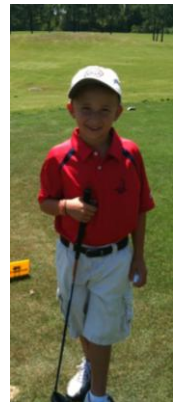
## Calendar

- May 7:** Spring Social  
Middle School Dance 6:30-9:30
- May 13:** H & S Meeting & Recorder Concert 7pm
- May 18:** Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome
- May 27:** Spring Band Concert 7pm
- May 31:** **Memorial Day – No School**
- June 1:** Baccalaureate Mass
- June 2:** Eighth Grade Trip
- June 3:** Graduation Practice and Luncheon
- June 4:** Graduation 6pm
- June 9:** End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
**Last Day of School 12:00 Dismissal**

## Gold Stars:

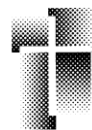
★ Gold stars and a big thank you to the **7<sup>th</sup> grade chaperones** who went on the Florida Aquarium field trip. It was a wonderful day and your help is appreciated .

★ Gold stars to first grader **Parker Kwiatkowski**, who won the Florida U.S. Kids Golf World Championship Qualifier in the seven year old division by 10 strokes at Orange Lake Resort on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parker will now represent Florida at the US Kids Golf World Championship in Pinehurst, North Carolina this summer against the top junior golfers (Ages 7) from over 30 countries abroad. Good luck, Parker!



★ Gold Stars go to Elizabeth Ugan, who played piano at the Florida Federation of Music State Music Festival last Friday. She was invited to play based on scores received at the Regional Festival in February. Elizabeth competed in Piano Solo Play and Piano Sight Play. She received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Piano Sight Play. Great job, Elizabeth!

★ Gold Stars to Loren Breen and Ken Weld. Loren scored the highest of our seventh graders on the National Science League's Junior High Life Science test. Ken scored the highest of our eighth graders on the National Science League's Junior High General Science test.



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