

PJP2A



News



Welcome Back!

The first week of school was highly enjoyable and successful! Thank you to everyone for helping to make this year start off so well. In particular, I want to thank everyone for following our drop off and pick-up procedure so well. Overall, things went very smoothly and

efficiently. Thanks so much for your attention to the many details that allow our year to run well. **We wish to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families! We are excited to have you join our school community!**

Mark Your Calendars:

August 22 - Volleyball Practices Begin

August 25 - Mass

September 4 - Labor Day - No School

September 5 - PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

September 8 - Back to School Potluck - 6:00 p.m.

FIRST SCHOOL MASS

We will have our first school Mass this Friday, August 25. Please bring students to St. Mary's Catholic Church by 7:50 a.m. Be sure to bring **car-seats or boosters** for any young children who will need a ride after Mass.

Please remember to review our **uniform policy** for Mass days. While we encourage you to attend Mass with us, please be sure to inform Mrs. Ridgel if your child will need a ride after Mass.

Also, due to our growth, we will be trying a new seating arrangement at Mass. We will be waiting in our pews for a little while after Mass so that we can make any adjustments if needed.

BRONCOS RAFFLE

Our Broncos raffle is back! We are excited to host yet another raffle this fall. Your family's first tickets were sent in this past Wednesday's folders. Note: Families with 3 year-old students in the K4 class will get their packet on Thursday.

We are having some fun competitions among our students / families to sell as many tickets as possible! Our goal is to sell a total of 2,500 tickets, and we will give you a regular update of our progress!

Stop by the school office when you wish to pick up additional tickets to sell!

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

Reverence

Definition: A special respect and honor given to God and Holy things.

Application: Reverence is practiced at Mass, in all of our prayers, and towards our neighbor.

Note: We select a particular virtue to focus on every two weeks. We hope your family will have the opportunity for great conversations discussing the virtues and how we practice them.

Kindergarten practiced their line-up skills with Mr. Gordon after the lunch recess.



SCHOOL BAND

We are excited to have Cindy Swanson return to do our school band program! Band will be the same days as last year (Monday and Wednesday). Advanced band will be from 3:15-4:15 p.m. and the beginner band will be from 4:15-5:00 p.m. The cost is \$30/month, and payment is due the first week of the month. Any new students with at least 2 years of experience may also audition for the advanced band. Both the advanced and new band students will start the first week in September.

Returning beginning band students will join new students starting the first week in October. Let us know if your child (4th - 8th grades) wishes to participate in band.

SUMMER PACKETS

We wish to thank and acknowledge all of the students who worked hard to complete their summer packets! We will be rewarding students who have turned in their completed summer packets to the school. Please be sure your child brings this completed packet by Monday, August 21, so that we can acknowledge them for their efforts!

SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED: 3

Quote of the Week: "It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." - St. John Paul II

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NEW GRADE BOOK

This year, we have subscribed to a grade book system called ThinkWave. We will be sending an invitation to parents of students in grades 5-8 to open an account. This will allow you to view your child's grades and assignments at your convenience. Please look for this e-mail invitation, and let us know if you need any assistance in getting your account set up.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our after-school program has had a great start! Thanks again to Raquel Jayme for her work to run this!

We kindly ask that you let us know which days your child will be staying for our after-school program. For students enrolled with the Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club, please also let us know which days they will be attending. We will continue to walk students over to the club on days they attend.

Thanks so much for your help and support!

VOLLEYBALL

We had our volleyball meeting for athletes and their parents this past Thursday. If you missed this meeting but are still interested in participating, please contact Mr. Gordon as soon as possible. Parents of athletes do need to assist with one of our "jobs" as our sports league depends upon parent helpers.

SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING: 169

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