

# Mary, Queen of Peace

November 26, 2017

## MQP Families:

Blessings! Yesterday we recognized the feast day of Saint Catherine Laboure. At an early age she entered the community of Daughters of Charity, in Paris, France. The Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Catherine Laboure three times in 1830, when she was a young novice. On November 27, Mary showed Saint Catherine the medal of the Immaculate Conception, now universally known as the "Miraculous Medal". Saint Catherine was called to share Mary's message with others. Like that of Saint Catherine Laboure, let us also find courage to spread our devotion to the Blessed Mother to others.

Please join the school community at Mass on Wednesday morning at 9:15. Mrs. Tina Schultz's 3rd graders will serve as ministers at the celebration of the Eucharist on the 24<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time.

This week the children will begin preparing for Advent by bonding with their Advent angels. During our school Masses, during Advent, the students will sit with their Advent angels.

The 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders will go to reconciliation on Tuesday morning at 9:00 – 10:15. If time allows, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will also have an opportunity to go to confession. If not, they will join the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Tuesday, December 12<sup>nd</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will have their first reconciliation on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church. Please review the Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition with your children.

The children should start wearing their winter uniform on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to pages 135-137 of the Buzz Book/Parent and Student Handbook for guidelines. At this time, the 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys may continue wearing shorts at their discretion. Parents, please be mindful of the guidelines addressing socks and haircuts. Your efforts are appreciated.

An Open House for prospective preschool and kindergarten parents will occur on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will begin at 7:00 in the Cooperative Learning Center (library). Prospective parents will meet teachers, parents, and Linc. They will also have an opportunity to see the classrooms, including the Atrium. Complementary babysitting will be offered by reservation only. Individuals should call the school office if they are interesting in the babysitting service. Please spread the word among family, friends, and neighbors.

School will not be in session on the Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Remember this special day is a holy day of obligation. Mary, Queen of Peace will offer Mass in the morning at 6:45 and 8:00.

Because of Timmy Siebenman's awareness and the support of StudCo the school community is collecting gently used jackets and coats. The collection will end on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are grateful for those who have purchased SHOP Script cards. Proceeds from your purchases will go towards our advancements in technology. As you prepare for the holidays please consider buying additional SHOP Script cards. Annie Finke and Jo Wingbermuehle will be happy to assist you.

Due to Mrs. Kathy Bauer, her team of volunteers, grandparents, and you, the Book Fair rose close to 3,000.00. The funds will go toward our efforts in Makerspace. We are thankful for everyone's generosity. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the Book Fair and is pleased with their purchases.

Due to the improvements with our Wi-Fi, we can make advancements in our use of technology. During the next few weeks the teachers will be introduced to Promethean Panels. These interactive boards promise to enhance classroom instruction. Teachers will be able to use their existing Smartboard lessons as they continue to reach all learners. Promethean Panels interact with I-Pads, laptops, and Smartphones. The technology committee is currently reviewing the best approach in regards to our 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders being one on one with a device during the 2018-2019 school year. At this time we are strongly leaning toward some type of laptop within the range of 300.00. We are also obtaining bids for I-Pads to use in the lower grades. Finally, teachers are forming a wish list of Marker Space items.

I am pleased to announce the following faculty updates. Mr. Adam Winebright has agreed to continue teaching 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade math until the end of the school year. He will also maintain one 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom. Mr. Winebright has proven to be invested in each child's spiritual, academic, and social development. Mr. Will Ruzicka is serving as paraprofessional at Mary, Queen of Peace. As a certified teacher, he will also serve as a team teacher in many ways. Mr. Ruzicka is passionate about pushing every student to new heights. Ms. Caitlin Higgins is living out her second passion as a preschool teacher assistant. Her devotion in early childhood was needed in our growing preschool. Ms. Higgins willingness to accept the position is appreciated.

Finally, please continue to do your best in carpool. As you know, there is a lot of movement during the morning and afternoon. Therefore, we always need to be conscience of the children entrusted to us.

The faculty, and I are very grateful for your support, trust, and prayers. Being at Mary, Queen of Peace is a true honor and blessing.

With gratitude,

Mr. Michael Nieman  
Mary, Queen of Peace – Principal

“O Lord Jesus, Christ, You were pleased to gladden the holy Virgin Catherine by the wonderful apparition of Your Immaculate Mother. Grant that we may follow the example of the same saint in honoring Your most holy Mother with filial devotion and obtain the joy of eternal life. Amen.”