

May 2013



Dearest Parents and Friends,

I hope my letter to you finds you well and looking forward to summer and having some time to enjoy having your teenager home all day long. We have had a wonderful year at McT. It is time for you to take them for a while or I might have even more teachers to retire. Not really, but I did have one more of our veterans come in the other day to toss in his hat. Coach Tom Buhring, along with Clarita Stone and Doug McEnery, have decided to join the ranks of the retired. They will be very hard to replace. Due to the incredible increase again this year in enrollment, we will add three new faculty members as well as replace our three retirees.

On May 2, I would like to invite you to attend our Mass for Mary. After Mass, we have the dedication of our Guardian Angel statue. The money to purchase the statue was raised by our students in memory of Thomas Harlan, Claire Briggs, and Andre Colletti. The students have been looking forward to this dedication for quite sometime. We have been waiting for the statue to be delivered, the base to be poured, the plaque to be delivered and the surrounding grounds to be landscaped. Now, all of that is complete. We will bless the statue four times, once each of the four lunch waves. This way, all of the students can be there in memory of their friends.

*There are a lot of events coming up as we finish the school year particularly if you are the parent of a senior. We have:*

- Mass~May 2
- Band Spring Concert~May 2
- Senior Class Breakfast~May 5
- Spring Chorus Concert~May 6
- Senior Picnic~May 7
- Under-classmen~Awards~May 8
- AP exams~May 7, 8, 9, 13,14, and 15
- Senior Exams~May 9, 10, 13, 14
- Senior Awards~ May 15
- Graduation Mass~May 15

Graduation~May 17

Underclassmen Exams~May 21, 22, 23, and 24

Over the summer, we will be making major changes to our web-site. We are trying very hard to improve our communication with you without the use of paper and mail. Many of the dates you will need for the start of next year should be posted and available as soon as we make the switch to the new page. We are also encouraging our students to bring their own technology to school and are expanding our capabilities to help them connect and to work on-line. There are also several projects we are undertaking this summer. We are going to continue replacing our fences with the black ornamental fence along Catherine Street. We will enclose the campus on the Catherine Street side. There are also new directional signs we are installing to help make sure all of our visitors enter the building through the front doors only. I know many of you are used to coming in from different directions depending on where you park. We are asking you to help us by using the front McGill entrance every time you come to the campus. We are also changing out many of our doors and locking mechanisms. All of these improvements are designed to help us secure our buildings and to keep our students and staff safe. Landscaping on Lafayette Street and around the CYO gym should be completed by the time the students return in August. We are also replacing the grid work and ceiling tiles in the Toolen building, as well as installing remote controlled screens and video projectors in the auditorium and library. We will also be purchasing the remaining equipment to complete our television studio.

Our wish is for each and every one of you to have a smooth end to the school year. Please do not hesitate to call if you need anything. If I don't get a chance to tell you in person, thank you for allowing me the privilege of working with your children. They are a blessing and you should be proud.

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