

Thursday Thoughts
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Principal

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I want to welcome our students and their families to St. Mary School for this new academic year. A new school year means a new beginning and I hope that the enthusiasm that I have seen among our students, faculty, and staff continues throughout the coming year. As with our calendar year, each year is filled with dreams and aspirations and I hope that both can be realized this year.

As a faculty and staff, we are here to work with you, the parents, in meeting the needs of all of our students. This is an awesome task on both of our parts and takes working together with our parents to be successful. There is a process that I would like to follow as regards communicating concerns about your child and the progress they may or may not be making either academically, spiritually, or socially. I ask that you first communicate with your child's teacher about your concern. Hopefully, your concern will be resolved at this level. This meeting will be documented by the teacher and a summary of the meeting shared with me. In fact, any concerns that you may bring to the attention of the teacher, whether by e-mail, telephone, etc. will be shared with me by the teacher so that I am kept informed of the situation. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of this initial meeting, please notify me and I will become involved in your concern. The last step in this process would involve a meeting with the parent, teacher, Fr. Franks, and myself. It would be my hope that any concerns you may have can be resolved at the first level. Please know that we are here for the good of your child and don't hesitate to share concerns with us, but please follow the above steps in the process.

You will be receiving information concerning free/reduced lunches in today's Thursday folder. If you think that your family would be eligible for either free or reduced lunches please complete the form and return it to school on or before Friday, September 4, 2009.

Also in today's Thursday folder is information concerning student accident insurance that has been purchased through the diocese. The insurance provides coverage for accidental injuries occurring during normal school hours or while participating in any school sponsored and supervised activities, including gym classes, interscholastic sports and field trips. Please take time to become familiar with this coverage by reading the information provided by the insurance company.

Thanks to all those who were able to attend our Open House this past Wednesday. Hopefully you have a better idea as regards teacher expectations which will get the school year off on a positive note.

Those are my thoughts for this week!