

Thursday Thoughts
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Principal

During our Advisory Board meeting this past week it was brought to my attention that there may be some people who do not apply for tuition assistance through F.A.C.T.S. because they don't know exactly where the information shared on the form is sent and who might be privy to such information. To clarify, all information shared on the F.A.C.T.S. form is strictly confidential. Once need has been determined, the diocese will allocate assistance based on the identified need according to the funds that the diocese has available for distribution. The only information shared with the school is the amount of money that will be distributed to each family based on the identified need. Although there may be families who do not qualify for diocesan assistance, there are funds available locally, such as the St. Mary Education Association Tuition Assistance Fund, the Krissie Hilliard Tuition Assistance Fund, etc. for those who may not have qualified for the diocesan assistance so that the information shared by F.A.C.T.S. is used to assist those families. Even though the deadline has passed for diocesan assistance, a family may still complete a F.A.C.T.S. form on line to qualify for local assistance. Again, only information dealing with need is shared with the school. Any information shared with the school by a family applying for local assistance is kept in strict confidence.

I realize that families are hesitant when it comes to sharing financial information with either the school or a third party such as F.A.C.T.S. Please understand that such information is kept in strict confidence by the school and company responsible for identifying need. We are here to help make a Catholic education affordable and are willing to work with families who struggle to make such an education possible due to financial situations. If you have any questions concerning tuition assistance or the process used to determine need please call the school office at 740-654-1632 and talk to either Cindy or myself.

Some information concerning the last days of school. Our last all-school Mass will be on Thursday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m. in church. Classes will be dismissed on Monday, May 31st due to the Memorial Day holiday. Kindergarten promotion will be on Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. June 3rd is the last day of school. There will be an awards ceremony in church beginning at 12:15 p.m. for our students in grades 6, 7, 8 to honor those who have made either High Honors or Honors during the four quarters. At 12:45 p.m. there will be Benediction for all students in church. School will be dismissed on June 3rd at 1:30 p.m. Eighth grade graduation will be held in church on June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.