



Nazareth School

May 4, 2018

Dear Parents:

Today, we enjoyed a beautiful prayer tradition within the Church – the May Crowning. Flowers, music and prayer contributed to our tribute to the Blessed Mother who is a Gift and Role Model to all of us. Congratulations to May Queen, Remy Olson, and her Escort, Michael Butcher, and to all of the Class Representatives. Members of our May Crowning Court reflect so many of the attributes that we appreciate in Mary. Many thanks to Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Valenti, Mrs. Horning and their team of volunteers who guided the students through the preparation of our prayer service. Prior to the school's celebration, our Preschoolers held their own May Crowning. It is so touching to see the joy of the little ones as they practice the traditions of the Church! Our 5th Graders are hoping to share a special Marian prayer activity with the Seniors of Nazareth House during this month. Additionally, the 4th graders will be attending and singing at a special May Crowning Mass with the Missionaries of the Mission parish on May 15th. I am sure that these will be lovely experiences where our students model the gifts of the Blessed Mother, Mary.

What a fun evening Nazareth Night was! The setting was beautiful and our first venture into online auction bidding seemed to go very well. The final numbers have not been recorded, but your generosity to the school was wonderful and will most definitely make a difference in your children's education. Our Raise-Your-Paddle event raised over \$17,000! With this effort and the profits from the Turkey Trot we are able to move forward with the installation of the interactive white boards and projectors in our classrooms. We are working with Starton Inc. to see if we will be able to have one or two boards/projectors installed before the end of the school year. The others will be installed during the early summer. Thank you, again, to Araceli Durazo, Emma Gorou, Vallerie Dalrymple and their team of volunteers for all of their hard work to make the "Enchanted Seas Gala" a special and successful Nazareth event.

Today is the mid-point of the 4th Quarter. Please help your children end the year with a strong academic performance. If you are not already doing so, check Gradelink on a regular basis and share that information with your children. Please make sure that attendance is consistent as are the children's uniforms. Recently, I overheard someone say, "It's the end of the year, so we don't need to worry about the uniform so much." Actually, all of the components of school – organization, attendance, study time and space, and uniforms – are just as important now as they were at the beginning of the year. Your message to your child that each day's effort and practices are important will help guarantee his or her success.

Next week, our Scholastic Book Fair offers a "Paws for Books" where we are encouraged to "Come. Stay. [and] Read a Great Tale!" This is a great time to find some fun summer books to enjoy. Thank you to Mrs. Prentice and her team of volunteers for providing this opportunity to our families. Remember that profits from the Book Fair allow to enhance our reading resources in the Library and in our classrooms.

Blessings,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio
Principal