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Principal Letter

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Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

This prayer is both beautiful and powerful even though it is only three full sentences. Last week, one of my nephews died very unexpectedly in California. He was only 38 years old. Scott was a graduate of Mater Dei (Mother of God) High School in Santa Ana, CA where he was a great football player and named captain of the team as a senior. His funeral Mass was said by Father Steve, who was the Chaplain at Mater Dei HS during Scott's years in high school. Father Steve said that the quality of a life is not measured in time, but rather, in how a person loved others. It reminded me that the number one key to victory is love, as Christ commanded us.

I share this with you because we sometimes get very "caught up" in life and forget that our job as Catholics and Christians is to get to heaven. We do that by living a life full of love for others and listening to the word of God.

Weekly Rosary...

Special thanks to Mrs. Karen Overcash for leading the rosary today. We had 10 students recite the rosary with us today! Mr. Quadrano (Jennie Anderson's father) joined us. Jennie is our fabulous cook and Mr. Quadrano is our new early am custodian.

Oct. 3rd—Pet Blessing

The time is listed at 8:00am on the school calendar. Just to clarify, the blessing of the pets will take place when the bell rings at 7:55am in the Vaile Pavilion.

Sept. 21st—Movie Night

Home & School Association is sponsoring a fun "Drive Up" Movie Night on Friday, Sept. 21st—tomorrow! It sounds like a fun time from 5:00-7:00pm. Pajamas can be worn to this event.

Sept. 26th—Early Dismissal at 11:00am

Teachers will be participating in an in-service at Newman Central Catholic High School from 12:30-3:30pm. The focus for this professional development will be on data and how we use this information to improve our schools. Teachers are learners too and these half days provide opportunities for new learning and collaboration with colleagues.

Sept. 27th—Educational Leaders Day

I will be attending a diocesan sponsored workshop on this day, held at St. Rita Cascia Church in Rockford. I look forward to this time with administrators and priests throughout the Rockford Diocese.

Sept. 27th—Student Council Bake Sale Day

Student Council will be setting up at 9:10am on Sept. 27th for the Bake Sale. All students will have the opportunity during the morning to purchase a bake sale item for 25 cents. Donuts will be sold for 50 cents and juice drinks will also be 50 cents. The prices were set by Student Council. Raffle tickets are also sold for 25 cents.

Parents may drop off donations in the main lobby where the tables will be set up. Thank you to all parents who donate to this fundraiser for Student Council.

This is also a **Dress Down Day**. Students may not wear jeans that are ripped or have holes in them. Shirts with messages must be appropriate as well. Shorts must be the appropriate length—same length as uniform shorts. Thank you parents for teaching your children what is appropriate wear for special days at school.

Oct. 4th—Picture Day

Information will be going home soon. Students may wear regular clothes on this day. Uniforms are not required.

Oct. 5th—Grandparents Day!

This sounds like a wonderful celebration for grandparents and their grandchildren, which is a very special relationship! Please be looking for a Grandparents Day flier in your child's backpack. You will be able to sign up your child's (children's) grandparent(s) for lunch on that day. Cost is \$2.50.

Once again, Bingo will be the featured morning activity with prizes. This is also an **early dismissal day at 1:00pm**. **Eighth grade students are invited to participate in the Homecoming Parade at Newman Central Catholic HS starting at 2:00pm**. Parents and grandparents will please transport 8th grade students to NCCHS. They will ride on a float as "Future Comets."

October 7th—No School Day—Columbus Day

October 9th—No School Day—Teacher Institute Day at St. Mary's School Dixon. Teachers will participate in an in-service on the new Rockford Diocese Teacher Evaluation Tool.

Reminder—Milk Money

Mrs. Godsil uploaded the milk cost chart on the website. Please pay for milk by the semester. It is tedious to receive daily money for milk. Thank you.

Reminder—Box Tops

The box for box top donations is in the lobby. Thank you to the parents who have donated already.

ITBS Testing

Thank you parents, for preparing your student(s) well for this week's standardized assessments. The schedule will be completed tomorrow; make-ups will be scheduled next week for students who have been absent.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family!

Mrs. Kathy Howard-Principal

