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Dear Families of OLOF,

Greetings. You are receiving the April Newsletter as a prelude to the month of May. **Please post the May/June calendar** (enclosed) in a secure place as it is full of activities, events, and due dates!

I am not sure where the time has gone but it has been a flash. Since I began here at Fatima the students have grown in leaps and bounds, both in maturity and height! Although I am still working on this, it is nice to address them by names and be able to connect them with their parents.

Sunday was the Athletic Banquet held at the FEZ. It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance. Thank you for your support of the athletic program and the volunteering that you do to make it a success. Our thanks to the families who are on the athletic board who will be graduating this year with their last "Fatima" student. Good luck in the high school years and keep involved as they too, will go by quickly. You have been responsible for maintaining and improving a great tradition here at Fatima.

The Athletic Association recognized a few people with special awards: The Margaret Kraus Spirit Award, given for dedication and volunteering efforts with a strong background in Catholic education was awarded to Melissa Catanzarite. The Fran Miklos Award, given to a person or group for support in athletics was given Mr. Rob Katic and Mrs. Patty Wells. The board also recognized Mr. Ron Keeley, retiring after thirty-eight years with his involvement in athletics and coaching. The Association presented Mr. Keeley with a replica of the basketball court with his name, thus naming the Our Lady of Fatima basketball court in his honor. Thank you and congratulations to all.



Fun Run: Please remember to turn in your list of names and addresses for the Fun Run by May 4th.

2018-2019: Father Martin and I have been talking about next year and improvements to consider. We have received monies to update our technology. We will be re-doing the computer lab and purchasing new desk top computers (20) so that an entire class can have a computer class moving forward. We purchased new kitchen equipment to improve our annual fish fry and hall rental capabilities. New fryers and a stove were installed recently as up-grades. We also plan on doing an over-hall by cleaning/organizing Kohler Hall kitchen. Painting and cleaning will continue over the summer as always but this year we will have college students assisting us so more should get accomplished. We hope to have Mrs. Conti's office painted and carpeted too! As you can see we have a vision that Our Lady of Fatima will continue its long tradition of Catholic Education in Beaver County.

Please pray for our Second-Grade students as they make their First Holy Communion this Sunday at 1:00. They have been working very hard preparing for this big day! Congratulations to our students and their families.

Health classes from Grades 4-8 are learning about money management and investing over the last few weeks. Currently, all students in Grades 4-8 are taking part in SIFMA's Stock Market Game. In this game students are provided a portfolio that they can invest in real stocks from the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ.

The students are competing in a region that features schools from all grade levels. When there is time in health class students maintain their portfolios by checking on stocks and search on the Internet whether to buy or sell stocks. Currently Our Lady of Fatima have five teams ranked in the Top 12, including a team of fifth grade students who are in 3rd Place! Keep up the great work!



Gift certificates: Please remember to stop by the rectory during the week to purchase gift cards for shopping. You can also purchase gift cards after all masses.

Tomorrow is our Talent Show and will begin at 12:15. A variety of singing, talents, and themes will be presented. You are invited to attend.



School Uniforms: There seems to be some confusion about school uniforms for next year. Purchasing at Schoolbelles is **not** a requirement. We assure you that no major changes will occur. We are finalizing a letter that will be sent home next Thursday with all details and up-dates.

Marissa Haney recently won the \$50 early drawing for the 200 Club fundraiser.

FYI: Please know that we are **not serving Romaine lettuce** with our salads!!

Yearbook orders are due by May 18th. Cost of the yearbook is \$17.50.

Tuition Aid: Please check your status on being complete with all required documents, etc. for FACTS tuition aid process.

Registration: A reminder for sending in your registration information.

Hoagie orders were due today. Please send in any last-minute orders tomorrow. Delivery is May 3rd.

200 Club: Each year the 200 Club committee requests a \$20 donation from each family. This is known as the "Theme Basket Money". **This donation is deducted from your Fair Share goal.** To date, only ten families have made this donation. We are asking the families who have not made their donation (unless your Fair Share is met) to do so as soon as possible. The items for the baskets are to be purchased here in the next week for the 200 Club event that will be held on Saturday, May 12th.



Blessings,

Cindy Baldrige