Dear Families,

Now that the year has started and everyone is getting into their routines, it’s a good time to remind everyone of our purpose here on earth. If we believe in God… and we believe we come from God… then everything we do on this earth (no matter what that is) should be with the purpose and initiative to someday get home to God. It’s easy to forget this as we fall into our daily lives, but it’s our relationship with God that should take precedence over all.

I hear from time to time that going to a non-public or Catholic school is not the “real world.” In fact, some believe that children need to be exposed to the harsher aspects of life so as to learn how to deal with life. In actuality, the “real world” is what we as adults create for our children. The harsher aspects of life we see in the media and/or the vast array of poor choices we have the ability to make are just that, choices. Our children’s life style as adults, their “real world” will be a direct reflection of the childhood we create for them.

I found the following words to be an interesting way to look at our relationship with God.

I asked God to take away my pride and God said no, He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up. I asked God to grant me patience and God said no, He said patience is a by-product of tribulation and it is earned and not granted. I asked God to give me happiness and God said no, He said He gives blessings, happiness is up to me. I asked God to spare me pain and God said no, He said suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and draws you closer to Me. I asked God to make my spirit grow and God said no, He said I must grow on my own but he would prune me to make me fruitful. I asked God to make my dying mother whole and God said no, He said her spirit is whole, her body is only temporary. I asked God whether He loved me and God said yes, He said he gave His only begotten Son to die for me, and I will be in Heaven someday because I believe in Him. And I asked God to help me love others as much as He loved me, and God said, now you have the idea.

In Partnership,
Mr. Bruzzo

The following items were sent home today with the youngest student in your family:

- **Scrip Update:** (Summary does not include Norman’s Uniform Summer sales) Please call the school office if you feel that your summary is not accurate.

**Attachments:**

- **Ice Cream Social flyer**
- **October Hot Lunch Order Forms:** October Hot Lunch menus for grades Kindergarten through 5th are being sent home as an attachment to this newsletter. Additional order forms are available in the school office. **Friday, September 27th is the deadline** to get your orders in! (**A late fee of $.50 cents per lunch applies to all orders turned in after the due date – No Exception.**) Please give special attention to the following dates:
- October 17th – 3rd Grade Indian Canyons field trip
- October 24th – Kindergarten’s field trip to the Pumpkin Patch
- October 25th – No School; Diocesan In-Service Day

**Coffee with the Counselor:** Junior High students go through many changes and need their parents' support. Mrs. Audrey Richardson, our junior high counselor, will hold a series of discussion groups to help parents help their children. The first discussion will be held on Wednesday, September 25th, 8:00am to 8:30am, in Mrs. Richardson’s room. The focus will be I-Gen…Why today’s super-connected kids are growing up less rebellious, more tolerant, less happy and completely unprepared for adulthood…and what we can do about it. All are welcome.

**Congratulations newly elected 2019-2020 student council members!** Congratulations to the newly elected Student Council leaders for the 2019-2020 school year. Congratulations to all students who ran for office. The Student Council has many exciting activities planned for this year and would like to thank the student body for their support and are open to new ideas and suggestions. We are looking forward to an outstanding year.

**Congratulations to our new Student Council members:**
President/Vice-President: Kolby Hendrickson & Ashleigh Schein
Secretary: Elizabeth Archuleta-Rivera
Treasurer: Alexis Potter
Commissioners of Religious Affairs: Lauren Kreizenbeck & Kaitlyn Lebedevitch
Commissioners of Publicity: Sienna Coie & Elissa Miller
Commissioners of Spirit: Landen Hementera & Lyle dela Luna
Commissioners of Athletics: Vincent Scarborough & Madison Whitley
Commissioners of Technology: Jackson DeJardin & Michael Jay
Commissioners of Ecology: Emma Kelley & Madeleine Scott

**THE RED APPLE/MRS. FIELDS COOKIE DOUGH CATALOG FUNDRAISER**
begin last Thursday and will run through Tuesday September 24th. Purchase or sell to family, friends & co-workers - Wonderful gifts, wrapping paper, & gourmet food items! Raise money for our school while earning 40% Family Fundraising Credit. Catalogs, along with the instructions, were sent home with the youngest child in each family last week. The classroom with the highest percentage of sales will win an ice cream party!

**Brown Bag Food Drive Raffle Results:** Students who brought in a non-perishable food item to donate last Friday, received a raffle ticket. Congratulations to our winners: Helena Dodson (1 – Trainor); Madeleine Luna (K- Forrest); Robert Mojica (1 – Trainor); Matthew Sherman (K – Torgerson), and, Luke Vermillion (5 – Grady). Our next Brown Bag food drive will take place on Friday, October 4th. Be sure to bring in a food item to donate for your chance to win. Winners can choose a free dress coupon or pick from a variety of fun prizes.
**Jr. High Football:** We are desperately in need of parent volunteers to help coach. Please contact Coach Stutz to get more information on how you can get involved. This is a great opportunity to earn parent volunteer hours and have fun doing it!

**JH Service Hours:** GO TO [http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/outreach-calendar](http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/outreach-calendar) to sign up for service hours. Be sure to watch for cancellations. New events will be posted next week.

Sign-ups will NO longer be e-blasted when posted unless last minute spots need to be filled. ALL sign-ups and school-organized opportunities will be posted on the outreach page as they become available (usually updated Tuesday and Thursday by noon): [http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/outreach-calendar](http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/outreach-calendar).

STUDENTS MUST TAKE A PICTURE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACH TO THE REPORTING FORM!! Reporting form found on the Outreach Calendar page.

Please check [www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/outreach-calendar](http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/outreach-calendar) every Tuesday and Thursday for new events/cancellations. 270 hours offered this trimester!

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**Sacred Heart School Family Faith Formation** invites you to

Grow in your faith and encourage each other to walk with the Lord.

Praising and worshiping the Lord through prayer, song, scripture and sharing is the purpose of this group.

**Thursdays 8:30-10:00am—Room 338**

This year we welcome Sister María Corazón she will be helping to facilitate the class. 
All are Welcome, bring a friend and Delight in The Lord! Coffee and Snack provided.

Questions-- text or message—760-851-7643 Willena Martin pdwillena@gmail.com

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**Family Prayer for the week:**

God, Our Father, you have promised your kingdom to those who are willing to become like little children. Help us to follow the way of the Saints, with confidence so that by their prayers we may come to know your eternal glory. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

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**Dance and Theatre News:** There is still time to register. Registration is ongoing through January 2020. Contact Julie Ann at 760-832-3956 before registering as some classes are now full. We can’t wait to start singing and dancing with the kids!

**Cash & Carry Scrip Hours:** Cash & Carry cards will be sold on Mondays and Fridays only, beginning at 7:45am in front of the school office. Orders brought to the school office by Wednesday mornings will be filled and ready for pick up Wednesday afternoons. Forms are available in the school office.

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**Prayers are Requested for….** everyone serving in our Armed Forces, for the repose of the souls of Anna Nicoletti and Nancy Niemic; for Nancy Fujio, Mercer Angelica and Family, Jennifer O’Camb, Joziah Otero, Carson Rice and for our families and others during these hard economic times.
Upcoming Calendar Info:
9/16-20/19 - 8th Grade Pali Trip
9/16-18/19 - 7th Grade Camp Wasewagon Field Trip
9/18&19/19 - 6th Grade Aquarium of the Pacific Field Trip
9/18/19 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
9/20/19 - Ice Cream Social, 5:30pm to 8:30pm
9/25/19 - 8:30 am School Mass; Student Council Inauguration
10/4/19 - 8:30 am First Friday Mass; 12:00 pm Minimum day dismissal; Mass attire mandatory; 7:45am Used Uniform Sale
10/9/19 - 8:30 am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
10/11/19 - 7th & 8th Grade Dance & Social
10/16/19 - 8:30 am School Mass; Picture Make-Up Day; Mass attire mandatory
10/23/19 - 8:30 am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory
10/25/19 - No School, Teacher In-Service Day
11/1/19 - 9:00 am First Friday Mass; All Saints' Day; 12:00 pm Minimum day dismissal; Mass attire mandatory; 7:45am Used Uniform Sale
11/3/19 - School Carnival