

Dear Parents,

Where has this year gone? It is hard to believe that it is already May. The spring weather is making for happy students and teachers.

The deadline for **auction donations** is today. Need ideas? Click [here](#) to visit the auction website, get more info, and access links to the [Amazon WishList](#) and the Special Edition [SCRIP order form](#). Check out the Fund-a-Need, flyer attached below. This year's [Fund-A-Need](#) will directly support and facilitate the growth and sustainability of the school. If you miss today's deadline, don't worry. Cash donations, SCRIP and wine are always welcome!

At last year's auction, parents signed their children up for Free Dress Tuesday's for December. Unfortunately, we were not able to fulfill this in December because we weren't in school so we changed it to the **May Free Dress Thursdays**. If you purchased this last year, you are all set. Jess Cunningham, our auction coordinator, is giving us a list of students in case you have forgotten. For any of you who would still like to join in the fun, you can contact Jess and sign up! The **cost is \$30**.

Please join us for a special virtual live school [Mass](#) in honor of **Mary**, Wednesday at 9:30. We are continuing the tradition of crowning Mary. Please have your child **bring in flowers** on Wednesday so we can place them in vases at the foot of the Mary statue up on the hill by the parish center.

The **learner profile** we will be highlighting for the month of May is "**Thinker**". A thinker is someone who can apply their thinking to make good choices and use their minds to solve problems. One question you can ask your child is "How did you use your brain today to solve a problem or make a decision?".

Our next **2nd Step** lesson is on "Managing Anger". The children will be learning and practicing the skills of counting down to calm down angry feelings so they don't do something hurtful and using assertive communication skills as a respectful way to get what they want or need.

In **IB** yesterday, the children learned that they can not outrun a dinosaur so thank goodness we don't have to! Next week's mysteries will focus on trait variation and natural selection. Students will learn how people create new breeds of animals by mating (selecting) individuals with desirable traits. Students will also learn about an example of how nature, not human beings, can slowly change the appearance of an animal using the process of selection.

Continue to check **PowerSchool!** We should have all the grades in by Sunday but in case we missed something that your child has completed, please let us know! If it is something that they "think" they handed in to us, know that we will have input all the papers that have been turned in to us and they may need to search through their binders, backpacks, and desks to see if they can locate it. If not, we are happy to make a new copy for them to complete or they can go to google classroom and complete the digital copy. Please let us know if they complete the digital copy so we know to go back in and grade it.

Thank you for your ongoing support this year. We have been better together! Igniting Hope: one light many candles.

Blessings,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan