

Dear Parents,

Tonight is the beginning of the auction festivities. We hope you all plan on attending Community Night tonight at 5:00 pm. Join in the fun with food trucks, a bouncy house, and a first look at all the art projects. This will be a fun community-building event that should not be missed.

Next week is Spirit Week for the kids. We have attached the flier for the daily events. It should be a fun week. The only day of concern is on Thursday. The theme is Inside Out Day. That used to be what you did when you wanted a snow day. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for warm, sunny weather. Please remember that it is optional to participate in wearing the theme for the day. If you don't want to wear it, you **MUST** wear your uniform.

The spring conferences are just around the corner, scheduled for Thursday, April 25th, and Friday, April 26th. During these sessions, your child will present a slideshow, reflecting on their learning journey, their goals, and the new objectives they've set for the remainder of the academic year. Here are the links for both classes, [Smith](#) and [Sheehan](#).

We had some difficulty with the copier this week, so spelling will look a little bit different. Instead of a packet with pages that the children can complete, the children will still have the dreaded "Trace, Copy, Write"; however, the rest of the suggestions will need the children to use their own paper to complete, and then we will staple their sheets together so we have a record of their completed homework for their class dojo (class money) points.

The week before Easter break, we began our new IB unit, *Economic systems are shaped by geography*. This unit began with a look at the basic elements of a community's economic system, including producers, distributors, and consumers of goods and services. We then moved on to look at the United States, with each child focusing on one state. Next week, the children will get the information and guidelines for creating state floats/suitcases. These will be completed at home while in class; we are working on state book reports and learning about the 5 regions of the United States. During Friday's math time, the children will be taking a trip around the states. They will be working in small groups and will be given a budget and criteria for their trip. It's always interesting to see and hear them discuss how they should spend their money!

This weekend, select students will be bringing home violins. All necessary information, including music pieces for practice, is readily accessible on Toddle. Ms. Jeon has disseminated all pertinent details through announcements. **Please remember that the violins must be returned on Monday.**

**Important Dates:**

4/12 - Auction Art Preview (5:00 pm)

4/15-19 - Spirit Week

4/20 - Gala Auction

4/22-30 - Book Fair

4/24 - Mass, grades 2-8 (8:45am)

**4/25 & 4/26 - Student-led Conferences**

4/27 - First Communion (10:00 am)

4/29 - Map testing window opens

4/29 - Battle of the Books (2:00 pm)

5/1 - All School Mass (9:30 am)

5/1 - Crowning of Mary in the Parish Center (10:30 am)

**State Float or Suitcase Project due**

Enjoy the weekend,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan