

Dear Parents,

Over the past few weeks, we've faced challenges and discovered opportunities as a community, reminiscent of our first IB unit, "Make Your Voice Count." Our students have experienced firsthand the power of voices in protest and solidarity, embodied in the boldness of signs or the subtlety of pins. But, the lesson extends beyond speaking; it's in the willingness to listen to differing perspectives, even those contradicting ours, that we truly grow. This openness paves the way for progress, fostering a robust community of diverse thinkers.

In the midst of recent events, we have witnessed overwhelming support for our colleague, Ms. Pala. As a highly valued staff member and exceptional teacher, she unquestionably belongs at St. Luke School. We are grateful for the solidarity shown for her and we respect the differing perspectives of others.

In ELA, the spelling packet will be a little different this week. Mrs. Sheehan had no computer access until Friday, so the spelling packet will not have many pages for the kids to complete. The packet will include the spelling list and various word study options. All students except the Seahawks will have the "Trace, Copy, Write" activity to complete on Monday. The Seahawks will choose a different activity for Monday. Please help your child turn in their spelling list and how they studied their words on Thursday for their spelling test.

We are excited to start our next science lessons with a focus on magnetism. This Tuesday, as part of their homework, your child will go on a scavenger hunt to explore magnets. We recommend reviewing the chart that shows the daily applications of magnets, available at <http://thesecretyumiverse.wonderhowto.com/how-to/11-weird-and-wonderful-uses-for-magnets-0137723/>. After exploring magnets, students will be asked to build their own magnetic locks.

Today, we are sending home a field trip form. It should be a great field trip to the Pacific Science Center on Thursday, May 30th. We already have enough drivers, so a big thank you goes out to all who volunteered to drive. The drivers are Wheeler, Heerschap, Zevenbergen, Therrell, Buchner, and Harbert. Remember that the majority of you have **already paid** for the field trips. It is only a few who will need to send in the \$22 dollars to cover the field trip cost.

A couple of dates to remember. The Children's Day Celebration is on **Friday, May 31st**. Next week is the last week to send in donations and it looks like the third grade is in need of a few more items. The next date to remember is **Tuesday, June 11th** for our end-of-the-year picnic. Our wonderful room moms will be sending out information soon and we hope all who can will be able to attend.

Important Dates

5/22 - Mass, (8:45 am) and Spring Concert in the Auditorium (6:30-7:30 pm)

5/24 - 5/27 - NO SCHOOL Fundraising day off and MEMORIAL DAY

5/29 - Mass, grades 2-8 (8:45 am)

5/31 - Non-uniform day

6/5 - Mass, grades 2-8 (8:45 am)

6/10 - Baccalaureate Mass (9:30 am) and 8th Grade Graduation (7:00 pm)

6/11 - End of year picnic at Hickman Park

6/12 - All School Mass (8:45 am)

6/13 - Field Day, Moving-Up Ceremony, and Half Day - (12:00 pm dismissal)

6/14 - Last Day of School - (10:30 am dismissal) **HAPPY SUMMER!**

Thank you once again for all the support and appreciation we've received this week, and especially throughout the year! Each one of you plays a crucial role in making this community truly great!

Enjoy your weekend,

Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith