PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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WEEKLY REFLECTION!

All the festivities of Catholic School's Week have come to an end, but Catholic school's continue on their mission of evangelization and forming disciples of Christ.

Our students, parents, and teachers are familiar with the teachings of the Church, but sometimes in our familiarity, we close our hearts to the Lord and fail to recognize his presence in our lives. When we are familiar with others, we know their weaknesses and failings, and it is sometimes hard to be taken seriously. How serious are we when it comes to the teachings of the Church? When we see our fellow lay brothers and sisters trying to do God's work, do we view them as the people of Nazareth viewed Jesus and think, who are they to instruct us?

For us as disciples, we have to be faithful to speaking the truth of our faith regardless of how other's view us. Your affirmation must come from the Lord. Proclaiming the prophetic truth of the Gospel has never been about comfort.

Important Items

- February 8-10: Fiesta. All children need to have at least 1 parent volunteer as part of the fundraising and volunteer hours obligations.

Curriculum

- This past week, a few staff members were trained in a proven, reading, multi-sensory approach called Orton-Gillingham. This approach will be integrated into the current Super Kids program for grades K-1. This semester teachers will begin to pilot some of the concepts in order to help students encode and decode reading and writing.

- Grades 3-8 are all working on their science fair projects. The scientific method will be used to assess students.

- Thanks to all those parents and students who celebrated the events of Catholic School's Week.

Saint of the Week:

St. Agatha, February 5.

At a young age, Agatha dedicated her life to God. A high ranking diplomatic named Quintianus, tried to force her to turn away from her vow to marry him, but she refused. Christian's were being persecuted during this time, so Quintianus had her arrested. When she appeared before the judge, it was Quintianus himself. She was sentenced to torture and was imprisoned.

With tears falling from her eyes, she prayed for courage. "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil."

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