Happy Sunday! Here at Our Lady of Lourdes School, we have just finished celebrating an extraordinary weekend! Our 2nd graders received the sacrament of Reconciliation. How joyful for these students to be able to experience for the first time the loving mercy of our God. In addition, one of the 2nd graders, Ryan Joseph, received the sacrament of Baptism! A true blessing for our students to witness Ryan choosing to become part of God’s family in the Catholic Church! I’d like to thank Mrs. Cunnane and Mrs. Corwin for the wonderful job in preparing our students for this special day. We also had all of our male Scouts honored at the 9:00 am Mass today. They are a true example of faith and service. Thank you for all of the Scout leaders who dedicate so much time and talent to mold these young men.

Here’s what’s new:

PLEASE COMPLETE THE HEALTH SCREENING THROUGH THE PICK-UP PATROL APP BEFORE YOUR CHILD RETURNS TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY!

If you have traveled to a state not contiguous with New York State (all states, except MA, VT, NJ, CT, and PA), before returning to school, you will be required to:

- Obtain a negative COVID test within 72 hours of departing the state you traveled to
- Fill out the NYS Traveler Health Form (https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form)
• Quarantine upon returning to New York and receive a negative COVID test on day 4 of your quarantine in New York.

• Experience no signs or symptoms of illness prior to returning.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of one of our school parents, after dismissal last Friday, the faculty and staff were all able to get VACCINATED! We are incredibly thankful to him for arranging this. However, this does mean that I will have to add an EARLY DISMISSAL to our calendar in order for us to make the appointment for the 2nd dose. Therefore, on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021 we will have an Early dismissal day.

Our CSW was a huge success! Thank you to the PTL for supplying breakfast on Friday for the teachers! Our students enjoyed the many activities that occurred and are looking forward to Tanglewood’s rescheduled date of Friday, February 12. Students may wear Animal Print and Earth Tones that day!

Our Day of Giving last week was also a huge success! Again, we surpassed our goal and, thanks to the generosity of so many, received over $10,000 in donations. WE ARE TRULY BLESSED. Thanks to those donations, we will be able to continue to enhance our STEM program, allowing the students to further their educational experience in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, in addition to Religion and Art, transforming our STEM program to a Catholic STREAM program!

Our Virtual Open Houses led to the phones ringing off the hook! Please return your re-registration forms as soon as possible. We have MANY interested students looking to come to our school!

Congratulations to Edward Walsh, the first winner of our Monthly Money Mania Raffle. If you sent in your money and tickets, YOU”RE DONE! There is NO MORE MONEY to send in. One time payment! Now, sit back and hope that your ticket is picked each month! If you haven’t sent it in yet, you can still be entered into the remaining drawings! Next drawing will be on Thursday for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Winning prize amount is $1,000.00!

Keep an eye out for any emails from me regarding the snow storm! God made you. God loves you. God has a plan for you!

Warmest regards,
Kathleen Cotilletta