

May 14, 2020

Dear Parents:

Happy Thursday!! This past week I returned to school pretty regularly. It was comforting and eerie all at the same time. Although it felt good that my routine was being established in a familiar place, I mourn the loss of weeks on the calendar! The loss of time we should have shared together as a faith-filled, learning community is overwhelming. However, I am amazed and filled with hope when I think about how our community has grown and transformed in this short time. I continue to seek the silver linings of this pandemic, even if they are very subtle.

St. Monica's Virtual End of the year activities are falling into place. Our Scholastic Book Fair is open and doing well! This is a wonderful source of resources to keep students engaged and active in all sorts of genres and topics!! Our Multicultural Night Video is coming together. Please don't forget to submit a short clip to Mrs. Law at llaw@methuencatholic.org. Some classes are working on a Memorial Day Program and others are participating in a Virtual Crowning of Mary! Our traditions are continuing.

New this year will be **St. Monica School Victory Parade on Friday, June 5th**! We are going to celebrate the end of our remote learning with a car parade in the school lot so students can say goodbye to their teachers and kick off the summer! Classrooms will be assigned a time and teachers will be lined up to cheer you on through our lot. Feel free to decorate cars, toot horns and celebrate. At the end of May we will share the schedule and travel plan/path so we can keep the flow of traffic moving! I can't wait to see everyone!! Keep your eye out for the flyer later in the month.

Early Spring 2018, when I accepted my post as principal, one of the first people I met with was the seasoned educator, Miss Lumb. Approximately 10 minutes into our conversation she shared that she intended to retire in Spring 2020. I recall that I chuckled, thinking that is so far away. By then, I thought, she would change her mind. Sadly, I was mistaken. So, it is with a heavy heart that I share with our community that Miss Lumb will be retiring at the end of our school year. Although we are very happy for her, and hope there will be many Disney trips and baseball

games in her future, we will carry the burden of filling her shoes and the many roles she has fulfilled during her years at St. Monica School. As we draw closer to the end of the year, Mrs. Tully will be in communication to reveal how we will recognize and celebrate Miss Lumb!

Finally, incase you have misplaced one of our parent updates, or you are looking for details about participating in some of our virtual events, all the previous parent updates since the COVID 19 pandemic onset are posted on our website: www.methuencatholic.org/school . They are listed under the COVID 19 UPDATE tab.

Have a wonderful weekend and please continue to pray for one another.

Mrs. Henderson