



Good Afternoon Parents,

Here is a new message from our Principal, Miss Brett:

*Grace and peace dear parents,*

*Thank you so much for your prayers and good wishes sent my way as I heal from my recent accident. Your kindness and understanding are so humbling to me and I am grateful. I am doing physical therapy four times a day to attempt movement in my fingers. I am committed to being aggressive with this to allow for a quick return.*

*During the school year, I was constantly impressed and inspired by the energy and focus of the cast and crew of the “The Wizard of Oz”. So, I was in no way surprised by the rave reviews from those who attended the performance. Congratulations to the cast and crew under the amazing leadership of Mrs. C. Taylor, Mrs. E. Miller and Mrs. A. Williams. Their leadership and support from parent volunteers makes all the difference.*

*As always, thanks for your partnership to create best practices for our students.  
-Miss E. Brett*

I too want to applaud everyone associated with the show for the huge hit it was! Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the “The Wizard of Oz”. Congratulations! Look out Broadway...

Beginning Monday, April 15, students may begin wearing the SMS uniform shorts. This is a friendly reminder that students are to be in full uniform each day, and your child may only wear sneakers on days she/he has physical education.

As we get closer to our Easter break, please note the following calendar reminders:

- ✓ Palm Sunday, April 14, Reconciliation Service in the church at 7:00 pm
- ✓ Tuesday, April 16, Stations of the Cross in the church at 1:15 pm
- ✓ Wednesday, April 17, Dress Down Day to benefit the Emusoi Center in Tanzania where our Sister Mary Vertucci ministers, and 12:30 dismissal with NO After School Care
- ✓ Be sure to check the Church website for all the Easter Triduum services
- ✓ SMS will be closed from 12:30 dismissal on Wednesday, April 17 until we resume classes on Monday, April 29

Have you checked your child’s social media conversations and photos today? I am still receiving reports that some students are not treating their classmates and teachers with love, kindness and respect while using social media at home. Just this past week we had to contact the local police for inappropriate photos, messages, and email addresses used on a site and brought to our attention. I implore you; please monitor your child’s phone and internet use.

Finally, I think it is important to reiterate what I wrote to you on March 27. Some inappropriate behavior seems to be taking time away from instruction. As educational partners, let us continue to strive to have the children come to school on time, use appropriate language, interact respectfully with their peers, utilize proper conflict resolution skills, honesty, and, most importantly, Christ-like love for self and others.

This Palm Sunday let us focus on Jesus, the suffering Messiah, who offers His life for us and in turn calls us to offer our lives in love for others (Live Lent).

Cordially,

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