

**7TH GRADE
NEWS & INFORMATION**

5/8/17 – 5/12/17

CLASS UPDATES

SUCSESSES: Most students have approached our study of Family Life with the appropriate level of maturity.

Most groups have worked well and used their time effectively to finish up their Midsummer Casting Projects.

It was also really nice to see how the class really welcomed Gavin back so warmly on Thursday with lots of hugs and high-5s. They really missed their fellow classmate, and it was an example of what close community we are.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: If a student's focus is on his or her own learning, behavior won't be an issue. Each period they need to ask what am I going to learn this period and go about doing what it takes to learn that concept such as listening, participating, asking relevant questions for understanding, and using independent work time effectively. If each student is doing that there really isn't time or opportunity to mess around.

Teacher Appreciation Week: It is always a blessing to work at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. I was especially reminded of that with all the appreciation we received this week. Thank you for all the flowers, cards, emails, and treats. Reading the cards is always my favorite part. You are a blessing.

Progress Reports: The progress reports are going home today in the Lancer folders. Please sign and return in the folder on Monday. If you would like to set up a conference with an individual teacher, please contact that teacher directly.

Community Service Pre-Approval: The pre-approval for the third trimester was due on Monday April 10. The form is on the class website. The hours are due **Friday May 26th** with the write-up explaining their service project and what they learned from this service experience.

Carnival Photos: We need parents to send pictures from the carnival to Mrs. Holtgrewe for the yearbook.

May Crowning: Looking ahead, May Crowning will be on Wednesday May 10th. It will be Code A dress for all students. Please review the parent handbook for what is acceptable Code A dress.

Student Council Elections: There will be an informational meeting for all those interested in running for next year's student council on Monday May 8 at lunch.

Spirit Week: Next week is Spirit Week. Please see the Wednesday baggie for a list of activities and attached schedule.

Talent Show Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday 1:00-2:00

Talent Show: Thursday @ 1:30

Spring Concert: Thursday 6:45-7:45 – This includes the music elective, choir, and band.

Family Life: We will continue our Family Life curriculum next week in religion. There will be take home assignment the students will need to do with a parent. We hope this will facilitate important discussions. If you have any questions about the program please send an email.

Book Club! – May

We had a great book club meeting in March. Our next book club will be at the Forrys' home on May 15th. Our book is *My Lady Jane* by Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton, and Jodi Meadows. In this wonderfully bizarre alternative history, readers are taken back to England during the reigns of Edward VI and Lady Jane Grey. The story is given a fantastical twist such as some characters being able to take animal forms. In the midst of this whimsical historical fantasy, the authors also have something very important to say about prejudice. It would be great to get a jump-start on this book over Easter break. See the attached flyer. Also please see the email from Miss Lee.

Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due every Thursday.

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – P.E.

WEDNESDAY – 12:20

THURSDAY –

FRIDAY –P.E. & Spirit Shirt

Have a great weekend!

Miss Lee