

## *“With One Voice”*

May, 2010

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> grade Families,

We are rapidly approaching the grand finale of graduation! It’s getting very exciting. As I described to you in my April letter, there are several upcoming activities that necessitated further detail.

- **State of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Classroom Account:** If you recall, we do not require a Graduation fee during registration. It is expected that graduation costs (diplomas, diploma covers, gowns) will be covered by the fundraising efforts of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade during the course of the year. In addition, fundraising covered the cost of a classroom art project, the Ropes Course field trip and the graduation gift to the “Let Your Light Shine” scholarship fund.

This year, extra fundraising was undertaken to reduce the cost of the Yosemite trip resulting in a return to families of \$50 per child.

If you would like this \$50, please contact Mrs. Sylvester, bookkeeper at 224-8388x103 by Friday, **5/14**. If I don’t hear from you by **5/14**, I will direct your \$50 to the “Let Your Light Shine” scholarship fund.

- **Graduation Dance and Overnight Retreat:** It’s time to formalize our unique, meaningful and celebratory graduation tradition. On **Friday, 5/28**, we will host a graduation dance for private school 8<sup>th</sup> graders and an overnight retreat in our parish hall. The retreat portion of the evening will include only our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The evening will provide precious opportunity for social and spiritual connection, highlighted by a midnight prayer service. The sign-up sheet is below. Please complete and return to Mr. Gallegos asap.

### **What’s Needed:**

- Parents to organize and chaperone the dance.
  - Parents to work in shifts of 2 for 2 hours for the overnight. We will have a retreat facilitator but need extra supervision.
  - Snacks! Lots of them! These can be brought to school on Friday, 5/24 or sent with your child that evening.
- **Ropes Course Field Trip:** Our Jr. High instructional team has arranged for a trip to the Ropes Course at Heron Lake, operated by the Napa County Office of Education. This excursion will provide a creative opportunity for our students to be challenged by situations

that require teamwork and social responsibility. The date of this trip is **Monday, 5/24** from 8:30am - 2:45pm. Attached is the permission slip.

**What's Needed:**

- Please sign and return the enclosed, required field trip permission, liability and medical information forms by **Wednesday, 5/19**.
  - Parent drivers are needed. Please indicate if you can drive to and/or from on the field trip permission form.
  - Students need to bring a bag lunch.
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- **Graduation Speeches:** Reminder! Speeches are due, in written form, to Mr. Gallegos, by **Wednesday, 5/12**.

In closing, please consider involvement by completing and returning the form below with your child's Ropes Course permission form. These final few weeks will no doubt, fly by. Let's enjoy!

In Peace,

Nancy Jordan  
Principal

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**YES! Sign me up to be involved ONE LAST TIME for the Class of 2010!! ☺ I can participate in the following areas:**

**Graduation Dance**

Organizer: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaparone: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**Overnight Retreat**

Chaperone:

10-12pm: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

12pm-2am: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

2am-4am: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

4 am-6am: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

6am-8am: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**Snacks**

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