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September 27, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year! It is hard to believe that we are already approaching October. Where did September go?

We welcome all families to come and celebrate at The Diocesan Family Summer Festival. It will be held on [Sunday, September 30](#), 2018 at SteelStacks in Bethlehem. (101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA) from 11 am - 3 pm. In addition to Mass, food and entertainment, there will be a Catholic School & Alumni Celebration at which time Bishop Schlert will present each school with a crucifix blessed earlier that morning at Mass. Congratulations to our Student Council President, Edward Oscar, and our Student Council Vice President, Cecelia Wright, who will be formally representing Saint Catharine of Siena at the Catholic School and Alumni Celebration with Bishop Schlert.

The schedule of events for the festival is as follows:

11:00AM: Outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at the Levitt Pavilion Stage

12:00PM: Food, entertainment & fun in the Town Square

- Students can spend this time with their families, enjoy lunch, and play some games.

1:30PM: Catholic School & Alumni Celebration. We hope to see you there.

Saint Catharine of Siena is also beginning its re-accreditation process with Middle States this fall. Please complete the parent survey. These surveys provide valuable input. Please use your voice and complete the [Middle States Parent Survey](#) at your earliest convenience. It will be closing soon. Thank you.

Our Walk A Thon is Friday, October 5, 2018. Please feel free to join us for mass at 8:30 am in the gym. We will depart for the A -Field around 9:45. We are looking for volunteers to help escort students and scoop ice-cream. If you have your clearances and would like to give the gift of time, please contact Mrs. Impellizzeri at Aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org.

The month of September has been an exciting time. We have completed three fire drills and our “inside concern” lock down drill. Drills are a necessary part of our school calendar to ensure the safety of the children and staff. All drills that were completed were successful learning

experiences. During the month of October, the Great American Shake-Out (earthquake drill) will be completed.

Also, with the start of the school year, we have had some other exciting developments. With the acquisition of 60 new Chromebooks, our teachers and students have been diligently utilizing them to enhance teaching and instruction. Mrs. George, our new technology teacher, has implemented many Google Apps in her curriculum to enhance our technology curriculum.

Our school clubs have also begun. Mrs. Kellee Fries and the art club students have made some beautiful and unique creations. Art club meets Fridays after school. Instrumental Band is off to a great start with lessons and full band practices after school on Thursdays. We now also have a bowling club! Our bowling club bowls Mondays at Heisters Lanes. The children are having a wonderful time.

Thank you to our families who have contributed to the safety of the children and staff of SCS during our cone zone adventures. Thank you for your kindness and gratitude direct to our teachers who are directing traffic, calling numbers, and escorting children safely to vehicles. Thank you for patiently waiting until staff members are safely situated at 24th and Fairview before proceeding towards our school lot. Thank you for your support and cooperation to ensure our dismissal procedures and policies flow smoothly and safely. Please be assured of our prayers of gratitude for you.

Saint Catharine of Siena School has been approached by some stakeholders regarding the possibility of building an inclusive playground on our school grounds. We are actively investigating several grants and playground specific fundraisers for funding purposes. We value your feedback regarding the possible addition of a playground to our school. Please go to the following link [SCS Playground Questionnaire Link](#) and complete this survey if you have not already done so. We thank you for your time and consideration in this regard.

For your planning purposes:

- September 28, 2018: Early Dismissal, noon.
- October 4, 2018: 6th Grade Renaissance Faire, 7th to Baltimore
- October 5, 2018: Liturgy, 8:30, WAT 9:40-10:45, ice cream social
- October 11 2018: 4th Grade, zoo
- October 12, 2018: Liturgy, 8:30
- October 15, 2018: Panera Night
- October 15-19, 2018: No Frills, but still extremely exciting BOOK FAIR
- October 10, 2018: Registration for Parent Teacher Conferences opens
- October 12, 2018: Registration for Parent Teacher Conferences closes
- October 15-October 19, 2018: Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 18, 2018: Confirmation, dismissal 8th grade only at 12:30
- October 24, 2018: The Energy Guyz Assembly 10:30- 11:30 am GYM Grades K-5
- October 30, 2018: Third Grade to Cherry Crest Farms
- November 1, 2018: All Saints Liturgy, thank you First Grade. 9:30am
- November 2, 2018: Early Dismissal, PreK @ 11:30, K-8 @12 noon.
- June 6, 2019: Last day of school.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Mkraycik@scsreading.org.
Saint Catharine of Siena, pray for us.

All my best,
Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal