

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL



Creating A Caring Community through Respect and Responsibility



GRADUATION

Students of our Eighth Grade will receive their diplomas at a special liturgy to be celebrated on Friday evening, June 6, 2008 at 5:00 PM.

Our best wishes and congratulations go to each of our students and their families at this important crossroads in their lives.

Let us prayerfully remember these young people as they prepare to enter High School in the fall.

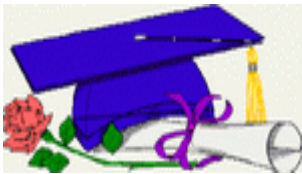
CONGRATULATIONS!

Eighth Grade Parents

Our gratitude and congratulations are extended to each of our Eighth Grade parents. This is a very special time in your life as you watch your son/daughter move on to High School. We thank you for all that you have done throughout the years to support this class and Little Flower School.

Your spirit of cooperation and generosity are greatly appreciated. You gave of your time and talents to Little Flower and for this we are truly grateful. To those of you who will no longer have a child here at LFS, know that you will be greatly missed. To those of you who will still be part of our school community, know that we are glad that a part of this great class and spirit will remain with us.

Please know that all of you will be remembered in our prayers, as you will always be a very special part of our school community.



Our special thanks to the following families that will be graduating with their child:

The Allen-Strother Family, the Barry Family, the Baxter Family, the Chenette Family, the Conroy Family, the Mattingly Family, the O'Bryan Family, the Ponvert Family, the Rivero Family, the Rodda Family, the Solamon Family, the Whyte Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus honored all teachers at their annual Teacher Appreciation Night on Friday, May 2. Sister Mary Ann, IHM received special recognition as our *Teacher of the Year* at this wonderful celebration. Mrs. Patty Edwards received the *Distinguished Service Award*.

THANK YOU!

As this school year draws to a close, it is important that we express gratitude to all those who have helped make this a good year for our Little Flower School Community.

We give thanks to:

Monsignor Vaghi and Father Woods for their untiring support and dedication to the school and its mission as a vital part of Little Flower Parish

Our wonderful Faculty and Staff for their dedicated commitment to the children of our school and the goals of our special ministry Their dedication and generous spirit make our school a special place.

Our students for their daily efforts to be the best that they can be

Our parents who have chosen LFS for their children and who have enriched the school with their support, presence and commitment

Our faithful parents who give of their time and talents to make our school a safe and happy environment

The members of the School Advisory Board and the officers of the Home and School Association for all that they have accomplished for our school

The Chairpersons and members of the many committees of the HSA that lend their time and energies to the many activities that benefit LFS

The Fathers Club for making The Father Daughter Dance and Spirit Day such great events for all of us

Sharon McBeath and Julie Shenk for another wonderful School Yearbook

JUNE 3 – LAST HOT LUNCH

To make up for the Hot Lunch missed on Field Day because of early dismissal for Field Day, we will add June 3 to the schedule. We were to end on May 29 but now June 3 will be our final Hot Lunch for the school year.

JUNE 5 ~ SPECIAL MASS

On Thursday, June 5, all students in Grades K-8 will attend the 12:00 Noon Mass. This will be our opportunity to celebrate the liturgy with Father Woods and to wish him a fond farewell as he prepares to move on to his new assignment.

You may or may not know that it is the policy of the Archdiocese to move newly ordained priests on to a new assignment after two or three years to give them several parish experiences. Father has been here at Little Flower for three years since his ordination. We will be very sad to see him leave but he will go with our love, gratitude and prayers.

The parish will have a special reception for Father on Sunday, June 22, following the Noon Mass.

RELAY DAY

Since they do not participate in the school's annual Field Day, a special Relay Day is being planned for our children in Pre K and Kindergarten. This will take place in the gym on Friday, June 6 and will include activities that are most appropriate for this age level.

June 6 is the last day for Pre K. The Kindergarten will have regular dismissal at 2:50 PM on this day.

FINAL DAY

Students in our Pre Kindergarten and Eighth Grade will have their final day on Friday, June 6. We wish them well and hope that their summer will be happy, well blessed and safe!

GRADUATION – Fifty Second Graduating Class

The Class of 2008 will graduate at a special liturgy that will take place on Friday, June 6, at 5:00 pm in the Church. All families of the school community are invited to attend. Let us pray in a special way for these young people as they complete their years at Little Flower and move on to High School.

LFS DAYS AT LEDO'S

June 9 and 10

Lunch and Dinner at Ledo's

Enjoy eating in or carry out and benefit the school. 20% of your bill will be donated to LFS.

STEP UP DAY

On Wednesday, June 11, students in Grades K-7 will have the opportunity to visit their new classrooms, meet with the teachers and get an overview of what the next school year will be like for them.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

June 9 – June 13

Every Day - 12:15 PM Dismissal

No After Care

CLOSING LITURGY

Since we begin and end all things by asking God's blessing, we will formally close the School Year 2007-2008 by attending Mass as a school on **Friday, June 13, at 10:30 am.**

Let us together thank God for His many blessings on our school community this year and let us ask for His continued graces and blessings for each of us during the summer months. These moments are sacred – join with us if you can.

VACATION TIME

How important it is for all of us to help our children grow in their faith. During the summer, as through the whole year, our children need to know that the practice of their faith is of the highest priority.

Children need the support and example of their parents to develop the faith life that is so important in their development. Be sure to prayerfully remember the special needs and intentions of our school community each weekend when you and your family join together to give God His special time at Mass. The family that prays and worships together has the strength and grace to meet the many challenges that life presents.

Enjoy your summer and keep the Lord in your plans! No matter where you are, you can always check on the location of Catholic Churches and the times for Mass by visiting www.masstimes.org.

VOLUNTEER

We are most grateful to our parents who have signed on to be part of our school's Volunteer Program for the new school year. There is something for everyone! Your participation is a sign of support and commitment to the well-being of the school and shows your child that Little Flower School is important to you. If you haven't yet joined this illustrious group of parents, please do so.

If your paper has been misplaced, we have put another one in your packet. Please seriously consider your gift of time to the school. Our **Playground** is always in need of adults to help supervise our students and to keep our school grounds safe. With the Green Field we really need more adults to assist us. If you can give an hour every week or every other week it will mean a great deal to all of us, especially your children.

ARCHDIOCESAN POLICY

Archdiocesan policy regarding all personnel, including priests, deacons, religious, employees, contract workers and volunteers who have substantial contact with children is very clear. All are required to attend an awareness workshop entitled Protecting God's Children. The policy also requires all to have a criminal background check. Information regarding how to proceed with this is attached. Please note that before you go to the Archdiocesan location for fingerprinting you must ask us to give you a signed authorization paper to present to the persons administering the live scan fingerprinting services.

This policy extends to all of our parents who volunteer here at school in any capacity where the children are present. You may not help in any way at school if you do not meet these two requirements. This is what the Archdiocese of Washington requires. Please take the time to do so; we need you, your presence and your talents to enrich our school community.

Workshops are being offered in many locations throughout the Archdiocese. **Please visit the Archdiocesan web site and check the schedule of workshops being offered throughout the Archdiocese.**

The following gives you all of the necessary information you need to register for the workshop at any location that may be convenient for you.

Visit the Archdiocesan web site at www.adw.org, click on Protecting Our Children, then Training Schedule. Choose the session you wish to attend and follow the instructions to pre-register. It is important to pre-register online, if possible, to ensure that there are enough space and materials for all participants. If you do not have Internet access, pre-register by calling Denise Smith, Office of Child Protection Services, at 301-853-5332. If you have any questions, please call the school office and we will assist you.

PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE YOUR FINGERPRINTS TAKEN DURING THE SUMMER. You must be registered for the workshop, and have an application on file before you can get an appointment for fingerprinting. Please contact the School Office and we will provide you with all of the necessary forms and application.

ATTENTION : All Dads who coach for CYO or who wish to participate in Fathers Club activities here at school must have fingerprinting done at an Archdiocesan Center and attend the Child Protection Workshop. For further information regarding either of these requirements, please contact the school office 301-320-3273.

REMINDERS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

AFTER CARE PROGRAM

Our After Care Program has been very successful this year and we are receiving inquiries regarding the availability of space for the new school year. Since Maryland State Law has strict regulations regarding the pupil/supervisor ratio we would ask that you register now for the Fall Term.

Families of children presently enrolled in the program are asked to register now if they intend to use the program next year. Registration Forms will be distributed to you through the After Care. Families not presently enrolled in the Program who plan on doing so next year are asked to pick up registration forms in the School Office.

Registration is \$30 per family. The per day charge is \$12 per child and is payable on the first day of each month for the number of days that the child will be attending that month. This program operates each full day that school is in session from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. This program is open only to children of our school who are in Grades K-8.

The school code of discipline always pertains to the After Care Program and any extra curricular activity, which takes place here at the school. Children whose behavior is a cause of concern to the supervising teachers will not be permitted to remain in the program.

SUMMER READING LISTS

In this packet you will receive a copy of the school's Summer Reading Lists. This is a very valuable way to encourage good reading and to develop the wonderful habit of leisure reading. Please support this worthwhile program and lend your support and encouragement to your child's efforts. Our hope is that children will read, read, read and enjoy reading in the process.

Reading holds a lifetime of enjoyment for those who discover the treasures found between the covers of a good book.

Should you misplace this listing during the summer months, you will be able to visit the school website, www.littleflowerschool.org, and access it there.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS FOR THE FALL

As is our custom, we are providing for your convenience a listing of supplies that each grade will require for the fall. Items that are starred must be purchased here at school. All other items may be purchased at the store of your choice so that you may be able to take advantage of the "Back to School" sales that seem to flourish during the summer months. If you lose this list, check our website, www.littleflowerschool.org.

UNIFORMS

In planning for the new school year, please be sure to order new skirts/jumpers for your daughters especially if they have grown this year. Be mindful of the fact that the length of the skirt and the jumper should be appropriate (no more than 2 inches above the knee) and it is important that their uniform also take a growth spurt. It is very disconcerting when the gym shorts are longer than the uniform. Many thanks.

PLEASE NOTE! Trapper Keepers, Bulky Binders, Spiral Notebooks are not permitted in the classrooms.

PLEASE, Do not purchase them for classroom use.

SHOPPING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES, ETC.

If you shop at **Office Depot** for school supplies, etc, please ask them to credit Little Flower. They donate 5% of all your purchases back to the school in the form of credits that we may use to purchase supplies for school.

Target donates a percentage of your purchases on all items to schools that you designate. Please designate LFS.

Save your **Box Tops** for LFS. Student Council will be sponsoring another school wide contest when we return in the Fall.

If you order school uniforms (walking shorts, shirts) at **Lands End**, please use the number for our school and we will receive a percentage of your purchase. (Preferred # 9000-5349-7) If you order online from **Campus Outfitters**, the school code is LI1389.

IMMUNIZATION FORMS

All new students (K-7), and all students entering Pre Kindergarten are required to send Health Inventory and Immunization Forms to Mrs. Kathy Donahue by August 15, 2008

All other students presently enrolled **DO NOT** need to send in any records,

UNLESS THEIR RECORDS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN UPDATED (See flier attached)

MEDICATION POLICY

State regulations require that we no longer administer **any type of medication (over the counter or prescription)** here at school without a written order from a physician. **The written order and the medication, in its original container, may only be delivered to the office by a parent.**

If your child needs an antibiotic during the day and you don't have a written order from your Doctor, we cannot give your child the medication. You are welcome to come administer the medication yourself, but the Office Staff is not permitted to do so.

The school's Drug Policy forbids students to have any medications on their person or in their belongings during the school day. All medications must be kept in the School Office.

TUITION

Billing for the Fall Term will be mailed the first of July. The payment due date for all Payment Plans, Annual, Bi-Annual and Quarterly is August 15, 2008

SUMMER MAILING

You will receive important information and forms relative to the opening of the new school year in mid July.

IMPORTANT DATES: **Opening of School** **Tuesday, September 2, 2008**
 Opening School Liturgy **Friday, September 5, 2008**



Blessings on your summer!!!

