



Weekly Update

May 26, 2017

Congratulations to our Grads

Tonight at 5:00 p.m. our 8th graders will be graduating in the church. Please note we will be having a commencement ceremony, rather than a Mass. All are welcome to attend. We wish all of our graduates much success in the future. 2017 graduates include:

Michael Busche

Paola De Faria

Germaine Hanley

Jesse Kirby

Xuan Nguyen

Sam Shefsky

Sarah Shefsky

Paul Trespicio

Lorena Vazquez Suaste

Jesse York

Memorial Day

Just a reminder that Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 29th, and as such, there will be no school or ESP that day. Please plan accordingly.

Awards Assembly

Students in grades K5-7 will meet in Caddell Hall on the last day of school at 11:00 a.m. for our final awards assembly. All are welcome to attend. (Please note: some awards will be presented in the classrooms at the teachers' discretion. The assembly in the hall is for major awards.)

The Last Day of School

The 2016-2017 school year will officially end on Wednesday, May 31st, at 11:50 a.m. Please be on time to pick up your students, as there will be no supervision after 12:00 Noon on the last day of school. Thank you for your courtesy.

ESP News! Important!

Our p.m. ESP Program will end for the year TODAY, Friday, May 26th. There will be no afternoon care the last week of school. Care will be available in the mornings, but please make arrangements for the afternoon of Tuesday, May 30th and from 11:50 on Wednesday, May 31st.

Farewell, Miss Martha

We have to say good-bye to Miss Martha Melendez today, Friday, May 26th. Miss Martha has worked in our ESP program, and has helped out in a variety of lower school classes, for the past two years. We wish her well in her future, and hope that it holds health, happiness, and lots of time with family. Thank you, Miss Martha!

Field Day

Students in grades 2-7 will be participating in Field Day on Tuesday, May 30th, from 8:00-11:30 a.m. Mrs. Provost has already put them in teams, and told them what color to wear. Thanks to Mrs. Provost for providing this fun activity for our students every year. She makes it look easy, but it is a lot of work! Many thanks also to her team of parent helpers!

Accelerated Reader Party

Students who have achieved their Accelerated Reader goals for the fourth quarter will be honored during morning assembly on Tuesday morning, and will be attending an Ice Cream Party in the afternoon. Congratulations to all of our ravenous readers!!!

Tuition Schedules/Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Info

Please note that you should be receiving a letter explaining your tuition rate for the 2017-2018 school year. The Saint Elizabeth Seton Scholarship recipients will also be notified in today's packet. Lastly, families interested in the Exceptional SC (Special Needs) Scholarships will be receiving updated information. Please read all information carefully, and follow directions regarding how to pay tuition.

2017-2018 Calendar/Summer Hours

In today's packet you will also find a two-sided information sheet, detailing the basic calendar dates for the new school year, and on the back the summer hours will be posted. When school starts we will be able to provide you with a more detailed calendar of events.

Reading Survey Complete

Many thanks to all of our school families who responded to the Reading Survey created by Miss Tanner, with the goal of improving our reading program. The results were enlightening, and will certainly help us to make the reading program the best it can be.

A Message from the Principal

This will be our last Weekly Update for the current school year, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the tremendous experience I've had here at Divine Redeemer Catholic School. Seven years has gone by so fast, and I have so many happy memories to think about as I move on to the next season in my life. As you know, my husband and I are "retiring" to a small town in Idaho called Spirit Lake. I put "retiring" in quotes, because both of us intend to work in some capacity, but certainly won't be keeping up the pace that we've kept for the last thirty-five years. I have my eye on a nearby Catholic school where there just might be an opening in middle school, whereas he has always wanted to work at Home Depot. For the first weeks or months we will be busy making our new house a home. We have twelve acres of forest to be "thinned," fences to build, and my favorite...decorating to do! I look forward to sleeping in more often, reading all the good books I've purchased but not yet opened, and enjoying nature's glories in the Idaho panhandle. I'm also hoping to sing in my new parish choir. Know that I will remember you fondly, and will keep you in my prayers. We have enjoyed living in Charleston, and will most definitely take the occasional trip out to see how Divine Redeemer is doing. I'm confident that it will continue to improve under the outstanding leadership of your new principal, Dr. Paulette Walker, in conjunction with the best pastor I've ever had, Msgr. Hofmann. God bless you all, and thanks for the memories!

Upcoming Events

- Friday, May 26th – 8th Grade Graduation and Awards @ 5:00 p.m. in church
- Friday, May 26th – last day for p.m. ESP.
- Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day – No school/No ESP
- Tuesday, May 30th – Field Day for grades 2-7, 8:00-11:30 a.m., and Accelerated Reader Party @ 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 31st – Last day of school – 11:50 a.m. dismissal.
- Friday, June 9th – Report Cards will be mailed home.
- Sunday, August 13th – New Parents' Tea @ 11:00 a.m. in Caddell Hall
- Tuesday, August 22nd – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

Watch for It!

The following are a list of things to watch for today in this packet:

- 2017-2018 Calendar of Important Dates/Summer Office Hours
- Dance Team Flyer
- A note from the PTO
- Lego League Info

Our Mission

At Divine Redeemer Catholic School in Hanahan, South Carolina, we believe that each child is a vital member of Christ's body. Serving students in grades K-3 through 8, our school exists to help each child fulfill his or her God-given potential. The school and the parish work together to guide our students through the sacramental life of the Church, provide an excellent academic foundation, and prepare them to live out their faith as productive members of society. We provide a traditional, authentically Catholic education to students within the parish and community, and welcome families new to Hanahan, Goose Creek, and the greater Charleston area.

2017-2018 "Bird's Eye View" Calendar

August 15 – In-service for faculty (Coastal Regional In-service) TBD

August 16-21 – back on campus – Faculty Workdays

August 22 – first day, ½ day

August 23 – ½ day

August 24-25 – ½ day for preschool/full days for all other grades

September 4 – Labor Day – No school

October 20 – Quarter 1 ends

October 27 – Parent Teacher Conferences – No school

November 1 – All Saints Day Mass

November 22-24 – No school Thanksgiving

December 21 – 11:50 a.m. dismissal for Christmas Vacation

December 21 – Quarter 2 ends

December 22-January 2 – Christmas Vacation – No school

January 3 – school resumes

January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school

February 19 – Presidents Day – No school

March 2 - Regional In-service for Teachers – No school

March 16 – Quarter 3 ends

March 28 – 11:50 a.m. dismissal for Easter Vacation

March 29 – April 8 – Easter Vacation – No school

April 9 – School resumes

May 28 – Memorial Day – No school

June 1 – Last Day of School/Quarter 4 ends

Divine Redeemer Catholic School Office Summer Hours

June 1 – June 9	7:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m.
June 12-June 22	Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
June 23 – July 4	Office will be closed for vacation
July 5 – August 3	Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
August 7 – August 18	Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
August 21...	Regular school hours (M-F, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

The office will have assistance available for Spanish speakers as follows:

June 1 – June 23	Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-10:30 a.m.
July 24 – July 10	Miss Patty will be on vacation
July 11-August 18	Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
August 21...	Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Thank you!

As our 2016-2017 school year comes to a close, I would like to take the time to thank each of you at Divine Redeemer Catholic School for another successful year at DRS!

Through your \$5.00 Annual Family Membership Fee, your participation in our bake sales, Open House Pancake Breakfast and PTO Dress Down Days, the DRS Parent Club was able to accomplish the following:

- Host the Family Picnic at Wannamaker County Park
- Teacher / Faculty Appreciation Gifts
- Teacher / Faculty Birthday Celebrations
- Host the Christmas Pageant Reception

Much of this would not have been possible without the team of hard working Room Parents that we have. Thank you for all that you do!

K3/K4 – Rebecca Siebert and Gloria Chinchilla-Perez

K5/1st – Cyndal Llanas, Brooke Jessup, Samantha Markferding and Norma Mora

2nd / 3rd – Jacqueline Dawson, Tracy Chastain and Maria Martinez-Colorado

4th – Lady Cedeno and Sherry Viduya

5th / 6th – Claudette Blanks and Viviana Martinez

7th / 8th – Gina York, Angela Lane, David & Ellen Ard and Junia DeFaria

If you are interested in serving as a Room Parent or are currently a Room Parent and would like to serve the 2017-2018 School Year, please contact me. I will be hosting an informational meeting over the summer for all that are interested. My contact information is regina@compuzone.com or 843-345-3240

With my sincerest appreciation to all of our Divine Redeemer Families, Parents, Students, Room Parents & Faculty – May God Continue to Bless you, your families and our great school

Regina Soriano

DRS Parent Club President

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love”

Mother Teresa

CHRIST OUR KING - STELLA MARIS SCHOOL

CRUSADERETTES DANCE TEAM



2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
IN POM & HIP HOP!!!

The Crusaderettes Middle School Dance Team is now accepting rising 6th - 8th grade girls attending any of the Charleston-area parochial schools! If you love to dance, then we want YOU!

The Crusaderettes perform at local events including a Bishop England football & basketball game and a C of C basketball game. They also participate in regional and national competitions.

No experience necessary

The season is almost underway, so don't delay...
For more information, please contact Coach Brittney Carimi at bcarimi@gmail.com, (901) 605-8747