



**September 19 – 23, 2016**

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. ~John 14:27*

In light of the events that occurred this weekend in Seaside Park, Elizabeth, NYC and possibly other areas, please remember to keep vigilant. When arriving at school, never ask a student to open the door and let you in. All visitors must be buzzed into the school and report directly to the main office. If you see something that looks out of place or gives you a feeling of uneasiness, please let us know.

Please keep in your prayers all those who were affected this weekend and please say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the first responders, investigators and many others who keep us safe.

#### **MONDAY – Middle School BTSN**

Tonight we will have our Back-to-School Night for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Our evening will begin at 7:00 PM. If you were here for the K-5 BTSN, the information given will be the same at 7:00. We anticipate parents to visit classes by following the student schedule beginning at 7:30.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Today is The United Nations' International Day of Peace established by U.N. resolution in 1982. "Peace Day" is a global holiday when individuals, communities, nations and governments highlight efforts to end conflict and promote peace. Please pray the Prayer of St. Francis in your homes today

##### **Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

#### **THURSDAY**

Tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 we welcome representatives from Christian Brothers Academy, Mater Dei Prep, Donovan Catholic High School, Notre Dame High School, Ocean County Vocational School (M.A.T.E.S. & Performing Arts Academy), Red Bank Catholic High School, St. John Vianney High School, St. Rose High School and Trenton Catholic Academy to our annual **HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT**. Each of these schools requires an application process as well as placement testing. Information regarding their requirements and procedures will be presented this evening for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. There will be three 30 minute presentations so that you may attend up to 3 sessions. An adult must accompany all students for this evening.

We have extended an invitation to attend our High School Information Night to all middle school students in St. Aloysius and St. Monica parishes as well as area Catholic elementary schools. If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in the high schools we have attending this evening please extend an invitation to them also.

### **P.T.A. NEWS**

**DINING TO DONATE** - McDonalds Night Thursday September 29, 260 N. County Line Rd, Jackson  
Vouchers can be found on our website

**FREEHOLD RACEWAY CAR WASH FUNDRAISER** - If you wish to purchase and support our school please send in your money (\$17 for each voucher) and the vouchers will be sent home with your child. Vouchers never expire and make great gifts!

**CUPCAKE WARS** - Monday, October 17th 6-8pm in the Cafeteria - all are welcome to enjoy some treats! If your child wants to be a baker, please send in the completed form (found on the website, PTA page) by Friday October 7th to the PTA.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our Annual Gift Auction will be Friday March 3, 2017 at Battleground Country Club in Manalapan, NJ.

Please be sure to visit the school website for more detailed information regarding the PTA events and fundraisers plus how to sign up and volunteer!

**KIDSTUFF BOOKS** - Thank you to everyone that came to help organize and distribute the KidStuff Books. Books were sent home with the youngest child of each family on Back to School Night. If you would like to purchase the book, please send the \$25 payment back to school in the envelope provided. If you would not like to purchase the book, please send it back into school with your child. Books and payments are due by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PTA ENVELOPE** - If your envelope is still on your counter please send it in; we are still processing payments. Next month school directories will be sent to those families who have sent in their PTA dues.

Have a great GATOR week!

Peace,  
Ms. O'Connor