

## **PTC Meeting 01 February 2018**

Mrs. Allerkamp:

- Please review the volunteer notebook to seek out volunteer hour opportunities
- Golf Tournament information will be coming out next week

Mrs. Grooms:

- Catholic Schools Week (last week) Students in 3rd grade and up received a bookmark; please take a moment to review what they have learned
- Picture Day is **FRIDAY 09 February 2018** - Children **do not** have to wear their school uniforms. They may wear "Sunday Best" clothing (no denim/jeans)
- Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now live; please make sure to complete your application for the coming year. Current families should only need to update/verify information
- **Changes for 2018-2019 school year:**

Financial aid packets will only be available for 6 weeks (02/02/18 to 03/16/18). Please make sure to have your tax information available when completing application. If there is a need for an extension, etc. please communicate directly with FACTS as they verify the financial aid apps

All families are required to set up a FACTS account for the 2018-2019 school year even if tuition is paid in full before the school year begins. This is to ensure that incidentals such as aftercare are managed in a timely manner

If you have a FACTS account already; it will auto-enroll you for next school year

If your student (s) are not returning for the 2018-2019 school year please make sure to open and complete your application by updating that they will not be returning. This serves as your written notice for withdrawal of your student; which is required per the student handbook

There will be **no** financial aid for Pre-K next year for new students. Current families will be grandfathered in. The reason is that Pre-K serves as a "day care" deduction that you receive on your income tax

The sibling discount will not be automatic anymore as it will get factored in with any financial aid "discounts" families receive

FACTS will verify financial aid applications and then submit them to the financial aid committee. The committee will meet, review and award aid in April

There will be a 3% increase in tuition for the 2018-2019 school year

- There have been successful family weekends at the churches in Harker Hts and Copperas Cove with our families and students. We will still have student mass at St. Joseph the 1st Sunday of each month; please have your student wear their mass uniform to the 10:30am mass and join us!
- REMIND APP - Information about this app was sent home in the Monday folder. This is a great way to keep in up with PTC events; school projects and teachers
- Volunteer hours were updated on RENWEB. All hours through January should be entered in and correct - PTC meetings will get you 1 hour per family!!!
- Valentine's Day happens to fall on Ash Wednesday this year. Classrooms may be handing out Valentine's on Tuesday (see your teacher for info about what the class is doing).
- On **Wednesday 14 February** there will be a Mardi Gras Party. This is to educate the students about why as Catholics we celebrate Mardi Gra. There will also be a parade around the school with each class having their own "float" (see teachers for details)
- For those that need child care in the morning there is a Military Assistance Program; please let Mrs. Grooms know if you need the information about this program
- **Parker Uniforms** has officially filed for bankruptcy. If you ordered any uniform pieces *through St. Joseph* and did not receive those items the school will reimburse you for those items
- If your student is in need of a uniform piece please check with the school as there are some pieces available for purchase
- 2018-2019 school uniform attire is still being worked out. While major changes are not expected; please wait until after the March PTC meeting to start purchasing items
- The donation box for the PTC dinner money will be located in the office at all times; please consider making a small donation so that we can continue to offer meals during our meetings
- Next year there will be a form parents must complete prior to brining food in for their student's special occasion (such as birthday's, etc). This form will let the school know to check for allergies and will let other parents know if lunch will be provided for a special occasion therefore lunches will not be wasted if packed at home