

May 3, 2017

Dear Parents,

Dear Viking community, please see the below message from Bishop Solis and Monsignor Bircumshaw. This is very sad news. Please keep Bishop Niederauer in your prayers.

On behalf of Bishop Solis, I want to inform you of the death of our former Bishop, George H. Niederauer. He died peacefully earlier today at the nursing home in San Rafael, California. Funeral arrangements are pending. He will be buried from the San Francisco Cathedral where he served as Archbishop. Please remember him in your prayers. *Requiescat +George in pace.*

Kind regards,
Msgr. Bircumshaw

*And it's still going on.....

"The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." ~Picasso

Saint Olaf proudly presents its Fine Arts Festival! This incredible display, showcasing our students' work, will be held in the MacNamara Center, May 1-5th from 8:00am-3:30pm each day. Each of our students has at least one piece on display. Items on display will include paintings, cartoon characters, weavings, masks, original poetry, seasonal decorations, short stories, puppets, paper constructions and so much more. Not only will we have visual pieces on display, but some classes will have puppet shows, our talent show will be on Wednesday and our 8th grade play will be held on Thursday. We have already kicked off the week with a visit from Ballet West, now don't forget to come to the talent show today at 1:45 and the 8th grade play, Cinderella, Cinderella, tomorrow at 2:00. COME AND ENJOY ART...FOR ART'S SAKE!

*Today's the Talent Show! Join us at the MacNamara Center at 1:45. We have a variety of performers displaying their talents in singing, dancing, karate, playing instruments and more.

*Faculty and students excited to host Bishop Oscar Solis this Friday. He will be at our 9:00 Children's Mass and will tour the school directly after Mass. The students will present Bishop Solis with a special gift.

*Second graders, Tristan, Megan, Sophia, Gabriela, Bronson, Alyssa and Ben, will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday at 10:00. We pray that they see, hear, and feel God's presence in all that they do.

*It is hard to believe that we have just a few short weeks left of this school year! That being said, we are preparing our finance books for our 2017-18 school year. If you indicated you prefer to pay your fees (textbook, yearbook, science, technology, etc.) up front, they are due May 4th (tomorrow). If we do not receive them, **we will assume you will like them rolled into your tuition payments.**

AUCTION NEWS

- Our Auction is a little over a week away, May 13th!

Don't forget to purchase your dinner tickets for the St. Olaf Catholic School Auction on Saturday, May 13th. We will need a count for dinner by Monday, May 8th. Just a reminder that this event is for adults, 21 years and older only.

Would you like to fly to Costa Rica and stay in a luxury villa for 7 nights? You will have the chance to bid on a Costa Rica Dream Vacation! Don't have the time to leave the state? How about a nice "Staycation" complete with a spa treatment, overnight accommodations, and dinner at Farmington Station? We have it...you just bid on it!

- **Raffle tickets!** First grade and PreK won IceCream! Friday, another class may win...because the top selling classes each week win an Ice Cream Party! If your student has already sold his/her 30 tickets and would like more, please let the office know. We have plenty. This weeks' top-selling class will be announced on Friday. (I like Ice Cream!!)

Did you know that our top selling student for the four weeks will win a way cool mystery prize, our second place seller will win Zagg Headphones with an itunes gift card. Our Third place seller will win movie tickets! Continue to sell, sell, sell!

-Class projects are due next week. If you plan on working on the project in the classroom, please coordinate with your classroom teacher. You can deliver the finished projects to the MacCenter, Tuesday, May 9th.

-Remember that 5 hours of your required 30 Service hours must come from work for the auction. The auction crew is in need of the following: Silent auction and kitchen/servers....we've had a few people step up last week for auction help, we still need more, especially in the above areas.

*HSA News

- Thank you to our incredible Home and School Association for setting up our **Chipotle Spirit Night** last week. And thank you to all of you who attended....your support earned us \$540.75. For that, we are grateful.

-Our HSA also set up a Spirit night at Menchies just yesterday. Many of the faculty and staff served frozen yogurt to our Viking Families. It was a wonderful time for children and adults alike to visit and enjoy some delicious frozen yogurt at the same time! We earned 20% of the proceeds from sales between 5:00 and 7:00. Menchies sold \$655.91 worth of yogurt, so the school earned \$131.20 for the school.

-We still have plenty of Viking Nalgene Bottles for sale! If you are interested in purchasing, just stop by the office. They are \$10.

-HSA has planned an incredible week to give thanks to our wonderful teachers. Please

I would like to extend a special thank-you to Mr. Rosser (Sullivan's Dad), who came to the school last Friday to fix a leaky water fountain. After determining that our old, old water fountain was beyond repair, Mr. Rosser spent his Friday evening and Saturday morning procuring and installing a brand new (user friendly) fountain for our school. If you see Mr. Rosser around the school, please thank him. He is my new hero!

Enclosures:

EDP Bills

8th Grade Play Flyer

Teacher Appreciation Stars

Attachments:

Auction Dinner Reservation Form

Important Dates:

5/3 Talent Show (1:45 MacCenter)

5/4 Eighth Grade Play (2:00 and 6:30 MacCenter)

5/5 Bishop Solis Visits School (9:00 Mass, 10:00 Tour of Classes)

5/6 First Holy Communion (10:00)

5/7-5/12 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/9 HSA Meeting (7:00)

5/13 Auction (5:00-??)

5/19 Eighth Grade Graduation (7:00pm)

5/26 Last day of School! (11:00 dismissal and BBQ)

God Bless,

Mrs. Jacobs

*“We **RISE** as a community of learners, continually growing as Christ-centered individuals throughout **life’s journey: Responsibly, Intellectually, Spiritually, and Emotionally**”*