

October 10, 2011

Hello Eighth Grade Parents!

Don't forget individual picture day on Friday. Students need to dress appropriately. This is not a free dress day. Students may wear their nice picture clothes and remain in them, or change into uniform after the pictures.

Please make plans to go to the Prep Open House if you are even considering sending your son or daughter to Gonzaga Prep. The Preview day for students will be the following week on Thursday October 20th. This is always a fun and eye-opening event for the students. Students who attend this day will not be counted as absent.

OPI News:

You should be working on fund-raising ideas as we have only to January to raise the tuition and transportation costs. We will have to raise the goal this year as we have seen an increase in transportation and tuition. I will let you know as soon as I get an estimate from our charter company, but I believe this year's total cost will be \$415 per student. I will have some information and will be speaking to you about OPI at back to school night.

Some Dates:

10/12: Fun Run-make-up
10/13: Mass at 8:30-this is the eighth grade's Mass
10/14: Individual picture day
10/20: Prep visitation day

8th Grade Religion

We will spend some time preparing for our Mass. In addition, we will work on chap. 3 in the book. We will look at some of the early martyrs.

This year in religion, I will be sharing each Sunday's readings with the students on Fridays. This will be a much more powerful lesson if you could please make an effort to take your sons and daughters to Mass on Saturday night or Sunday. I know how busy weekends can get, but as Catholics, the Liturgy is such an important part of who we are as people. We need to give this love of the Eucharist to our children.

8th Grade History

The class is looking at the Spanish colonization. We are learning why many of these efforts failed after conquering the great civilizations of South America and Mexico.

8th Grade Algebra

The Algebra class will be finishing the review of Chapter 2. Our test will be on Tuesday this week.

Please encourage students to take their time and work on understanding as they practice at home.

Algebra class will require daily attention at home. Our students have been very successful on the Prep placement exams because of the willingness of our students and their families to work so hard at their studies. Algebra will be challenging, but I am committed assist each student in reaching her or his goals.