

Dear School of the Epiphany Community,

I want to congratulate all the students, parents, teachers, and staff for a successful completion of the 2019-2020 school year. When we started this school year in August we never could have imagined the events of the world that would change our everyday lives. Faced with these hardships, all of you displayed strength, community, faith and showed each other what it means to be part of the School of the Epiphany family.

It was great to see all of you in person on Tuesday during our desk pickup and book drop off. Your smiling faces and school spirit warmed the hearts of all the teachers and staff. Please know that we miss seeing all of you on a daily basis and we can't wait to have you back to school.

8th Grade Graduation

Congratulations to our 8th graders who will be receiving their diplomas on Friday morning. We wish you all the best in high school. Please know that you always have a home at Epiphany and can't wait to see you all on Friday.

Beginning of the 20/21 School Year

There are many paths as to what the start of the new school year could take. Nothing official has been established as of yet, but the School of the Epiphany faculty and administration is hard at work preparing for the safety of everyone in the building come the Fall. As much as we hope to tailor our plan to the School of the Epiphany community, please understand that restrictions and rules from the Health Department and the Archdiocese of San Francisco may

ultimately dictate what we will be able to do during the beginning of school in August 2020. These decisions are outside of my direct control but one thing that will always remain in the forefront is the health and safety of the students, faculty, and staff. Another constant will be our commitment to provide your child with a quality Catholic education.

End of the Year Prayer Service

Mr. Mills has filmed our annual end of the year prayer service for the school community. Every August, our students write down a petition on a piece of paper, which is then placed into our prayer wall inside the school. At the end of the school year, Mr. Mills leads us in a ceremonial fire, burning the petitions in thanksgiving to God.

Thank you to Mr. Mills for creating this video.

Link to Prayer Service:

<https://youtu.be/uStfqhigUb8>

2020-2021 Registration

As a reminder, registration for the 2020-2021 is open. The registration packet was emailed to you in May and it is also available for download on the school website. The deadline for the lowest amount to register for the next school year is June 15th but please note that the \$160 grant/discount that has been applied to this year's registration will be applied to your registration no matter when you re register. Reminder that you can mail in or drop off your registration paperwork to the school, you may also scan it and email directly to s.santos@sfepiphany.org. If you are in need of a paper copy of the registration packet or have any questions regarding registration please email s.santos@sfepiphany.org

Thank you to all of the families that have already registered. With interest from new families, spots in classes are filling quickly so please be sure to fill out and send in your registration as soon as possible.

School Upgrades

Along with making major purchases for PPE and school cleaning and sanitizing supplies, we have two other major projects that will be happening this summer. First, we are in the process of finalizing a contract to have the school yard repaved. This will result in a new fresh and clean look for our school yard, a safer surface for students to play on, and new marking for play areas in the schoolyard. Second, we are working with Green Energy Innovations and PGE to upgrade all interior and exterior lights in the school and Nano Nagle Hall to LED lighting. This is a program that is funded through PGE and these LED upgrades will be at no cost to the school. We hope to have these projects completed this summer.

Summer Academics

As stated in a previous email newsletter LEXIA Core 5 and PowerUp will be available for student use this summer. I met virtually with LEXIA representatives and they were able to extend our subscription until July 31st. Lexia is a fantastic program that has been proven to help children not only maintain their reading level but also boost reading levels for those children that used the program on a regular basis. Please continue to do your prescribed weekly minutes throughout the summer. If you need your login and password or are having trouble logging in, please contact Mr. Joost at b.joost@sfepiphany.org

Visit

<https://www.lexialearning.com/products/core5/efficacy-results>
for information regarding Lexia.

Summer Adoption of Science Lab Turtles

We currently have two turtles, one water turtle and one land turtle, that we are looking to send home with families over the summer break. If you are interested in “adopting” one of these turtles for the summer, roughly 60 days, please contact Mr. Joost at b.joost@sfepiphany.org

Teacher Retirements

Once again the School would like to congratulate Mrs. Linda Desimone and Mrs. Loretta Fanucchi on their retirement. Mrs. Desimone, a graduate of Epiphany, has been teaching at Epiphany for 31 years and Mrs. Fanucchi has been teaching at Epiphany for 26 years. Thank you for your years of dedication to the students of School of the Epiphany.



Summer News Updates

We will continue to update you throughout the summer via the text and email alert system and the school website. Once the 2020-2021 school year calendar and school supply lists are set it will be sent out to you. Any new information regarding school will also be directly communicated to you. If anyone has any questions or needs anything during the summer always feel free to reach out to me directly at b.joost@sfepiphany.org

Nano Nagle Prayer

Lord God, You raise up people from age to age to speak anew your word to us and to show us your ways.

Such is Nano Nagle.

In days when courage is needed, You give us this woman of strength to walk with conviction.

In days of great change, you resent us with a prophet whose faith is firm.

As the light of her lantern brought hope into the lives made wretched by poverty and oppression, so may she inspire us to compassionate action for those in need around us.

Thank you all once again for a fantastic and unforgettable school year.

God Bless,

Mr. Joost 😊