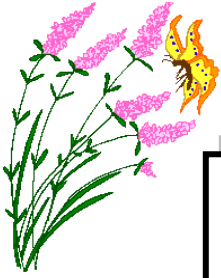
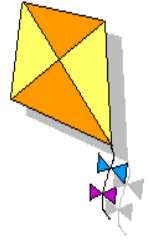




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## May 2026 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

"The first day of spring is one thing,  
and the first spring day is another.  
The difference sometimes can be great."  
~Henry Van Dyke~

The grass is turning green and the flowers are starting to bloom. New life is present in the spring, giving us hope as the season grows around us.

As we enter into the final two months of school, we need to finish our school year off strong. Students need to continue to prepare for class by doing their homework, doing their best in class by paying attention, working hard and preparing for tests.

*God Bless,*

*Miss Gilbert*

### Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Thank you to our many volunteers who gave their time and talents to our school community this school year. We appreciate all that you have done for us~ too many things to mention. Everything volunteers do for our school community help us to become a better community and closer to one another.

Volunteers are truly wonderful!

We will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Tea on  
**Thursday, May 21, 2026**  
from 1:30 – 3:15 p.m.

*Details to follow*

## Hot Lunch News



Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last Hot Lunch Day of this school year. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped distribute lunches.

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### Scholastic Book Fair

#### *Thank You!*

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a success! Thank you to all families, teachers, and students who participated, supporting our school while enhancing home libraries.

We sold 152 books.

Your investment in your reader helped our school to earn valuable Rewards that can be redeemed for new books for our school and classroom libraries, as well as supplies and Education Resources to benefit our students.

We can't wait to hear all about the new stories you have added to your home libraries!

Thank you for participating in our Scholastic Book Fair!

#### **Parents ...**

**There are children who arrive late every morning ~ which not only causes a disruption to the classroom, but also prevents the child from participating in Morning Prayer, and hearing school announcements.**

**Please have your child at School by 8:45 a.m. to ensure they are present for the entire school day.**

### **LOST & FOUND**

*Please encourage your children to check the "LOST & FOUND" bin at school for any items they may have misplaced. Items that are not claimed at the end of each month are donated to a needy organization.*

*REMEMBER ... your child's belongings & clothing should be labelled with their name. If items are labelled they can be returned to their owner!*

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR OUR FAMILIES ....**

▶ **ALL OUTSTANDING FEES**  
(Tuition, School Bus, Before & After Program)  
are to be paid by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

▶ **Record of Volunteer Hours** are due **May 29th** in order to receive your cheque back. Late submissions will not be accepted (unless prior arrangements made with the Office).

Remaining cheques in the School Office for this program will be cashed starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Thank you for your attention to this matter.**

The Parent Association invites you to join together  
for fun & fellowship at the

## Family Fun Barbeque

June 10, 2026

(4:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

Hamburgers/hotdogs, beverages, ice cream,  
games/activities, music ....



Information and food order form will be sent home  
with students before the end of May.

(Food **must** be purchased in advance.)

Many volunteers will be required for this event to be a success - assistance will be needed with set-up/clean-up/canteen/welcome table, etc. Volunteer hours will be applied to this school year 2025/2026.

**The School is again reminding all our families to please follow our “road safety” rules to ensure our children are safely dropped off and picked up from school:**

- ▶ We thank our families for following the signage that indicates the area in front of our back lane door is a **“No Stopping / No Drop-Off”** area. For the safety of our children – please park in an open parking spot against the **gym wall** when dropping off or picking up your child. (NOTE: the spots against the school wall that are “numbered” are for **STAFF ONLY**. As there are minimal spots available for our staff’s use, please refrain from parking or stopping in these stalls at any time.)
- ▶ The **2 handicapped parking spaces** located near the gym entrance are to be used by vehicles with designated handicapped stickers only PLEASE.
- ▶ **Please do not park in the School Bus Loading Zone on Foster Street (as indicated on the street signs).**

Let’s be respectful of each other – as we ask our children to be.



### MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer in Europe, Asia, and North America which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

The month of May is dedicated to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### Crowning of Mary

May 29, 2026