



From the Desk of the St. Monica Catholic School
President
Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Final President's corner: May 17, 2022



1. **Virtue for May is Mercy:** Our Blessed Mother Mary is the mother of Mercy.

Merciful love is a strong love, capable of withstanding the cross, both difficulties, and challenges.

Here is a quote from St. John Paul II about why Blessed Mother Mary is the Mother of Mercy:

“Mary is also the one who obtained mercy in a particular and exceptional way ... Mary, then, is the one who has the deepest knowledge of the mystery of God’s mercy. She knows its price, she knows how great it is. In this sense, we call her the “Mother of mercy” St. John Paul II, 1980 encyclical.

2. **Middle School Parents:** We would like to get your input on the implementation of our Advisory Houses and suggestions for moving forward. Please look for a survey this week to give input. Note to graduating parents of 8th grade students, we would appreciate your input as well.

- a. Middle School teachers have already received a survey
- b. Students will be surveyed as well over the next two weeks

A big thank you to the School Advisory Council for suggested questions for the parent and students surveys and to Mr. Aaron Geer and Mrs. Cheryl Sanchez who are working with me to develop all these surveys.

3. **Staff Updates:** *We* are grateful to every teacher who has chosen to minister and serve the children of St. Monica Catholic School. Join me in prayers of gratitude for those who a moving on to new endeavors:

Ms. Taylor Nunn(4K)-new endeavors in teaching

Ms. Paige Cory(Kindergarten)-new endeavors

Mrs. Mary Krakosky(Middle School Science)-at home mom with her new baby girl, Mr. Thomas Davey will stay on to fill this position next school year

Mrs. Kelly Simmons(2nd grade)-at home mom with her girls

Mrs. Elizabeth Rodriguez(4th grade)-at home mom with her new baby girl

Mrs. Meredith Newman(Middle School Math)-new endeavors in teaching

Mrs. Amy Brown(Middle School Math)-husband's new position/relocation,
Mrs. Brown will serve in a support role for Math
Mrs. Amber Wood(STEM K-4)-new endeavors
Ms. Libby Hassell(Registrar)-retiring(position filled, starts June 1, 2022)
Mrs. Lupe Flores (Preschool Aide position)-retiring
Mrs. Joann Sauer (Preschool Aide position)-retiring

We are blessed to have filled most of these positions with the movement of current teachers to new positions and the hiring of teachers new to St. Monica. We continue our interviews over the next few weeks.

On May 17, 2022, we will share the movement of current teachers and new teachers/positions who have signed their contracts.

4. **Principal Search:** We are in the closing phase of candidate interviews, this includes our search for an assistant principal.
5. **Let's Celebrate Father Guadagnoli's 25th Anniversary:** The attached flyer shares an important Parish event this Saturday, May 14th, the 25th Anniversary of Father Guadagnoli as a Priest. He has given a great deal of love and devotion to parishes across the Diocese of Dallas and we are so grateful for his pastoral leadership here at St. Monica. I hope you can come this Saturday and celebrate with parishioners and friends of Father Guadagnoli.
6. **Advisory House leading prayer this week:** Mrs. Geer's Advisory House-St. John Bosco. I remain so grateful to the students who have led prayer throughout the school year, a very special time each morning at 7:50am.
7. **Class placement input:** As I stated at the PTO meeting, our teachers will be doing the class placement/homerooms for grades 1-5 for the 22-23 school year. If you have any thoughts on placement please discuss them with your current classroom teacher. Their care for each student's success in the upcoming school year is very important to them, they take placement seriously.
8. **Let's celebrate accomplishments:**
May Crowning-a beautiful time of prayer, reflection, and love for our Blessed Mother.