MADONNA DEL SASSO SCHOOL

"... to motivate, instruct, and nurture..."

From the Principal
Dr. Charles White

Welcome Back

I hope that everyone has had an opportunity for some relaxation and rejuvenation during the summer break. If things run according to form, the kids are very ready to get back to school and parents are even more ready to see them off. I know that my kids have been anxious to get back. Those of us who have been around school during the summer months know that the school is an eerie place without students so we are happy that school has begun. There are some exciting changes to begin the year.

We have some new members on the faculty and there are some reassignments of responsibilities. Mrs. Erin Blomquist has joined our Middle School Faculty. She will be teaching Math and Science to 6,7 and 8th grades. Mr. Frank Benetua will become P.E. teacher for Middle School. Mrs. Wood will teach 2nd graders. Our teaching assistant in 2nd grade is Mrs. Fitzgerald. Ms. Smoot is taking over 3rd grade and Mrs. Alvarez is in 4th grade.

Parent Involvement

Most parents know that the reason we encourage parents to participate in the school activities is the direct influence that such participation has on the learning of the students. The occasional practice of families charitably donating "parent involvement hours" for another family is not consistent with the education purpose of the parent involvement program. Therefore, I want to discourage that practice. I will not say it will never be approved (there are some circumstances that need to be considered, but donating will need specific prior approval.)

Homework

Nothing, except perhaps uniforms, causes more consternation for our community as homework. "Did you do your homework?" "We didn't have any homework, honest!" Well, we are going to give our students and their families some more help in remembering what specifically was assigned for homework, or perhaps to prove that the student is telling the truth and there really was no homework assigned. Homework assignments are available on our web site. If a teacher has not updated the site, please email a reminder.

Masses

Deacon Carl and I have been working on a schedule of school Masses and a series of Mass opportunities with smaller groups. We are no complete in our planning yet, but we'll let you know. In the meantime, please plan to join us at our regular school Masses. The first Mass in September 9th at 10:45.

Have a great school year.