

FAW Friday News
October 21, 2022



*"This is the bread from heaven. So that one may eat it and not die."
John 6: 50*

Dear FAW Families,

The highlight of our week was the school wide retreat held at Camp Maria! Fr. Ryan Pineda celebrated Mass with our school community in a beautiful outdoor setting. Our student body presented Camp Maria with an AED for their facility in honor of parent Matt Farasy. How nice for the students to see the result of their kindness and generosity!! We have a great school!!

We listened to the SSVM sisters share how we are all called to be saints. A comparison was made between the heavens. Jesus is represented by the sun, the light that is the source of all life. Mary is represented by the moon, who reflects the light of Christ and we are the stars who lead others to Christ! Fr. Pineda led the K-2 students in the song, "This little light of mine" and helped the students see how their acts of kindness spread God's light to others. Mr. Stewart and his worship team led the students in praise and worship songs. He shared his testimony of coming to know the truth about God and giving his life to Him. He is thankful for the gift of God's mercy and encouraged the students to build their relationship with Jesus.

After lunch and games, the students enjoyed crafts such as making candles, lanterns and luminescent rocks with our scripture verse for the year! We played games such as "Lead me to the Promised Land" and had a "Light in the Box Hunt" using picture clues to complete Scripture verses. The teachers performed a fun skit and we completed the day with the praying of a Living Rosary. What a beautiful day of sharing our faith as a school community! A special thanks to our retreat committee of Mrs. Gavin, Mr. George, Mrs. Stewart and Deacon Vavrus who spent many hours in preparation of thoughtful activities to ensure that the students grew

spiritually and the day went smoothly. We also thank Ms. Johnson who wrote the entertaining skit for the teachers and Mrs. Cacko who led our choir and students in song throughout the day!

In Morning Prayer this week, Ms. Johnson told us about Moses and the plagues. The students enjoyed holding the placards that Ms. Johnson created and chose the plague that they would detest the most! They learned how obedience to God is important. They also learned about how generous God is in providing for all of our needs and that we can depend on Him to supply our every need, just as He provided manna for the Israelites in the desert. The students learned that manna pre-figures Jesus in the Eucharist. Just as manna was food for the Israelites journey to the Promised Land, so too is Jesus our spiritual food for our journey to Heaven. Did you know that there are many Eucharistic miracles that show that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist? Search for "[Eucharistic Miracle of Buenos Aires](#)" to view one of these miracles! Please take your child to Mass this weekend so they can partake of Jesus in the Eucharist and be nourished with His life to assist in their journey on earth, leading them to grow closer to Jesus and become saints!!

Next week be on the lookout for an email regarding Parent Teacher Conferences to be held on November 9-10. There will be a Sign Up Genius provided so that you can register for a 15 minute time slot to meet with your child's teacher. This conference is mandatory for parents of students in grades K - 5. At this time, parents will receive their student's first quarter report card.

Parents of middle school students may sign up for a conference slot with any teacher that they would like to speak with, but this is not mandatory for students in grades 6 - 8. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure a successful education for your students. Working together is essential to completing our mission to form Christian disciples who grow academically and spiritually to become contributing members of our society.
God Bless You!

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