

## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Back to School nights. As you walked through the school those two nights, I hope you were able to take notice of all that we have accomplished so far, and you could envision, from what we shared, all that is still to come. Holy Rosary is certainly rising to new heights in academics, safety protocols, technology, and STEM. The addition of new furniture and state of the art equipment is equally exciting. There is a renewed energy in the school this year, which I attribute to the students and teachers working side by side again, in almost full pre-Covid mode. We are thrilled to sit together at lunch in the cafeteria, travel to classes, pray together at church, and enjoy meeting outside every morning at our AM flag raising.

As we do each year, we will continue to encourage our students to make good choices. Our Catholic Identity is always foremost in our minds. We began our new initiative, "Caught in the Act". We explained to the students last week that when they are caught in the act of displaying service, generosity, kindness, patience, respect or compassion, their name will be announced, and then a "sunburst" card with their name written on it, will be displayed on the "caught in the act" wall. We have decided to tuck in a little extra incentive, by randomly choosing a name from the month's good act students, and award that student a dress down day. We have learned from this month's saint of the month, St Thomas of Villanova, who always put others first, that it is never too early to learn to take care of one another.

We also look forward to many terrific activities with Home and School (HASA), and we are delighted to see so many new families volunteering. We welcome all of you to attend events, meet new friends, enjoy old friends, and have fun. Looks like a great year ahead for our students, staff, parents and families.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We take this responsibility seriously. We promise to teach our students to live as Jesus taught, to prepare them to be good citizens, and to instill in them a love of learning.

God's graces to you!  
Mary Ann Gilman

