

May 2021



"I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3 John 1:4

Dear Parents,

Though the Covid-19 pandemic has radically changed our daily life some things never change. One of these constants is the beauty and hopeful optimism brought about by the lovely month of May. At SFA when May arrives we usually experience many exciting activities: Walkathon, field trips, First Holy Communion, Crowning of Mary. May is a month that truly heralds the beauty of spring. Best of all it is the month that celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary and our dear Mothers, living and deceased.

To the mothers, alumni mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers we wish you a love filled Mother's Day surrounded by your dear children. Please know that you are doing a wonderful job protecting and nurturing your children during this difficult time. Let us not forget our dear sisters, faculty and staff who mother our children at school with so much care and concern. On this Mother's Day let us all remember in prayer the many mothers throughout the world who have lost their lives to Covid-19. Especially our dearest friend, Yvette Elizalde, mother of Nicholas, and the many grandmothers who have succumbed to this pandemic. May Mary, our mother, welcome them into the heavenly kingdom.

Here at St. Francis Academy we are planning and preparing for First Holy Communion which will occur on Saturday, May 22nd at Sts. Joseph & Michael Church. Let us keep these 2nd and 3rd graders in our prayers as they prepare to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time.

Our dear Class of 2021 will be graduating on June 12th. The Class of 2020 received their diplomas at their homes with a car parade, which I must say was great fun but took nine hours to complete. This year we will have a tent in our parking lot for Mass and the graduation ceremony attended by the parents of our graduates.

As you know we recently completed our Middle States Accreditation virtually. We exceeded the Middle States recommendations in all areas and were commended for our deep sense of Catholic-Franciscan community, the cleanliness and upkeep of our facilities, academic rigor, financial stability and our robust student life. The Middle States team was extremely impressed by the professionalism of our faculty, the well spoken openness of our students and the support and dedication of our parents. We could not have hoped for a more positive result. Our deep gratitude is extended to all who helped make this dream a reality.

This month our joyous Easter season comes to an end as we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost on the 23rd of May. May we all be filled with the great gifts of the Holy Spirit, so necessary as we journey together during this time. Be assured that God is by your side, watching over you and your children each day.

With deep gratitude,

Ms. Savage

