

Dear Spartan families,

May is here, and we are counting down to the end of the school year. As I walk through campus, it is amazing to see the growth, both academically and physically, the students have made. Also, I begin to wonder, "What will they be like in the fall? But before we get to fall we have summer waiting for us.

**Walk-a-thon:** Friday May 4th is the Spring walk-a-thon. Students are asked to return their pledge forms this week. Don't forget to send in your \$3 for a Kona Ice.

**Spring Arts Night:** Monday May 14th will be the Arts Night. Beginning at 5:30, you will be able to walk about and view the art that your student has been working on this year. At 6:00 starts St. Luke's Broadway musical review. The students have been working hard and are looking forward to showing off their talent.

**Summer Academics:** We have many exciting things happening this summer. We have the drop-in for skills review, robotics camp, voice lessons, sports and fitness training, and library drop-in days. If you are interested in dropping in for the skills review please give the office a call or email me, [diann.bacchus@stlukeparish.com](mailto:diann.bacchus@stlukeparish.com), so that I can gather the appropriate materials together.

**Sports Fitness and Training:** Beginning in May and continuing through July students will have the opportunity for conditioning and strength training as well as skills review.

**Home and School (HSA):** There will be a Thank You Wine and Cheese gathering on May 31st at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. This is an opportunity to say thank you for all your volunteering and also a chance to see what is happening in the coming year. Save the date. All parents are welcome to come.

**Summer Volunteering:** We hope to paint the school over the summer and will be setting aside time to tackle this project. If you are interested in volunteering to help paint or do general cleaning please let the office know.

**Alums News:** One of my favorite parts of being in education is having former students come back to campus and share their joys and accomplishments. This week, I would like to highlight Kathleen Lange Figureroa. Kathleen graduated from St. Luke in 2017 and is currently a freshman at John I. Leonard Medical Academy. While at Leonard, she has been recognized for maintaining a 4.0 GPA, most outstanding 9th grade anatomy student, outstanding community service, and finally, but by no means least, she was recognized for her contagious smile. Congratulations Kathleen.

Your partner in faith and prayer.  
Mrs. Bacchus, M.Ed.  
Principal

### **Yearbook**

Don't miss a single memory this year. Yearbook order forms are due by May 20th. Cost of yearbook is \$35. Make checks payable to St. Luke Catholic School. They will be available to purchase at the Spring Arts Night.

### **School Attendance and Tardiness**

At Notre Dame ACE Academies we strive to make "every minute count". We want to have a full and meaningful learning day. It is important that your learner is on time each day. The gates open at 7:30 for homeroom and 7:50 is morning gathering. Students are recognized for living our core values during the morning gathering. Don't let your child miss the opportunity to hear their name announced for this accomplishment. When a learner is late they miss valuable lessons and disrupt the learning environment.

There are limits to the number of days a student is able to miss during the year. Too many missed days can impact learning. Additionally, STEP-UP Scholarship money could be impacted if a student misses too many days.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- May 4 - Noon Dismissal
- May 4- Walk-a-Thon, 9:15-11:45
- May 6- First Communion, 9:00
- May 11 - May Crowning
- May 14 - Spring Arts Night
- May 16 - Walk off, 12:00
- May 16 - Passing of the torch, 8:30
- May 19 - Graduation, 10:00 Mass
- May 28 - No School, Memorial Day
- June 1 - last day for students, Noon Dismissal