

January 22, 2021

Dear 8th grade parents,

Normally during this time of the year our 8th grade families are preparing to host the annual Trivia Night event. As with so many things, Covid-19 is causing us to cancel this class fundraiser. I know the students are disappointed that we have not been able to take their regular all day field trips as well. Because there have not been field trips, there hasn't been much attention given to the lack of funding from Trivia Night; however, I want to make sure we can still offer 8th grade scholarships at graduation. I am even holding on to hope that maybe by May we can have a local field trip / fun day. Therefore, instead of Trivia Night, we will be sponsoring a parish wide split the pot raffle. Proceeds from this raffle will go directly to 8th grade events including scholarships.

If there was a Trivia Night, we would ask for all families to participate in some manner. The same is true for this raffle. The link below takes you to a sign-up genius page to sell tickets after weekend masses. Tickets and directions will be kept in the sacristy. The more people that sign up the more tickets can be sold. Naturally, you can buy/sell tickets to family, friends, and neighbors as well. Next week you will get an envelope with 8 tickets to sell, brought home in backpacks. Tickets are \$25 each. Money and stubs should be returned directly to the school or parish office. We will be keeping track of who has which ticket numbers and ask they every family sell at least 8, but again, more is better! The family that sells the most tickets will earn a week of free dress for their student!! When returning your stubs/money, make sure it's noted who sold the ticket. If you have any questions, please contact me or Cindy Sullivan in the parish office.

This week you will also see a scholarship opportunity posted online on the school news page. This is completely optional. If you decide to have your student apply, please let me know as soon as possible since there are school recommendations and other forms needed. There is usually another scholarship announced in the spring from the Jeremy Mattingly Foundation. I will share that information as soon as I receive it.

Finally, one right of passage, the 8th grade shirts/sweatshirts continues! Yes, students can wear their 8th grade shirt/sweatshirt every day now as part of their regular uniform option. In addition, after spring break, students can wear shirts/sweatshirts with their chosen high school on Fridays only. It will need to be their specific high school so there should be no girls with St. X or boys with SHA. Public high schools are also included in this opportunity.

As always, I appreciate your support. Just over 100 days to our **TENTATIVE** graduation date of Thursday, May 20, 2021. Time is flying by and we are enjoying each day with your students.

Sincerely,

Maryann Hayslip

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