

## Dates for your Calendar:

- **Thursday, April 22**—Earth Day
- **Friday, April 30**—All School Rosary at 9 AM; we will pray the Glorious Mysteries.
- **Monday, May 3**—**NO SCHOOL** for students. All staff in-service day.
- **Friday, May 7**—**Xavier Day!** More information will be coming soon.
- **Friday, May 7**—Xavier wear casual day.
- **Monday, May 10**—Fourth Grade “Lunch with Loved Ones” from Noon until 1 PM.
- **Tuesday, May 11**—Rain date for “Lunch with a Loved Ones.”
- **Wednesday, May 12**—School Mass honoring our First Communicants.

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## From the Desk of Laura Barnett

*“Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.” -Pope Francis*

Happy Earth Day  
(tomorrow)!

I am old enough to remember the first Earth Day in 1970. I still recall the assembly we had in the gym as the older students did skits and told us about the problems in the environment. Since that first Earth Day, there have been some great things accomplished. The Cuyohoga River in Cleveland is no longer so polluted that it catches on fire, and the bald eagle population has rebounded. There has been an improvement in water and air quality in many areas. But there continue to be issues and problems that need to be dealt with. Animal and plant species continue to decline. Areas of the world still struggle to get

enough clean water to drink, and the poor of the world continue to live in some of the most highly polluted areas of the world. Let us strive as believers to care for the Earth as a gift from the Creator to be enjoyed and used by all people of all times.

### MAP Testing

Our final round of MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) tests will begin next week and be completed by May 14. Students in grades 1-4 will be taking tests in Reading and Math, with Grades 2-4 also taking the Language test.

There is no home preparation that you can do for this test in the traditional sense of asking questions or doing quizzes with your child. Instead, it is a look at how much your child has grown in math and reading skills since the beginning of the year.

As parents, you can help your child do well on the test by making sure that he/she gets adequate sleep and that they eat a nutritious breakfast before coming to school—all those things that make for a successful school year each and every day.

We all want your child to do his or her best, but it is also important to remember that this test is a snapshot in time, and does not represent all of the areas in which your child can excel. For example, this test does not measure your child’s curiosity, artistic ability, musical talent, or even abilities in social studies and science. It is indeed an important test for vital parts of the overall curriculum, and helps us guide your child’s progress in reading and math. But it is not the only way we look at your child’s overall gifts as a learner.

## Color Run ‘21

We are beginning the process of planning for Color Run ‘21. This annual event is the single largest fundraiser for our Home and School Association. It is a fun event that students absolutely love.

This year, because of Covid restrictions, we were unable to hold this event. We are hoping that by fall we will be



in a place where these sorts of large gatherings can once again be held.

So, being optimists, we are planning for Color Run ‘21 to be held on September 23rd and are looking for a couple parent volunteers to be on the steering committee for our campus. If you would like to take part in planning this awesome event please contact Mrs. Barnett.

# Tornado and Severe Weather Week

Last week we observed the State-wide tornado drill. As with all things in this Covid year, we did that differently than we have done it in the past. Since it would not be advisable to gather the whole school in the basement—shoulder to shoulder—we had each class do this drill individually. Each teacher took her class downstairs to prac-

tice what the drill looks like. In the event of an actual tornado warning, the tornado warning would take precedence and we would all head downstairs. We would try to spread out a bit more than we normally would, by using some additional spaces in the basement, but we would all be downstairs until the immediate danger had passed.

I hope you all the opportunity to talk to your children about the safety plan for your house in the event of a tornado. Practicing these things prior to an actual warning being announced can provide a sense of safety and security to children in what can otherwise be a scary event.

## The Beauty of Nature

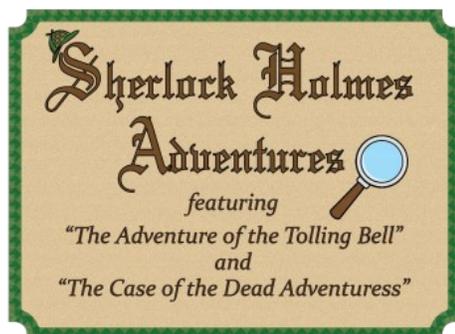
O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;  
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
For the salt sea and the running water,  
For the everlasting hills  
And the never-resting winds,  
For trees and the common grass underfoot.  
We thank you for our senses

By which we hear the songs of birds,  
And see the splendor of the summer fields,  
And taste of the autumn fruits,  
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,  
And smell the breath of the spring.  
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;

And save our souls from being so blind  
That we pass unseeing  
When even the common thorn bush  
Is aflame with your glory,  
O God our creator,  
Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

- Walter Rauschenbusch

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“Each day comes bearing its own gifts.  
Untie the ribbons.”  
Ruth Ann Schabacker