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LORETTO ACADEMY

Loretto Academy
Elementary School

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September 3, 2010

Dear Parents:

Today at Mass, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Cross. The cross is a symbol of God's tremendous love. Jesus died for our sins. We are God's children! Thanks to Mrs. Holman's fifth grade class for being our Mass ministers today. Thanks to Mrs. Plote for helping with music.

Yearbook Committee – We are in the process of creating a yearbook committee to help create the yearbook this year. Photographers from each classroom are needed. Please volunteer if you can help take pictures around school and at events. If you are able to participate in any way, please try and attend an organizational meeting Wednesday, September 8th, at 8:15. If you are unable to attend and want to participate, please send Clarissa an e-mail with your area of interest or call her school at 566-8400, extension 1501 or by e-mail tapia@loretto.org.

FaWeb – Loretto Academy has a program for parents to access their child's grades, missing assignments, and upcoming class work. Hopefully, you have gone on line to become familiar with FaWeb. Homework should be posted on line for you to see. If you need help accessing FaWeb, please stop by the office and Clarissa will be glad to show you.

School Uniform Picture Day is on Thursday, Sept. 9th.

Volleyball – Some of our girls will have their first game this week. As of 5:15 pm Friday we had not received a detailed schedule from the diocesan athletic director. Mrs. Glover will call or e-mail all the athletes the exact time and place of the game when she gets them. There will be practice for both teams on Wednesday at the regular time.

Box tops for Education and Give Em Five Price's products – Thanks to all of you who donated your Box Tops for Education and Price's Give Em Five lids. PAL (Parents at Loretto) is looking for parents to volunteer to help collect and count the Box tops and milk caps each month. If you are interested in chairing this committee or helping count, please let me know.

Physical Education Homework - Marathon Kids is a free program sponsored by several foundations to engage students in Wellness programs. The students register by a given date, start walking/running their miles which can be done in 1/4 mile segments or more between October 16th and April 22nd. They can do more than 26 miles before the date or save their last mile for that day. All participants will be given a t-shirt, water bottle and medal upon crossing the finish line and will be proud for finishing a marathon. Coach Gutierrez has the information to share with the students. El Paso Marathon Kids sponsors will kick off this even on Saturday, October 16th at 10:00 a.m. at UTEP Kidd Track and Field. In addition to walking/running, the students are encouraged to eat healthy and grow vegetables and fruits.

Volunteers - As teachers begin to ask for parent volunteers to help out in the classroom, playground, and on field trips, I would like to give you the Diocesan guidelines for involvement. All volunteers are asked to have a Criminal Background Check. We have the forms available in the office. Many of you have already completed this. In addition, you are asked to attend a Diocesan training on Sexual Misconduct and Safe Environment. These trainings began in 2002-2003. If you haven't attended one, here are some upcoming classes: Sept. 9th at El Buen Pastor Mission (Spanish), Sept. 11th – St. Stephen Parish (English); Sept. 17th Immaculate Heart of Mary (Spanish); Oct. 4th – Little Flower Parish (English); Oct. 10th – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish (English); Oct. 23rd – Guardian Angel Parish (Spanish). For more information, please contact Elena Bejarano at 872-8427 or check the Diocese of El Paso web page.

Recorders – The recorders and books have arrived for the third, fourth, and fifth graders. Mrs. Plote passed out recorders to her Friday music classes. The others will receive theirs on Tuesday.

Swimming will continue next week on Thursday and Friday. There will be swimming after school sponsored by PAL from 3 to 4:30. Parents need to be there with their children. Girls need to wear one-piece bathing suits.

First Communion – If you are planning to have your child make his/her First Communion this year, please bring a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate for us to have on file in the office.

Prayers – Let's pray for all of our families that they may be kept safe from violence and harm, our military men and women who protect our freedom throughout the world, and for our sick relatives and friends. Let's also pray for the people of Pakistan who are suffering from all the flooding.

May you have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

September 4 - 10, 2010
ES Weekly Calendar of Events

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Classes			Labor Day – No School	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Cafeteria	Cost - $3.50/a day Milk/Juice $0.50	Menu at loretto.org	No School	Spaghetti	Corn Dogs	Chicken Patty	Flautas
Activities						Swimming – PK, 1, 2	Swimming – K, 3,4,5
Birthdays	No birthdays	No Birthdays	Fernie Gallardo	No Birthdays	Sophia Santos Lauren Gallardo	No Birthdays	Eric Guzman Paola Vivar Matthew Montes
Girls' Volleyball		Volleyball practice has begun.	No School No practice	No Volleyball practice.	New Schedule will be passed out.		
Loretto Advance-Ment/PAL activities			Prepaid raffle ticket Deadline is Sept. 13th	Gently Used Uniform store – Sept. 14th in Room 338, 8-9, 3-4			Raffle Tickets sent home on Oct. 1st
Field Trips		None this week					
Service-learning Projects		Do you have ideas for possible service learning projects for this year?	Please let your child's teacher know.				
Upcoming Loretto Academy Events		Loretto Golf Tournament 9/24/2010	Are you a golfer? Get a team together.			School Uniform Picture Day	Students come in red, white, and blue, remembering 9/11

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