May 19, 2014

Principal’s Letter,

Please note the following schedule of activities and events for the weeks of May 19-28.

1. Monday, May 19, Eighth Grade Confirmation, 7:00pm in St. Ambrose Church
2. Tuesday, May 20, All school track meet (optional) Judge High School 5:00 to 8:00pm.
3. Wednesday, May 21, Eighth Grade  farewell mass, 9:00am—Formal Dress
4. Thursday, May 22, faculty vs eighth grade volleyball.
5. Friday, May 23, Nice Free Dress with two “Baby Shower” items for Crossroads Urban Center.(needed items are pampers in all sizes, soy and regular formula, rice cereal, baby food, wipes, baby bottles, baby shampoo, lotion and soap)

\*\*Eighth Grade Graduation, 7:00pm, St. Ambrose Church

1. Sunday, May 25, Tiger Trot Fun Run, Sugarhouse Park, 9:00am. See details at cosgriff.org.
2. Monday, May 26, Memorial Day, No School
3. Tuesday, May 27, Field Day, Students may wear free dress top and uniform bottoms. Bring a hat and wear sun screen.
4. Wednesday, May 28, 2014 Last Day of School. Honor Assembly, 10:30am, in the church.  Dismissal at 12:15pm. EDP will be available until 6:00pm (sack lunch available, place order with the classroom teacher by 5/23)
5. Saturday, May 31, Girls On The Run—5K race in Sugarhouse Park, 9:00am
6. Monday, June 2, First day of Summer school, 9:00am, Sign up right away!! Please note Math Boot Camp is part of the regular Summer School day.

The faculty and staff of Cosgriff School were treated like “Royalty” during Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to Marnie Andrews for creating special teacher gifts and signs and providing delicious snacks and teacher prizes. Much appreciation goes to the first grade parents who served a perfect spring lunch and to many other parents who purchased SCRIP cards and flowers for faculty/staff gifts. Thank you to Marnie and her special helpers Cheri Wright and Cindy Barker, Lisa Davenport, Bree Murphy, Kristine Alexakos, Megan Swartz, Amanda Conner, Claire Donnelly, Melissa Clyne, Gina Attallah for a week of well- deserved pampering for the faculty and staff.

Thank you to the Third grade class and parents for hosting the 11:00am mass and social on 5/18. Also, thank you to Mr. Huntzinger and Mrs. Brown for your time, effort and organization.

The eighth grade students spent much of the year working on a special writing project. At the beginning of the school year, the students were introduced to a senior member of the St. Ambrose Parish. The students interviewed their senior friend several times over the course of the year and then wrote a biography about the senior.  This project was titled the “Mother Teresa Project.” The Eighth grade presented a hardbound copy of the finished biography to their special friend at a brunch on 5/15. In addition, speakers from the Gerontology Department at the University of Utah spoke throughout the year on different topics related to aging. The students met the required core standards through writing, editing, and oral presentation, and finished the project with a better understanding and more compassion for their aging family, friends.

Click on the following Deseret News Article:

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865603273/Seniors-impart-life-lessons-to-eighth-graders-during-yearlong-project-on-aging.html?pg=1>

A key component to writing a biography is having a solid foundation of writing skills. Mrs. Cindy Hunt, seventh and eighth grade English, Literature and Writing teacher, provides that solid foundation for her students. Much credit goes to Mrs. Cindy Hunt for her persistent hard work with students in developing the challenging skills of expressing themselves on paper and conducting an interview. This project would not have been possible without her excellent teaching and coaching.

Like many other projects at Cosgriff, the “Mother Teresa” project was a group effort.  Miss Sheri Ann Brinkerhoff, computer teacher and technology specialist, created a format for the written biographies and pictures for the hard bound version. Raquel Austin and Kassi Mancini took photographs of the seniors on several different occasions and also photographed old family pictures for the biography. Dominique Aragon, Jeff Lambert, Anne Wiley, Kathy May and Linda Paoletti assisted as editors. Thanks to all for a job well done.

Click on the following link [2014 Extended Day Program](http://cosgriff.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/2014-Extended-Day-Program.pdf) to view an important message from Tammie Cleverly regarding the last two weeks of Extended Day.

Room Parents are still needed for the 2014-15 school year. Please email or call Mrs. Hunt if you would like to know more about the room parent responsibilities or sign up to be a room parent. bhunt@cosgriff.org, 801-486-6933

A letter will be sent out toward the end of June to parents with a student who will be entering  pre- school, pre-kindergarten, first and second grade for the 2014-15 school year. This letter will inform you of your child’s teacher for next year.  Please watch for the letter.

If your address, email, or telephone number changes during the summer, please call the office immediately or email Mrs. Soto. (bsoto@cosgriff.org)  If you decide to remove your child from Cosgriff school, because of a family move or other personal reasons, please contact Mrs. Hunt right away.

The school office will be open Monday thru Thursday 9:00am to 12:00 noon during June. Please visit the office during those times, if possible. The office will open officially the first week of August.  If you have questions or concerns over the summer, please feel free to contact Mrs. Hunt directly by telephone or email. 801-486-6933, bhunt@cosgriff.org

Please remember to refer to the Cosgriff web page during the summer months. The current school calendar for 2014-15 is on the web page now.

Congratulations and good luck to all of our eighth grade students as they graduate from  J.E. Cosgriff School on May 23. May God Bless them as they enter high school and a world of many challenges and opportunities.

Thank you,

Mrs. Hunt, Principal