



I hope this message finds you all in good spirits despite the deluge of rain we've been experiencing lately. It seems April showers have taken their job very seriously this year, but fear not! With all this rain, I predict our school grounds will soon resemble a botanical garden, bursting with vibrant blooms come May. And, let's not forget our little gardeners from Pre-K to Grade 2 who planted tulips and daffodils last year – their hard work is about to pay off in a spectacular display of colors.

Speaking of natural phenomenon, today we all felt a little shake of an earthquake. Did you? After it was felt, I immediately contacted our local fire chief to confirm. He arrived within moments to check on the building and it was then that we learned that indeed there had been an earthquake all the way in New Jersey. After feeling the little shake, teachers continued teaching as normal. With a solar eclipse on the horizon too, mother nature sure is showing off lately. Did you get your solar eclipse glasses yet? Many of our local libraries are handing out free glasses!

Our **Cash Raffle** is in full swing and we need **EVERYONE** to participate, as we rely heavily on the support of our parents, alumni, parish community and extended community of friends and family to continue to meet our mission. We ask that all our families sell a minimum of **\$225.00** to help meet our goal of **\$25,000**. Follow the link and create a team! <a href="https://go.rallyup.com/2024smscashraffle">https://go.rallyup.com/2024smscashraffle</a> It's easy to share with friends, family and neighbors through email, text or social media.

Don't miss our Theatre Clubs performance of **Alice in Wonderland** on **Friday, April 19**<sup>th</sup> **at 7:00pm!** (Please note the time change.) Doors will open at 6:30 and we kindly ask that you arrive no later than 6:45. I am really looking forward to the performance and I hope to see you there! Please see the attached poster!

Check your inbox for a special flier on our final **Dress Down Day** to support our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities Fund on **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. We hope you will all participate!

We still have a few tables left for our **Trivia Night**, scheduled for **April 26th!** If you were thinking about getting a table, act fast, as there is limited availability. Contact Jackie Spiers (jackie8783@hotmail.com) to reserve your table

Finally, I wanted to mention that one of our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students, **Samantha Giorno** is working on a special project to earn her Girl Scout Silver Award. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, she will be organizing a Homework Club to help students in grades 1-3. Sign-up forms are available at ASP.

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing April vacation! Enjoy your time spent with friends and loved ones... hopefully someplace sunny and warm! Keep selling those raffle tickets and help us make our goal.

God Bless Amy Babcock

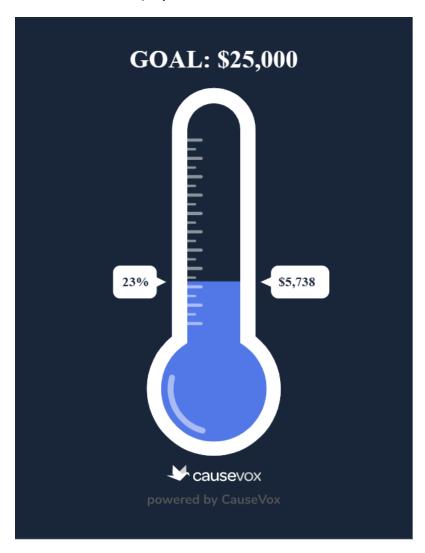




## **Cash Raffle Update:**

40 SMS Families signed-up so far.

Total Raised: \$5,738 23% of our Goal.



Sign up your team today and help us reach our goal!!!