



# The Thursday Thriller



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A PLACE WHERE I WILL MAKE SOMETHING OF MYSELF

“Character Is My Superpower”

## SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR THIRD TRIMESTER

“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will receive many blessings if we don’t give up.” Galatians 6:9

## REVIEW OF CHARACTER TRAITS IN MAY

We have worked hard all year on a character trait each month. In order to see how well we have learned these, we will spend the month reviewing the traits. Each class will review the trait and make presentations to all the students. Ask your child about how they are working to review the traits for our school. Forgiveness (Aug) – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Zest (Sept)- K, Self Control (Oct) – 4<sup>th</sup>, Kindness (Nov) -1<sup>st</sup>, Gratitude (Dec) – 7<sup>th</sup>, Perseverance(Jan) – 5<sup>th</sup>, Courage (Feb) – 8<sup>th</sup>, Patience (Mar) – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Honesty (April)- 6<sup>th</sup>. It would be awesome if you could spend time asking your child/children about what they have learned about each trait.

## REWARD DRESS DOWN DAY - FRIDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

Children, who had perfect uniform during April will receive a dress down coupon that gives them the privilege of dressing out of uniform. Students must present the coupon at the front door. If your child does not have a coupon, please be sure he/she is in uniform. We also ask that all clothing is monitored for appropriateness for school.

### **PLAN AHEAD**

**NO CLASSES ON FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
STAFF IN SERVICE DAY**

## PROGRESS REPORTS FOR THE THIRD TRIMESTER - THURSDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

Progress reports for the third trimester were sent home last week. If you didn’t receive yours, please contact the school office. We ask that all reports are signed and returned to the teacher so we are sure that you saw it. We hope that you will

stay in touch with your child’s teacher to monitor progress and growth on any weak areas.

## **ATTENTION EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS**

The final count for the Eighth Grade luncheon is due on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Forms will be sent home. Ask your student for the form that needs to be returned to the office. Additional guests are \$25.00 and the money must be paid by Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please call the school office with any questions.

## REGISTRATION FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

Materials for registration for the 2017-18 school year will be coming home today. We are eager to register our current families before we have open registration for new families. Please return your completed form and the registration fee of \$175. (If you register before Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, you will have \$75 off of the fee.)

## SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION - SUMMER 2017

Information will be sent home for registration for Summer School. Summer School begins on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and ends on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. It is reasonably priced for a six week – Monday through Thursday program. We highly recommend summer school for all students. There is a lot of research that supports the idea that students do “backslide” in their learning if they are not enrolled in enrichment or remedial programs of an academic nature. We encourage all children to attend a structured summer program.

## STUDENTS IN GRADES 5,6 AND 7 ARE INVITED TO APPLY TO CHICAGO JESUIT ACADEMY SUMMR SCHOOL

Information will be sent home with Grades 5, 6 and 7 regarding an excellent program in the summer at Chicago Jesuit. It is not located very far from here. It’s at Laramie

and Jackson. It is a five day a week program for five weeks for \$100. The fee is negotiable and it is a rigorous and very excellent academic program. We highly recommend this program as it is able to offer more than our resources will allow. Please call Ms. Miller or Ms. Daniels if you need assistance with the application process.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON MONDAY, MAY 1ST**

We ask that you pay in advance of the month you need before and after school care for your children. The May payment is due on Monday, May 1st. Please contact Mrs. Strauder to make payment arrangements if you are behind in your payments.

**MAY TUITION PAYMENT - DUE ON MONDAY, MAY 15TH.**

Parents who are behind in tuition/after school care are asked to phone Ms. Miller to set up a meeting to discuss payment arrangements, especially Kindergarten and Eighth Grade parents. All we need is a phone call from you to make an arrangement. Please take this seriously. All tuition accounts should be paid in full by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need a payment arrangement, the time for that is NOW! Please contact Ms. Miller or Mrs. Strauder to arrange a payment plan.

*I remind Kindergarten and Eighth Grade students' parents that all bills must be paid in full if your child is to participate in graduation activities.*

**APRIL TUITION PAYMENTS**

Parents who are behind in tuition are asked to phone Ms. Miller to set up a meeting to discuss payment arrangements, especially Kindergarten and Eighth Grade parents. April tuition payments were due on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. We give families time to get those payments in during the month. We expect everyone to make a payment every month. If you cannot make the full payment, send in something! We must see a good faith effort. We hate to exclude students, but we must hear from you. Please do not ignore notes from school regarding your payments. All tuition accounts should be paid in full by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need a payment arrangement, the time for that is NOW!

Please contact Ms. Miller or Mrs. Strauder to arrange a payment plan.

**ATTENTION: PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADE AND KINDERGARTEN**

**PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADE AND KINDERGARTEN ARE REMINDED THAT ALL TUITION AND FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE GRADUATION.** *Start budgeting now for the extra costs in the graduation fee WAS due on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Eighth Grade fee is \$210. The Graduation fee for Kindergarten is \$50. All tuition, fundraising, volunteer hours, after school care bills must be completed before graduation activities. PLAN AHEAD TO AVOID ANY PROBLEMS AT THE END OF THE YEAR!*

**CAREER DAY- THURSDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1:00 -2:30**

On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the students will have an opportunity to learn about a variety of careers. Thank you to Ms. Daniels for coordinating this program. If you missed the announcement and would be willing to be a speaker, please contact Ms. Daniels at 312-733-2252.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT BOARD MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017 - 5:30P.M. -6:30 P.M**

The last Parent Involvement Board meeting for the year is scheduled for Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30p.m. -6:30 p.m. Parents are still welcome to come and find out more about the Board and the events they have planned for next year. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

**PLAN AHEAD**

**SPELLING BEES – MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> – Grades 7,8  
MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> – Grades 5, 6 and MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>- Grades 3, 4**

**Have a great weekend. Be safe.  
Ms. Miller and Ms. Nho**