



January 8, 2021

Dear Our Lady of Mercy Families,

May 2021 be a year filled with optimism, hope, joy and good health!

“Your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, and relationships without disappointments.

To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, and security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity.

Being happy is an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny’s author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul.

Being happy is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life.

Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It’s to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a “no”. It is confidence in the face of criticism. Even when unjustified.

Being happy is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us.

To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple.

It is to have maturity to be able to say: “I made mistakes”. It is to have the courage to say “I am sorry”. It is to have the sensitivity to say, “I need you”. It is to have the ability to say “I love you”.

May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness...

May your life in spring may it be a lover of joy...

May your life in winter be a lover of wisdom.

And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up... Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.”

- Pope Francis

## **COVID REMINDERS**

Please continue to do your Daily Health Checks with your children.

## **KINDERGARTEN FOR SIBLINGS FOR 2021/2022**

If you have a child ready for Kindergarten for the 2021/2022 school year, please remember to return the form to the school no later than Friday, January 15, 2021. If you do not submit a form **WE CANNOT** guarantee a spot for your sibling child. (Please see the attached form)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL**

Please note that there will be no school on **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** as the staff will be attending a workshop that day.

## **LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES**

February 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Family Day
March 12 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Spring Break
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2021	Good Friday
April 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Easter Sunday
April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Easter Monday
May 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Victoria Day
June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Last Day for Students

## **ADDITIONAL PRO-D Days**

January 25, 2021  
February 11th & 12th, 2021  
May 21st, 2021