



29 May 2015

### **Upcoming Events**

**Friday, 30 May** – Deadline for early registration. We are encouraged and blessed by all of you who registered for the fall this month. On Monday, 1 June, the registration fee is \$75.00 for the month.

**Friday, 5 June** – All of the homerooms will be taking their annual class trip. This year, all homerooms will be exploring various parts of downtown Manhattan. Your homeroom teacher will be sending a permission slip home which **MUST** be signed and returned for your child to go on the trip.

**Monday, 8 June** – **Academic Reward Day** for students who are totally caught up with their assignments for the end of the year. Your child's teacher will let you know by Friday, 5 June, if your child qualifies to stay home this day. If so, it does **NOT** count as a day absent.

**Wednesday, 10 June** – Teacher In-service Day. **NO SCHOOL.**

**Thursday, 11 June** – **8th & 12th Grade Graduation and Awards.** Students report at 8:30 a.m. Program at 10:30 a.m. Carry-in meal following the program. 1:30 p.m. dismissal. Miss Jen will be contacting families about food for the carry-in meal.

### **The "Charlie, Charlie Challenge"**

A recent Spanish movie "Charlie, Charlie Challenge" has created new interest in a game similar to the old Ouija boards. In the challenge, people, usually children, write "Yes" and "No" in the four corners of a piece of paper, then lay a pair of pencils across the paper. The players ask "Charlie, Charlie, are you there?" then ask Charlie a question. Charlie is thought to move the pencils to "Yes" or "No" to tell the answer.

Although the origins of the game are uncertain, it is clear that the point of the game is to get answers to questions from Charlie. Charlie is described by some as a child guide – the spirit of a child who died and now communicates from the spirit world.

Just this week we have discovered that some of your children, especially in the middle school (grades 6-8) have played the "Charlie, Charlie" game. In chapel yesterday morning I warned the upper school students from scripture that when we start to try to connect to the spirit world through whatever means – Ouija boards, Charlie, Charlie, Wicca, Santeria – we open up our hearts and homes to demonic forces.

Only God truly knows the future and he encourages us to ask him for wisdom for life decisions. However, he usually does not tell us how life is going to turn out. We walk the journey step-by-step and day-by-day with him as our heavenly guide, leaving the future to him.

I encourage you to talk with your children about this new pastime and encourage your children to stay far away from anything that pretends to get information to life questions from the spirit world. Let's not give the devil any foothold into our lives and homes.

Walking together in light,  
James E. Gochnauer, Principal