

5/10:	Band Concert
5/11:	Grade 6 movie after school
5/13:	8th Grade Book Club before school
5/17:	Student Council Talent Show
5/18:	D.A.R.E. Graduation
5/21:	8th Grade Ribbon Ceremony after Mass

Dear Parents:

A belated Happy Mothers Day to all! Moms, I hope your children treated well, you enjoyed your day, and the brunch lines weren't too long. We continue to Grow in Grace Together here at Notre Dame in the image of our Blessed Mother. To our 8th Graders, May Crowning was outstanding. Keep up the good work.

Almost there. I know the students are anxious, but please encourage them to continue putting their best foot forward. We want these last few weeks to be as positive and productive as possible.

Notre Dame is as busy as ever. Next Monday will be the Student Council-sponsored talent show at 6:30. Come out and see our incredibly talented students' hard work pay off.

Also ahead, D.A.R.E. graduation, the 8th Grade Ribbon Ceremony, track meets, and more. Please find time to study in between!

8th Social Studies

We finished World War I. Students did well on last Friday's test. Next, we will be introduced to the Roaring 20s. There are no major assessments on the 20s, but students will create a baseball card about a 20s cultural icon, worth 30 pts. Students will learn about the Red Scare by examining a website about the 1919 case of suspected anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti, in Computer class.

Later this week, we begin the Illinois Constitution. This is a brief unit, and concludes with a 50 question test. Students must pass the test with a score of 77 percent or higher in order to graduate. The test will be Friday, May 21.

8th Literature

We just finished the trial in To Kill a Mockingbird. Now, it is time to tie up some loose ends, and our friend Boo Radley to reappear. That's all I will give away at this time.

Students completed a Study Guide through Chapter 22. I will collect it tomorrow. There will be two more quizzes, followed by an assessment of the novel. The assessment will include both an objective and an essay test. The date has not been set, but will be sometime the week of May 17th. Then, we will compare Mockingbird to the real trial it was written about, and students will hopefully have some fun reenacting a scene.

