

**Thank You** for a wonderful Catholic Schools Week! We enjoyed your participation at the lunches and at the Family Fun Night, especially. I am grateful to the CSW committee, Mrs. Ell, Mr. Gannon and Mr. Dickhaus for all of the preparation. We have a great community!

## A brief lockdown last week...

...happened so quickly, your child may not have mentioned it. I didn't even have time to send an email to you or post on Facebook because it was lifted so quickly, but I want you to know about it, and what I think it means to our school's safety.

Last Thursday, we got reports from friends on the road that there was a lot of police activity on SR 125, including barricades on some street entrances. Our first contact with law enforcement said if we were threatened, we would be notified. Soon after, we heard that a car crashed into a telephone pole down the street, at the bend of Locust Lake Road. Several minutes after that, we were advised to take precautions and institute a shelter-in-place, a sort of modified lockdown that allows movement within the buildings. About 10 minutes later, Pierce Township gave us an "all clear."

What happened? A car chase activated all the police activity. The chase ended at that telephone pole down the street. When the driver fled on foot, we were notified and when he was apprehended, we got the "all clear."

The timing of this event was awkward. We were heading into lunchtime as these reports were coming in, and while we can travel within buildings during a shelter-in-place, we should not travel between buildings. That is significant because half of our students are in the modular, and all students travel between buildings during a regular school day. This means that:

- Half of the school has no access to bathrooms, water, the main office, or a nurse, if needed.
- A portion of the school may be sequestered in the gym or the auxiliary services modular, or the cafeteria.
- The entire school may not be able to get access to the cafeteria for lunch.
- The electronic lock system will lock out everyone - even those with access codes or key fobs - so if someone from our school is caught in transit between buildings, we may not know it for several minutes.

The threat of last week's event was low, particularly because it was contained in a relatively short period of time. Still, it reminds us that there are a wide variety of situations that might call for a lockdown or shelter-in-place, and that our current traffic patterns can make procedures more challenging. We continue to look for processes and solutions to these challenges, keeping your child's safety always in mind.

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## EdChoice Scholarship Application Window is open. Grades K-4

The EdChoice Expansion program makes it possible for low-income families to attend private schools. We have several families who benefit from this program already, and the application process is fairly simple. See our link under the Admissions tab on our website or click [HERE](#) for more information. If you know someone who'd like to join our community but cannot afford the tuition, this program may be the help they need. Please spread the word!

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### ON THE HORIZON:



**Mother-Daughter Brunch February 19.** This yummy and crafty event is an annual favorite. Please see the [FLYER](#) for all details. Reservations in advance (by Feb. 14) are required.

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- Please complete [the long range planning survey](#) for SHP, the architectural firm leading the process. The survey will close on February 15.
- Please send in your registration for 2017-2018.

### Coming Up...

- **Wednesday, February 8** All School Mass 8:15 All are welcome.

*Blessings,*

### SUMMER CAMP ALERT

[Classroom Antics Tech Camps](#) are taking registrations. See their flyer for all the particulars!