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St. Finbarr

(Patron Saint of Marriage and of the city of Cork, Ireland)

Dear Students and Parents,

Praise be Jesus Christ! Today's saint is the feast of St. Finbarr who lived in the sixth century. He was a native of Connaught, Ireland, and instituted a monastery or school at Lough Eirc. This school, changed the landscape from a desert into a large city. It became the origin of the city of Cork. He was a hermit, one who secludes himself to pray to God more often. Why is it important to reflect on the lives of holy people? In Scripture we read, "Brethren, be imitators of me, and mark those who walk after the pattern you have in us." (Philippians 3:17) We should all



strive to imitate Jesus in our actions whether in school or at home or abroad. The seventh grade and teaching staff will be focusing on this in a particular way as we come together to share and grow in community. We are created in the image of God and our environment should reflect our charity for one another. Our faith integration kicks off each month with a new principle. During the month of September we reflected on our "environment". Faculty, staff and students reflected on how our school environment reflects our faith? The physical environment should reflect our Catholic identity but our actions should also reflect virtue as we work to imitate Christ. Our school is a part of a diocesan wide effort to "step-up" integrating faith in the classroom. Bishop Ricken offered mass today and spoke briefly about "Faith Integration". I attended with the Lead Teachers from each building. Our Administrator's meeting was a special way of beginning the school year for those of us who serve in the ministry of administration and help to take care of the many daily operations of running a school. Praying with the Bishop helps strengthen our faith so that we may continue to respond to God's call. Bishop Ricken is truly an advocate of Catholic education.

Wow! The lockers are all here at the Marinette campus and what a difference. We are still adjusting. Lockers will be re-assigned once class advisors have more time to review the logistics of the new set-up. In the meantime, the students are enjoying the extra space. The second floor is almost complete with its new look.

It's getting closer to Oktoberfest and volunteers are the key to success. Please consider joining our team October 9th and 10th to help with set-up (decorating), supervising servers and clean-up. This is one of our large fundraisers. This money is budgeted to help our school meet expenses. Tickets for the raffle are \$75.00. A group of three may split a ticket to share the cost. Pass the word and help our ticket sales. There are only 200 tickets.

There are still some who have not returned the signature page of the school handbook. Students who do not have this on file will be given a reminder and must return the receipt the next day or consequences beginning with in-house suspension will be enforced. Please review your handbook to make sure that you have completed this page. It is at the end of the handbook. As for the continuing issue of dress code, I will be addressing this in the first week of October. During the next two weeks of observation I will be making notes to assist in my formal response.

Next week is already the beginning of October and progress reports will be going out soon. We will also have another Day of Prayer on First Friday, October 2nd. Our chapel will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:45 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Come pray with our students.

I remain yours
Joyful in the service of Christ,

Mrs. Elfering
President of Systems