



Office of the Principal

## Cheverus Catholic Family Newsletter

Summer 2016



Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends of Cheverus Catholic,

It has been an incredibly busy summer at Cheverus Catholic elementary school. The school, about to begin its 109<sup>th</sup> year of serving the greater Malden community, is experiencing its second straight year of increased enrollment. The student population during the 2014 – 2015 school year was at 257. This past academic year that enrollment grew to 340. Cheverus anticipates a population of between 380 and 400 students this coming school year! The single largest increase is in the Early Childhood Education Program where there will be minimally two pre-school (3-year olds) classrooms, quite possibly four pre-k classrooms, and three classes of kindergarten.

In order to accommodate the growing population, the school is undergoing significant renovations this summer. We are converting the faculty room on the second floor into a grade 1 classroom and changing the former cloak rooms into faculty work space and a teacher lunch room. The students in grades 1 – 4 will have new “cubbies” located within each of their classrooms, which will also be on the second floor. The Early Childhood Program will take over the entire first floor of the building. Grade 5 will join the Middle School and be located on the third level.

In addition to these changes, carpeting in four classrooms on the second floor has been replaced with new VCT tile, the main corridor has been painted as well as the cafeteria kitchen and several classrooms. New lighting has been installed in the main corridor; and the third floor is getting new lockers.



The school has also purchased lab tables for the science classroom in the Middle School.



The academic program will see the expansion of the physical education program with the hiring of a full-time physical education and health instructor. Students will have twice the number of classes in physical education this year. With the addition of a librarian, the students in the lower grades will have access to the library resources on a more regular basis. Finally, we have expanded both the Spanish and Geography curriculums in the Middle School.



Plans are going well for the first ever Cheverus Catholic School Gala. The Committee anticipates that we will have over 300 people attend the Gala. We are continuing to work towards achieving the goal of \$100,000.

The evening includes a cocktail reception, dinner, awards presentations and a live auction, as well as raffles. Award recipients include Ernest Ardolino, the Mother Saint Theodore Guerin Award, for his many years of service and loyalty to the students and families of Cheverus School. There are four recipients of the Father Patrick Hally Medal: Former Pastor of Sacred Hearts Parish, Father Daniel Hickey, long-time teacher Sister Brigid Mary Hurley, Former Mayor James Conway, and veteran faculty member, Mrs. Mary Clougherty.

Tickets for the Gala are \$75.00 each. The proceeds will be used to purchase a new reading program for the lower grades and to replace carpeting with VCT tiles in the remaining second floor classrooms, as well as to convert one of the cloak rooms to be used as a Title I classroom. We hope that you can join us for what should be a great evening.

For ticket or sponsorship information please contact the school.

Cheverus Catholic is still accepting applications at all grades. For registration information please contact Mr. Jeffrey Lane, Vice Principal at [jeff.lane@cheverusschool.com](mailto:jeff.lane@cheverusschool.com).

Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

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