



# A NOTE FROM THE DESK OF MRS. LEAHY

## Special Points of

### Interest:

- **PSA Meeting**—October 1 at 7:00 pm
- **Celebration of the Eucharist**—Oct. 2 at 9:00 am—Grade 7 is preparing—please feel free to join us
- **School Dance**—October 2 Grades 6-8 (7-9:30 PM)
- **Band begins on October 5**
- **October 7-School Individual Pictures**
- **Early dismissal**—October 9 at 12:00 PM
- **October 9-School Group Pictures**
- **October 12 -No School – Columbus Day**

## Students and Knights Join Together in Prayer

On the brisk, raining morning of September 11, under the front school porch, all of our children joined together with the Knights of Columbus from Saint Martin de Porres Parish in a prayer service in remembrance of September 11, 2001. Lead in prayer by our amazing eighth grade students, our hearts and minds focused on those who died in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania because of terrorist attacks. We prayed for those who died, those who grieve, those who survived, the first responders and rescue workers, and those whose lives are changed forever because of the events of that day.

With open hearts, our students prayed to God to give them the power to take His love to all they encounter and let them be examples of Christ in our world. Together with the Knights, we joyfully prayed and sang the patriotic song *God Bless America* as we raised the new flag that the Knights graciously donated to our school.

There was an overwhelming representation of Knights for this prayer service and the flag raising ceremony.

As a school community we are grateful for the opportunity to join with the Knights in prayer and we are grateful for the 9/11 Prayer Remembrance Cards that they gave to all of our students.

Saint Martin de Porres Knights of Columbus are extremely generous with their time to our school. We truly appreciate all that they do for us and value the opportunity to join together in prayer with these kind and remarkable men.

## Spotlight on Grade 5

**CHALLENGING CURRICULUM COMING DOWN A NOTCH...**With the new school year came many changes to our curriculum in grade 5. To meet the needs of all students in grade 5 and to enhance our language program, beginning in September of this school year, Spanish classes were added two days a week to our fifth grade students' schedule. An Advanced Math 5 Class was also added to challenge our top grade 5 math students that could meet this rapid pace and challenging curriculum. We are fortunate here at Saint Martin de Porres School to have such a dedicated faculty and the support of our pastor and parish that allows us to offer these new programs that enhance our already excellent academic program.

## In The News

**NEWS FLASH.....**Saint Martin de Porres School students in grades 5 through 8 are now going to be given the opportunity to join together after the school day for our new School Newspaper Club. Every other Tuesday under the guidance of Mrs. Paggi, our school librarian, our Newspaper Club will join together to report the news and happenings of our wonderful school. The inaugural publication will be due out at the end of October. We anxiously await this creative newspaper written by our amazing students.

# A View of Our First Day

