# Trachtenbarg times

May 16-20

## notes from mrs. trachtenbarg

#### SPEECH FESTIVAL

The classroom Speech Festival is fast approaching. Please help your child prepare for their speech every night. I will be sending home a rubric detailing how they will be judged soon. The classroom competition will be held on the week of May 23rd. Final date and time to be announced soon.

#### **GENIUS HOUR**

This week we began our first ever "Genius Hour." The idea for Genius Hour comes from GOOGLE. They give their employees 20% of their time to work on pet projects. The idea behind the movement is that when you give someone time to work on what they are passionate about, productivity and morale goes up. This concept has spread to schools and classrooms around the country. Many times in school settings, kids might feel like they are not given many opportunities to learn more about what really interests them. Student motivation and accountability can be improved by giving students choice and a chance to explore their interests and/or passions. Students will be given an hour each week to work on their Genius Project. The projects will be presented the week of June 6th. Please don't hesitate to ask questions if you need guidance.

#### MAC ATTACK

Second and sixth grade students are partnering with the Sunshine Division to help fight hunger. This is a two-week competition beginning on May 16th and ending on May 27nd. We compete against other schools in the Archdiocese. Please help us with this battle against hunger by bringing in boxes of Mac and Cheese starting May 16th. Please help by bringing in Macaroni & Cheese from 5/16-5/27.

#### PROVIDENCE PARTY

There has been a schedule change for the final Providence Party. The new date will be Friday May 20th from 10:00–11:30. We will be joined by all the other schools in the Archdiocese who participate in the Friend to Friend program for a final celebration. I know many of you signed up for the previous date of May 24th. If you are interested in driving please let me know. We will need to leave Cathedral by 9:40 and will return around 11:40.

Have a wonderful Weekend.

## SLE of the Week

### Be Christ Like

I share my faith with others

### Upcoming Events

<u>5/16</u> - Mac Attack!

5/18 - Mass @8:30 11:30 Dismissal

<u>5/19</u> - Final Church Clean-up

<u>5/20</u> - Providence Party

<u>6/2</u> - Art Museum Field Trip

<u>6/6 - 6/10</u> - Genius Hour presentations

**Hot Lunch** Teriyaki Meatballs - 5/16 Pizza - 5/20

# this week in third grade

<u>religion</u>	<u>reading</u>	<u>writing</u>	<u>ma+h</u>	<u>science</u>	<u>social studies</u>
and what is his role as the leader	respond to information from the text	PERSUASIVE WRITING  Should the United States send astronauts to the moon to set up a moon base  Research moon base  Choose position  Draft a persuasive argument for or against setting up a moon base	AREA Understanding Area Standard Units Area of squares and rectangles Area and the distributive property Area of irregular shapes	BRIDGES  Identify the bridges of Portland and their bridge style  Research and present details of a bridge of Portland	