

# Resurrection Catholic School

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## From our Pastor

As we conclude another year at Resurrection Catholic School, I want to wish you a very happy, holy and safe summer. During the summer, I hope your children use it as a time of rest and relaxation, recreation and also learning – that you keep up with the knowledge that has been given to you this past year. Parents, enjoy your children and enjoy the summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall, refreshed and ready for the challenges of a new school year.

There will be a few changes at the Church of the Resurrection. We will be greeting Fr. Bernard Kiratu in early July and will be saying farewell to Fr. Gabriel Ipasu. I want to take this time to thank Fr. Gabriel for all his work here at the church these past 3 years and the good work he has done for our school. We will have some more changes as the summer draws to a close and will look forward to being refreshed for a new school year in the fall.

I want to thank you for all you have done for our school and our parish this year. Your support means an awful lot to me and I cannot accomplish the good works that we have before us – and the past has given us – without your prayers and your support. I thank you for your participation in all of our activities. I am very proud of all we have accomplished this year. Our children and parent community is wonderful!

I also take this time to thank our administration, faculty and support staff for their many years of dedication and their giving to educational ministry.

Have a happy, holy and safe summer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Matthew G. Mello  
Pastor



## “Something Old... Something New Your RCS Board of Education”

By Robert Kryger, Board Chair

The RCS Board of Education has completed a busy agenda of activities this year and we're already looking forward to an exciting 2010-11. Most importantly, we finished a two year effort transitioning from an elected Board to a Pastor-appointed Board. This change was strongly recommended by the Diocese of Orlando to recruit knowledgeable and effective board members. Our Board now consists of nine members from our school families, parish members and local community. Members serve three year terms, with three new members added each year.

The Board's activities are focused on three main areas: School Development, Strategic and Long Range Planning, and Financial Guidance. Our development efforts include both fundraising strategies (to help keep tuition low) and enrollment management. In the last 18 months we've spearheaded the new [rcslakeland.org](http://rcslakeland.org) website, formed an active enrollment committee (one successful idea was the PreK Winter Fun Day held in January), organized the digital billboards which trumpeted RCS on the southside of Lakeland during April and May, and prepared the groundwork for a high-tech upgrade to the RCS daily “Radio-show” (coming in 2010/11)!

Next year we will be unveiling a new development effort, timed to coincide with our school's 20th anniversary, and aimed at keeping Catholic education affordable. The Board will also continue to focus on enrollment and implementing our Strategic Plan. One very exciting area of future Board activity is taking advantage of the “high-tech” experience of some of our Board volunteers to keep RCS on the leading-edge of educational technology.

We are always interested in volunteers to serve on the Board or various subcommittees. Please keep us in mind for your time and talents. If interested, talk to Mrs. Genzel, Fr. Matt or one of the Board Members. Together, we will continue to make RCS the Best School in Lakeland!

# FOCUS ON SUMMER!

- ⇒ Aug. 18: STUDENT ORIENTATION
- ⇒ Aug. 19: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- ⇒ Aug. 20: NEW FAMILY BREAKFAST AND MASS
- ⇒ Aug. 25: MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
- ⇒ Aug. 31: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Dear Friends of Resurrection Catholic School,

I love lists! I enjoy making, reading and collecting lists. It seems that others also share my enthusiasm for lists. A few minutes of internet research uncovers a list for everything. Want to live to be 100? Want to raise a “perfect” child? Have a great summer vacation? Get along with the boss? You can find a list to enhance your life, family, and career. You can even find a list on how to improve your spirituality. For those of you who can’t resist yet another list I am providing one recently sent to me by a friend.

How to Stay Happy Always

1. Throw out nonessential numbers like age, weight, height.
2. Keep only cheerful friends.
3. Keep learning and praying.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often.
6. Tears happen, endure, grieve, and move on.
7. Surround yourself with what you love.
8. Cherish your health.
9. Don’t take guilt trips.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them.

Wouldn’t it be great if finding happiness only required checking items off a list? But you know what? All lists contain some good advice and lots of common sense so I have nothing to lose- let’s start with #10.

I love and appreciate all the members and families of the Church of the Resurrection. One down, nine to go...See you in August.

God bless you and yours,  
*Nancy L. Genzel*, M.Ed.  
Principal



Our Encore Drama performance, “Agatha Rex”

## LOOKING FORWARD TO...

Completing the new computer lab!

Implementing School Reach, an automated parent contact system

Installing a drinking fountain on the elementary playground

Introducing the Sadlier Math program to Gr. K-8!

The Mission of Resurrection Catholic School is to embrace the message of Jesus Christ and empower children to integrate His values and teachings into their lives. We strive to create an environment which stimulates the students to achieve academic excellence and prepares them to serve others.