



Principal Bryk's News February 14, 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Ash Wednesday/Lent!

Valentines for Veterans: Students made Valentine cards during Catholic Schools Week that are being distributed to area Veterans. We did this in partnership with Erie County Legislator Kevin Hardwick. Students have received certificates of recognition today.

Mt. St. Mary Academy Jazz Band: Had us rockin' and rollin' and dancing up a storm on Tuesday! What a great way to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras, Paczki Day, etc. and move into the solemn days of the Lenten Season.

Ash Wed. Mass: Students in Pre-Kdg to 8th attended Mass this morning and received ashes.

Adult Lenten Reflection: There are two Reading selections for your reflection during the Lenten season: "Choosing Lent" and "Beyond Giving Up Chocolate."

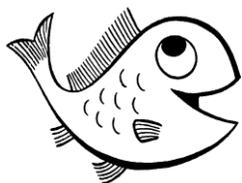
Eucharistic Adoration: Students in Grades 1-8 will be going to Adoration during Lent. Ms. Sutherland is formulating the schedule.

Virtus Lessons during Religion Classes: Take place tomorrow. Please refer to the website for more information that was sent home previously.

HSA Family Movie Night is Friday! Please see information sent home previously on website.

Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle: Saturday! If you signed up to work, please be there by 6:30pm. Come out for a fun night! Details were sent previously... on website and in church bulletin.

Grade 8 Parent Meeting Thursday at 6pm in the cafeteria to discuss Washington, D. C. Trip.



Fish Fry Help is needed: Feb. 16, 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Right here at St. Christopher! Drive-through, take out fish fry every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday beginning at 4:30 to 6:30pm. Details also sent previously... see website.



Easter Candy and Candles Fundraiser! February 7- 26

This year, we are trying something different. I was very impressed with the representative from **Gertrude Hawk Chocolates** at a Diocesan Principals' Meeting. Her explanation of their fundraising program, the yummy sample chocolates, the easy online order component, every student who sells one item receives a prize and the profit we can make sold me! There are also other schools in the Diocese who use Gertrude Hawk as a fundraiser.

Yankee Candle Fundraising is also offering online ordering, great selections, profit and prizes for the students.

Please share this information with your families, co-workers, parishioners, neighbors and friends!

Thank you for supporting this Candy/Candle Fundraiser!

Registrations for the 2017-2018 school year are due by Friday before the registration fee increases.

If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

MANY THANKS this week: First, for all the coats, jackets, mittens, socks, scarves, etc. that were collected during Catholic Schools Week as part of our community service project. Mrs. Kindred and Miss Scaffidi took everything to the **Response To Love Center** (former St. Adalbert's School) in the city of Buffalo. Sister Mary Johnice, C.S.S.F. was overjoyed and grateful for our donation!

Secondly, for your support of the **8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner!** Thanks to the Scalfani Family of Frank's Sunny Italy for cooking! The money collected will go toward the 8th grade end of the year field trip to Washington, D.C.

Third, to Sam Herr and Faith MacKinnon for lecturing at the *11am Mass on Sunday* and to the 1st grade students who were Greeters. Next month: *Sunday, March 11 at 9am Grades 7 and Kindergarten.*

Fourth, to *Mrs. Bradley* for visiting our Pre-Kdg and Kdg with toothpaste and toothbrushes and lots of information on how to brush and care for teeth during this *Dental Health Month.*



Our *First Annual Lip Sync Battle* was held during Catholic Schools Week and we had a blast! I would like to share with you the winners at this time. It was certainly a tough job for judges Mr. Polen, Miss Argen, Mrs. Watroba and Mrs. Sierkierski, but know that we all had an Awesome time!

K-2 winner - McKenna Ashcroft. 3-4 grade winners – “Imagine Dragons”- Matthew Bradley, Devin Grobe, Landon Birkemeier, John Bertini, David Henel, Zachary Jacob, Brennon O'Neil. Special Mention- Gr. 3 - Owen Scibetta

5-6 grade winners- “4 Direction” - Luke Bradley, Christopher Desiderio, Mason Gfroerer, Dominic Paglino. 7-8 grade winners- this category was a tie between: “Frozen Syrup” - Evan Andrews, Timmy O'Rourke, Jake Cornell. “The Elite Eleven” - Madison Christopher, Joey Hayek, Sam Herr, Faith MacKinnon, Madison MacKinnon, Reagan MacKinnon, Valentina Moscato, Ava Sclafani, T.J. Venti, Davoren Walsh, Katie Wojtaszek.



Lenten Regulations For Your Information

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

EASTER DUTY: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 18 (First Sunday in Lent) and May 27 (Trinity Sunday).

God's Blessings,

Principal Bryk

