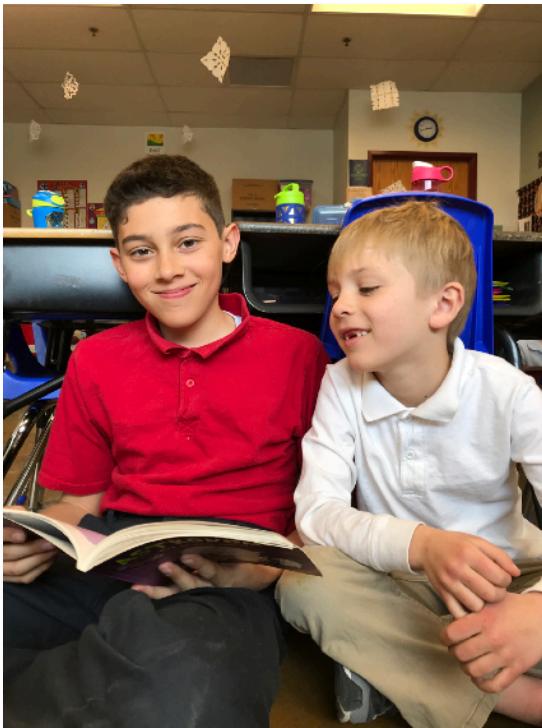


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News



Holy Week

This week, our students were busy with the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, soccer tryouts, and our continued track practices. Our students have also been learning much about the season of Lent, and we are looking with much anticipation to Holy Week which begins on Palm Sunday and concludes with the celebration of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil). We hope you will be able to join us for the Soup and Stations event before we go to our Easter and Spring Break this coming Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars:

March 26 & 28 - Soccer Practice (K-2)

March 29 - Half Day
 - Soup and Stations - 11:30
 - Dismissal - 12:00 p.m.

March 30 - April 6 - Easter and Spring Break

Students return to school on Monday, April 9.

2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our new school calendar is out! Please see the attachment with this weekend's newsletter e-mail. We will also send home copies in this week's folders. Please be sure to plan on attending the Back-to-School Night for parents on Monday, August 20. We are having separate sessions for new parents and returning families. More details will come! The first day of school for all students is on Wednesday, August 22.

SOUP AND STATIONS

We are having our annual Soup and Stations event on Holy Thursday, March 29. All parents are encouraged to come to this event where we pray the Stations of the Cross together in our school gym and have a soup luncheon afterward.

Parents are asked to bring a soup (any kind) or bread item if you wish to stay for the luncheon afterward.

March 29th is a **half-day of school**, and we will dismiss students who are not staying for lunch at the regular pick-up area outside at approximately 12:00 p.m.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

Lent and Holy Week

The upcoming assemblies will be focused on discussing the season of Lent and the mysteries of Holy Week (The Last Supper, the Passion, and the Resurrection) as we prepare for Easter.



Knights of Columbus Middle School Essay Winners

SILENT AUCTION – TELLURIDE SKI TICKETS

We still have four **ski ticket passes to Telluride** which must be used by April 8, and we are extending the time for bidding. The value of the tickets is approximately \$400, and we are accepting bids at **any amount!** If you wish to submit a bid, please do so by e-mailing Mr. Gordon by the end of the school day on March 26.

ITBS TESTS

This past week, our students took the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills to measure their academic achievement and growth from this past year. We use these tests to help us know how well our students are progressing and what we can do to improve our academic program. Nonetheless, please remember that a test can never comprehensively show the picture of a student's growth and learning.

SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED: 136

Quote of the Week: "Why did you suffer for me, dear Jesus? For love! The nails...the crown...the cross... all for the love of me!" – St. Gemma Galgani

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TUITION

A letter from our school board was sent home to families this week highlighting the need to raise our school's tuition by \$200 in the upcoming year. This will raise our tuition rate to \$4,000 for students in K-8. This comes to a \$20 / month raise for families on a 10 month payment plan. Please note that the national average elementary Catholic school tuition is \$4,400, and that the actual cost to educate each student is around \$5,400. We will still work hard to provide financial aid for qualifying families in need. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

BOX TOPS ASSISTANT

We are currently in need of a parent volunteer who would be interested in taking over our Box Tops coordinating. This is actually a very simple job which involves trimming Box-Tops and helping to keep track of how many Box Tops we collect. Mrs. Ridgel will be able to provide you further instruction on how to do this job, and you can do most of the work from home! This work also counts towards service hours, and we have generally raised between \$300 - \$500 per year from collecting these Box Tops. Contact Mr. Gordon or Mrs. Ridgel if you are interested!

CHRISTMAS DVDS

Recently, we sent home information on getting a digital or physical DVD copy of our school's Christmas play. Digital copies will be sent for free to any e-mail requested, and DVD copies are \$3 each. We hope you'll enjoy watching the show

SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING: 36

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