



Dear Parents & Guardians,



We had a beautiful start to the Lenten season, with the children celebrating Mardi Gras yesterday, and Ash Wednesday Mass this morning. Lent offers us a very special opportunity to change our hearts and to grow in our relationship with God. We are called to deepen our commitment to a way of life which is rooted in Christ. Lent is a beautiful season of returning to God, and embracing his love and forgiveness.

MARDI GRAS



Mardi Gras marks the last day of Ordinary Time before the start of Lent. Students made Mardi Gras masks in Art class, and paraded around the school.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is marked 46 days before Easter Sunday. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us.



NEWS & REMINDERS :

Open House: We have an Open House this **Fri, Mar. 8** from **8:15-10am**. Please encourage interested family and friends to attend. We will also have Open Houses on **Apr. 5** and **May 3**.

Tag Day: We will have a \$1 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day next **Fri, Mar. 15**.

Stations: Students will visit Stations of the Cross in the Historic Church on Friday mornings during Lent.

Lent Specials: Boomerangs Restaurant in Solomons has Spirit Days on **Fridays during Lent**. Mention OLSS when ordering, and 15% of your purchase will benefit our school.

Box Tops For Education: Please send in your Box Tops; we will be mailing them in for redemption next week. Thank you for your support!

Rock Your Socks: **March 21** is World Down Syndrome Day. We'll celebrate by having students "Rock Your Socks!" - wear their school uniform with their brightest, most fun socks that day.

Spring Program: On **Thu, Mar. 21** at **6:30pm**, we will have a Spring Program, with all students performing. More info will be sent home soon.

Palm Sunday Fundraisers: Our Palm Sunday Basket Auction & Bake Sale will be held after Masses on **April 13-14**. Please consider donating a basket or baked goods for this fundraiser. This is any easy way to earn Volunteer Service Hours. Flyers with more info are included with today's news.

Spring Bazaar: We will host a Spring Bazaar on **Sat, May 11, 9am-2pm**. There will be crafters, vendors, concessions, a bake sale, and a yard sale.

Dr. Seuss Day!

Everyone had fun celebrating Dr. Seuss Day last week!

8th graders read Seuss books to lower grades.



Teachers decorated their doors like Dr. Seuss book covers.



Mr. Klein made Green Eggs & Ham for hot lunch!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH

- Mar. 8, 8:15-10am: Open House
- Mar. 11: No School
- Mar. 15: \$1 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- Mar. 21, 6:30pm: Spring Program
- Mar. 27: End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 27: 12:30pm Dismissal

APRIL

- Apr. 3: Volunteer Appreciation
- Apr. 5, 8:15-10am: Open House
- Apr. 12, 7pm: Youth Group Stations of the Cross
- Apr. 13-14: Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Auction
- Apr. 17: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Apr. 18-26: No School – Easter Break

MAY

- May 1: May Crowning
- May 3, 7-10pm: Middle School Dance
- May 10: 12:30pm Dismissal - Staff Appreciation
- May 11, 9am-2pm: Spring Bazaar
- May 17: Field Day & 12:30pm Dismissal
- May 21: No School - ADW Principals Meeting
- May 24: 12:30pm Dismissal
- May 27: No School - Memorial Day
- May 31: 8th Grade Graduation



MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Thanks to all who came to the Mad Hatter Tea Party! Our beautifully-dressed guests enjoyed an afternoon tea including sandwiches, scones, biscuits, pastries, and of course, tea. A huge THANK YOU to organizers Colleen Muldoon and Mary Ann Dale, as well as all of our teachers, who decorated tables and served guests.



FROG IT CHALLENGE



Pope Francis asks us all to recognize the gift of others this Lenten season. "A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value." How do you recognize the value of others?

God bless,

Mary Bartsch

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