



*St. Patrick's Day Spirit Day  
Winners*

## Marching Forward

This week, we enjoyed our spirit day on Wednesday through an early celebration of St. Patrick's Day. At the start of the week, we had a safety meeting wherein we discussed ways to make Pope John Paul II Academy a safer school community. We also finished our third quarter, and while it is hard to believe, we have already entered our final quarter for the school year! Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday. In conjunction with the beautiful spring weather, we had soccer tryouts on Wednesday for students in grades K - 4 on our new play field (now open for students!). We will have another two tryouts at the end of this week, and any interested students are

encouraged to come. We are gaging the level of interest among our students, so please come even if you couldn't make the past tryout.

### Mark Your Calendars:

March 19 - 23 - ITBS Testing (1st - 8th Grades)

March 21 - Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home

March 22 - Soccer Tryouts - Grades K - 4 (3:15 p.m.)

March 23 - Mass  
- Stations of the Cross (2:40 p.m.)  
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March 29 - Half Day  
- Soup and Stations - 11:30

### SAFETY MEETING

Our safety meeting this past week highlighted ways we are working to make our school safe and also addressed areas that are important for us to work proactively together in raising virtuous children who will contribute towards a healthy and safe society. Notes from this meeting are available in the school office. Thank you to everyone who came and contributed to this meeting - We will continue to address these issues in the future!

### THANK YOU!!!

With our most recent count of pledges from the spring gala we are estimating that we actually brought in over **\$50,000!! Wow!**

We are so honored by your incredible and generous support of our school!

Also note that we will be seeing our new playground under construction at the end of April, and soon we will be contacting those who bought a brick for the outdoor expansion project!

### 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.*



*End of the Season Basketball Party*

## SCHOOL FARM

Ms. Scheetz would love any helpers to regularly assist with the school farm each Monday from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Contact Ms. Scheetz at [scheetz.pjp2a@gmail.com](mailto:scheetz.pjp2a@gmail.com) if you are interested in coming!

## 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!

## SILENT AUCTION - TELLURIDE SKI TICKETS

Thanks to our community's **amazing** support, we had a highly successful spring gala fundraiser! However, we have one leftover silent auction item which we are opening again for bids as the winner declined accepting it. We have four **ski ticket passes to Telluride** which must be used by April 8. The value of the tickets is approximately \$400, and we are starting bids at \$100. If you wish to submit a bid, please do so by signing up with the auction sheet in our entry way or by e-mailing Mr. Gordon by the end of the school day on March 21. We will contact the winner on March 22.

## SOUP AND STATIONS

We are having our annual Soup and Stations event on Holy Thursday, March 29. We will invite all parents 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 the soup lunch at the regular pick-up area outside at approximately 12:00 p.m.

## ITBS TESTS

Our students in grades 1 - 8 are taking their Iowa Tests of Basic Skills this coming week. Our school only administers standardized tests once per year, so we ask that children get extra rest and a protein-rich breakfast to help them perform their best. Results from the ITBS tests should be available at the end of April.

**SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED: 131**

**SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING: 41**

**Quote of the Week:** "The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God." - Pope Benedict XVI

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