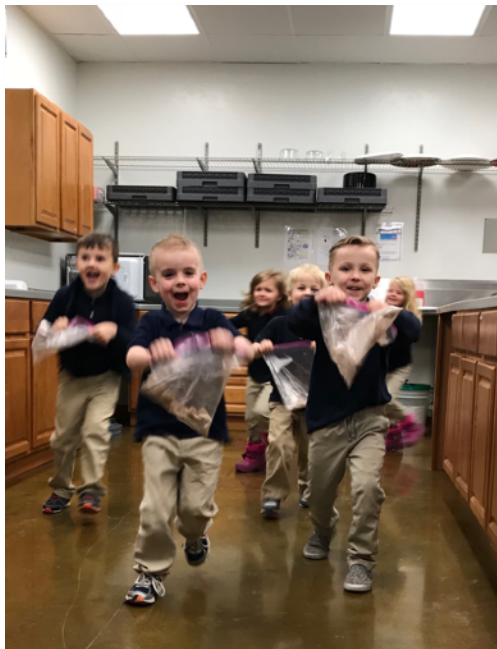


## PJP2A



## News



*K4 showing off their “Monkey Bread” which they baked this week.*

## Happy New Year!

We have had a great time returning to school after our Christmas break. This week, we spoke to our students about the virtue of temperance which is a good reminder of how we must cultivate self-control and discipline in our lives. We also finished our second quarter of school and are looking forward to our next half of the academic year.

### Mark Your Calendars:

January 17 - Report Cards Sent Home

January 18 - Basketball games (JV Boys @ 4:00 and JV Girls @ 5:00)

January 19

- Mass
- Middle School Ski Trip

January 23 - Donuts with Dads

January 28 - Begin Catholic Schools Week

Please note that we are in school this Monday, January 15.

### CLEANING HELP NEEDED!

We are currently in need of **four extra parents** to help with our cleaning duties which are normally done on the weekends. These responsibilities are simple tasks that include sweeping, taking out trash, and mopping which provide an invaluable service for our teachers and students. Please contact the school office or Barb Lockwood (970-275-3089) if you are interested in serving the school through cleaning.

Please note that this job does not involve cleaning the regular bathrooms as we do have a part-time cleaner who helps with that. The service position is focused on cleaning our classrooms and hallway areas which saves the school money and allows us to keep our costs as low as possible.

### REPORT CARDS

We finished our second quarter on **Tuesday, January 9**. Be sure to speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's academic progress. In grades 5 - 8 you can also view grades on our online grade book, Thinkwave.

Second quarter report cards will be sent home this **Wednesday, January 17**.

### VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

## Temperance

**Definition:** Habitual moderation or self-restraint, especially in relation to the natural appetites and passions.

**Application:** Practicing eating, talking, and playing with moderation. Denying oneself a pleasure when this is ordered towards a higher good (e.g. sharing or fasting).



*Our first Crusader basketball games occurred this week.*

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Attached to the weekend newsletter e-mail is our final basketball game schedule. Please note that there were a few new games added to this updated schedule, so please review it carefully. We also have the basketball schedule hanging up in our entryway for your convenience.

## SOCCER INTEREST

At our last PTO meeting we discussed the possibility of starting a "booster" program for our sports which would offer opportunities for our younger students to play sports through PJP2A in conjunction with the Montrose Recreation District leagues. We are currently looking into the possibility of starting a spring soccer team for grades 1 & 2, although if there is enough interest, we would consider other grades too. Please let Mr. Gordon know if you would be interested for your child to play soccer so that we can gauge the level of interest and determine whether we have enough players to host a team.

## DONUTS WITH DADS

Our PTO has scheduled our Donuts with Dads event to occur on Tuesday, January 23, at 7:30 a.m. Dads are welcome to come and enjoy some donuts with their children before school begins on this day!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 28, and we are currently planning events and activities to celebrate.

We are hoping that students may be able to attend Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, January 28, at 9:00 a.m. in their school Mass uniforms. Students would sit together as a class with their teachers as they do on Friday Mass days. Please mark your calendar, but note that we are still confirming arrangements with the parish. As such all plans are currently tentative.

Afterward, we hope to have a pancake breakfast and open house at the school which would be for all existing school members and all members of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the local community who would be interested in seeing our school.

We will let you know as soon as plans are confirmed!

## SERVICE HOURS

In addition to your child's report cards, we will be sending home an update on your completion of service hours this year. Please remember that families are required to complete 20 hours of service during the school year or 30 for those on any form of tuition assistance. (Note: Families of K4 students are pro-rated according to enrollment.)

Per school policy, families may be assessed a fee for any outstanding service hours at the end of the school year.

Let Mr. Gordon know if you have any questions or concerns!

**SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED: 89**

**SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING: 83**

**Quote of the Week:** "To seek the greatest good is to live well, and to live well is nothing other than to love God with the whole heart, the whole soul, and the whole mind..." - St. Augustine

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