



# ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

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Dear All Saints Families,

This week we began the season of Lent. Students in K-8 attended the Ash Wednesday Mass and the fourth graders did an amazing job as the class “hosting” this service. Teachers have worked hard preparing students for the three pillars of Lent: sacrifice, alms-giving, and prayer, and will continue to do so throughout the season. This year’s Lenten season will be filled with many opportunities for prayer and reflection. Eucharistic Adoration, Penance, Holy Week Mass, Holy Thursday Retreat Day, and the Living Stations will all be important parts of these prayer-filled forty days.

This week also marked the beginning of my teaching duties in fourth grade. I will continue in this capacity throughout the remainder of the year. Today in class, I announced that Mrs. Raps will be joining me as the aide in the classroom also for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Castiglione, who has been pulling double duty as the administrative assistant at the middle school and part-time aide in preschool, will now be working solely from the elementary campus as our administrative assistant. Mrs. Denson has accepted the role of part-time preschool aide. With regards to the middle school, Mrs. Tagg continues to work the desk, and teachers will be filling in during their prep periods as needed. Please understand that while some alterations had to be made in order for me to carry out my duties as head of school and now, as teacher too, these decisions were made to be as least impactful on the rest of the student body as possible. You can continue to reach me at my head of school email address, but my response may be delayed due to instruction.

I want to thank all of the teachers and staff who continue to support me in my roles. I feel blessed to be a member of the ASA team. I appreciate everyone’s flexibility (including parents!) and the sacrifices made for me and our children.

Have a blessed weekend. Go Knights!

Yours in Christ,

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