

February 3, 2017

Dear Parents,

This Sunday's Theme is a wonderful way to close Catholic School's Week. We are called to be light for the world. Being a light we are asked to guide others, and lead them to the Light who is Christ! As Catholic Schools we should stand out and witness to the truth, thus bringing the light of Christ to all we meet each day.

As we end our Catholic Schools Week, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this a great week. To all who participated in our Open house, giving tours, helping with coffee and, and attending the entire event, I appreciate the enthusiasm. The students and teachers who participated in the Catholic Schools Week Dance, and our Fife and Drum Corps, all made us very proud. To all our teachers, parents and students, a tremendous thank you for all the cooperation with all the activities throughout the week. The donations to the special collection, "Emilie's shelf" were very generous. Thank you to all for the contributions. To close this year's celebration, we have included in every family envelope our new informational magazine promoting the school and our new magnet and pencils. All of these are made possible through the courtesy of TYCO Printing. Thank you to the Morrotti family for all the support they give us with all our printing needs.

Walk  
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see John 3:19-21

**CALENDARS:** Both the Feb. activity calendar and the Feb. Lunch calendar are also included in this week's envelope. As you will notice, the classes and dates for the Archdiocesan required Child Lures Program presented by Mrs. Fresco are on the calendar. Grades K-5 will be in Feb., and Grades 6-8 will take place in March.



**AUCTION UPDATE:** Mr. Rick Harris has secured a babysitting opportunity, for the night of the Auction, with the Shoreline YMCA.

**All children, members or non-members** are welcome to the babysitting services the night of the Auction. It will run from 6:15-10:15pm (Auction time is 6:30-10:00pm). Members pay \$10 per kid FOR THE ENTIRE NIGHT Non-members pay \$15 per kid FOR THE ENTIRE NIGHT! Members can register on line, non-members have to register in person and fill out the waiver. Registration must be completed by

February 23rd (up until the day before). We only need 10 kids to run it and there is no max. The kids will have the run of the place. We are so excited and so grateful to Doug Shaw and the YMCA staff. We hope this will encourage more SMS families to attend. Not only will they have a fun night out, so will their kids!! And for such a discounted price! Thank you, Mr. Harris for going out of your way to look into this to further the success of the Auction!

The YMCA is located 1 minute (0.6 miles) from Woodwinds



**SIGN UP DEADLINES:** sign up for TaeKwonDo (Pre-K-8) and Tennis (Gr. 2-8). These activities are great for indoor sports during the Winter weather, and are so convenient in our gym right after dismissal. What could be easier? Sign up- by Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.



**Sat. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> LUNARFEST:** In this week's envelope there is a flyer with the events for LUNARFEST, celebrating the Lunar New Year. See the times for free family fun, parade, activities and performances.

Mrs. AlvarezdeLugo is displaying her art work as part of the CT Creative Group Design Show on Sat. Feb 4<sup>th</sup> in Guilford. The **DESIGN SHOW** will be held at 258 River St. in Guilford, from 11:00am to 5:00pm. This is free and open to the public.



**FINANCIAL AID:** Another reminder has been placed in the envelopes this week for our new financial info from FACTS. Please do not let finances be your reason to leave the education here at St. Mary School. You cannot get financial aid if you do not apply. You are the first to get the chance to apply before we allow new families the opportunity. Do not wait until June to ask for financial aid. We will distribute what funds we have to all who apply through FACTS.

**One more reminder: Please be generous when your Room parent calls for the Silent Auction donations! We need everyone's cooperation to make this a huge success!**

God bless,

Sister Annette