

March 3, 2017

Dear Parents,

As we usher in the busy Month of March and all its activities, we pause to reflect on the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent. We always hear of the temptations of Jesus in the desert on the first Sunday of Lent. The devil challenges Jesus to sin. It is comforting to know that even Jesus was tempted. In fact the devil tempts Jesus three times! How much more can we expect to be tempted in the world we live in today? As we continue into the First week of Lent, we remember we are on a journey. Like any journey, we begin in one place and end in another. On this journey there are many paths. We are not always sure of the right path to follow and sometimes answer so quickly in response to temptation. But if we try to face the daily temptations in our life by making choices consistent with the love of God and neighbor, our faithfulness to Christ and His commands will lead to a new light, the light of life in Christ.



So in the envelope we have a wonderful Lenten family activity on March 22nd. Please try to make time to attend this Lenten activity. The RSVP is by March 13th. It does say return to the Parish office, but if you send it into school, we will see that the office gets it. There is much planning and no cost to you, so please abide by the deadline to help all who are planning and providing this experience.

Thank you to all who were prompt with your registration forms and payment. We appreciate your support and trust in our school and its faculty as the educational choice for your children. We want to see the children grow in the faith and love of God, family and school together. It is my hope that all families have taken the time to fill out the financial forms if tuition is a hardship. I have said it multiple times, we will try to help, but you need to ask. We understand there are circumstances that come up. The children are happy here and we don't want finances to stand in the way of a great education.



As you know we are in the "Butterbraid" mode! This weekend our families will be giving the parishioners a taste and sampling of the delicious pastry and hope boost sales! I know it appears we are jumping ahead because we are in the season of fasting, but these will be a great way to celebrate after Easter.

I have tried to list all the activities for March on the calendar, but missed putting homework club. So just a reminder, Tuesday March 6th, there is NO homework club and the 13th and 20th there is. Also, March 12th is Daylight Savings too! If you want to be on time for Family Mass at 11:00 on that Sunday, you will have to be sure to change the clocks.



On Monday of this week, a flyer from Mrs. Xeller will be coming home regarding our Spring music and talent show. This is going to take the place of our annual Spring Musical that we have had in past years. We want to change things up a bit. She will be hosting a workshop in March to explain and teach skills for auditioning. The finalists will perform at the Blackstone library on May 9th when we will also host our annual Art exposition. More

information will follow on the May event closer to the date. If your child is interested in attending the workshop to be a participant in the talent show, please return the form by March 17th.



Prep for Symphony. On Friday, March 10th, the symphony will provide a teacher to come into the classrooms and speak with the children about the upcoming trip. All of this is provided gratis by a Parishioner each year. It is so gracious that a parishioner, with no child in the school, gives this gift to add to our ARTS education. This parishioner pays for the cost of the busses, tickets to the symphony, plus the learning session before the trip. Aren't we blessed?

ACRE TESTING for Religious education in Grades 5 and 8 will take place on the dates indicated on the calendar. There is no studying for this. It is used as an evaluative tool to help us know if our Religious education program is effective. This is a Diocesan wide testing program. Mrs. Fresco will administer Gr. 5, and Mrs. Mazon, Gr.8.



In closing, let us continue to help the children in the final week of the second trimester. There is more to do as we are only in March! This is the time to keep the children motivated and not get "SPRING FEVER"! Grades close March 9th, and distribution of report cards on the 15th. If you wish to request a conference, please write the teacher a note.

God bless you.

Sr. Annette