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Next Wednesday, March 6, 2019, is Ash Wednesday. The children will be attending Mass, and will receive ashes during the liturgy. We welcome you to join in, as this is the official day of the beginning of the Lenten Season. The day before Ash Wednesday, known as Shrove Tuesday, is traditionally a day of celebration before the fasting begins.

On Ash Wednesday, the ashes of the palms from the last year's Palm Sunday are placed on the heads of members of the congregation. The day is seen as a way for Christians to remind themselves that they need to repent their sins. The ashes are meant to signify penance, mourning and mortality. Lent is the period of 40 days, which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and **preparation** before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

With all of the rain, we have noticed that our retaining wall and fence is in need of repair. It looks like it can come down very easily at this point. I am looking for some volunteers who would lend a hand to move some "earth" around and shore up or replace some of the wooden structure. Please let me know if it would be possible to put together a team of three or four people who could handle this task. Call the office and leave a message with Mrs. Winter. Thank you, in advance.

February 27, 2019

Loving Father,

I invite you into my life today
and make myself available to you.

Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself
by seeking your will and becoming a living example
of your love in the world.

Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change
in order for me to carry out the mission
and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.

Inspire me to live the Catholic faith
in ways that are dynamic and engaging.

Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.

Make our community hungry for best practices
and continuous learning.

Give me courage when I am afraid,

hope when I am discouraged,

and clarity in times of decision.

Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church

to become all you imagined it would be

for the people of our times. Amen.

- Need two Picture Day helpers on March 13th. Please call Mrs. Winter, if you can lend a hand
- Hot lunch helpers are needed on Mondays and Fridays. You will receive credit for a free lunch for your child, if you choose to help with this task. Remember, all volunteer requirements must be on file in the front office.
- Thank you to everyone who organized our lovely Father Daughter Dance on the 23rd. I am looking forward to seeing some pictures.
- Thank you to my "in house" WCEA Team members who assisted in preparing our latest document and gathering data for our one-day check in visit. We were very pleased with the affirmations and compliments from the "outside" WCEA team members who assured us we were successfully moving forward with our goals set three years ago. I want you to know they complimented our students on their manners and friendliness as they saw the team walking through the campus, talking with them, and during visits to the classroom. I am so proud of all our children!

Calendar:

2/28 I had, tentatively, announced that we would acknowledge our Science Fair and Spelling Bee winners on Thursday. I will need to change that date, and will let you know when I reschedule. Some awards come with monetary prizes, and I still need to cut the checks for a number of our students.

3/1 End of Second Trimester

Minimum day with dismissal at noon. The auction volunteers will begin to set up shortly after the day ends. [Did you get an opportunity to purchase your tickets?](#) Remember, this is one of the biggest fundraisers of the school year, and helps to keep our tuition within reason.

3/2 **AUCTION . . . doors open at 5:00 PM with no-host cocktails and the Silent Auction.**

Please refer to your program for the remainder of Saturday's schedule. See you there!

3/3 Continuing clean up from the Auction festivities

- 3/4 Tech Week begins for our musical, Mary Poppins, Jr. We are sold out! Thank you for your support. We are all excited for this production! [The students may wear t-shirts from prior years, or this year, during the week \(3/4-3/8\).](#)
- 3/5 Emily, from Caritas, will be visiting the Fifth Grade to give them information and answer questions on their upcoming trip.
- 3/6 Ash Wednesday, Mass for everyone at 9:00 AM. Please join us.
- 3/7 A “teaser” for our students . . . in the afternoon, some of the cast members will perform a number from the musical
- 3/8 Musical Performance, 7:00 PM
- 3/9 Musical Performance, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM . . . enjoy, everyone!
- 3/10 Continuing clean up from the musical
- 3/11 Report Cards coming home
- 3/12 SCRIP orders due

Blessings,
Arlene

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