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Lenten Reflection:

What to Give Up –

- Give up complaining Focus on Gratitude
- Give up pessimism become an Optimist
- Give up worry trust Divine Providence
- Give up bitterness turn to forgiveness
- Give up hatred return Good for evil
- Give up negativism be Positive
- Give up anger be More Patient
- Give up pettiness become Mature
- Give up gloom enjoy the Beauty all around you
- Give up jealousy pray for Trust
- Give up gossiping control your Tongue
- Give up sin turn to Virtue
- Give up giving up Hang in there!

Thank You

[Kudos and Congratulations to Marlyn Edesan and her fantastic volunteers](#) who put on a great Auction event. The food was delicious, the decorations were spectacular, and everyone stayed entertained all evening long. There were dancers galore on the floor before and after the bidding event and dinner! Please be sure that you take care of your expenses for those items that went home with you. I know we had some glitches with the computers, and you may have been one of those folks who left promising to write a check/cash for what was purchased.

[A huge thank you](#) to everyone who attended the St. Joseph's 25th Annual Auction ~ "Moonlight Masquerade." The online auction page is back up and will be open until midnight. There are new items and some starting bid price drops. There is a Fund-A-Need for new electronics. Chrome books for Classrooms! These Chrome books will make a huge difference for the students. They will be able to tackle more in-depth research projects, find new information, and push their reading skills forward! These Chrome books will allow students access to many more resources. Every subject area will be positively affected by this addition to our classrooms. Your donation means so much to the students and the school. The impact this will make for current and future students will be huge.

Check it out and send the link to your family and friends. <https://sjpinole2019.ggo.bid>

WCEA evaluation

We are proud and extremely happy. Just to let you know that we passed our midterm WCEA evaluation with flying colors. They determined that we are moving forward with our goals in mind, as we continue to assist/teach our students as they get ready to meet the challenges of the next grade level, including those who are moving into high school and looking to be college bound.

Registration Fee Forms

The Registration Fee Forms will be in next week's Monday envelope. Please be sure to read the "Please Note Section," which explains when the registration fees will, automatically, be taken out from your checking account (ACH). Non-ACH families are due by March 15th. Remember to complete the top portion when returning the form.

From the Office

Please return the Family Envelope (the one that goes home on Mondays) EVERY Week. The information put into the envelope and the weekly newsletter are the major forms of communication we have with you.

Be sure to attach all payments to the correct form when turning monies into the office. Don't forget to label any envelopes with your name and event/reason for payment. Sometimes things are turned in without any identifying information . . . you'd be amazed at how many guessing games we need to play.

Please email or call when your child is absent or has a doctor's appointment.

Tardy Policy . . . "Excessive Tardiness is being late four (4) times per trimester. The fifth (5th) tardy and beyond is charged a \$25.00 fee." We are in the last trimester of the year, please try to avoid the fees and start out a bit earlier in the morning. A call to the office does not excuse a tardy. (page 27 of the Parent/Student Handbook)

Partners in Faith

In Monday's envelope, you will receive a copy of our "Partners in Faith" newsletter.

Please take note of . . .

- Lent is a chance to become the person God intends us to be. The desert of Lent allows us time and space to take back control of our environment, become more present to our families, and revise the messages we send to other. See the main articles on page 1
- Teachers and Principals have told us that students do well with individual skills, but skills that help them to be part of a group or community are tougher to build. The main article on page 2 offers suggestions.
- The Scripture Lesson reminds families that no matter how far we stray from God's love, he will always welcome us back with open arms.
- Also included is your bonus Lent issue with a faith-based activity for every family to help them grow in holiness during the Lenten season.

Friday, March 15th

March 15th is an Elementary Staff Day, a holiday for the students, but not for the teachers.

Calendar:

3/5	Emily, one of our Caritas representatives, will be here today to talk to the Fifth Grade about their upcoming trip to camp, March 25 th -29 th
3/6	9:00 Mass on Ash Wednesday. Your children should be in complete uniform. You might want to

	send along a raincoat and an umbrella, should they be needed. Rain is in the forecast!
3/7	A little "teaser" for the students . . . a scene or two from Mary Poppins, Jr. Thank you so much for supporting our musical/drama department.
3/8	Opening Performance at 7:00 PM
3/9	Mary Poppins, Jr. performances at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
3/10	Clean up from the performances
3/11	Report Cards are coming home today The diocese will be sending a representative out in the morning to measure the gym floors and bring some samples for flooring materials that could be used to replace the old carpet. YES!
3/12	SCRIP orders are due
3/13	Spring Pictures to be taken by Lifetouch in the morning. Free, appropriate dress may be worn, if your child is having his/her picture taken. Pizza Day
3/14	Mommy Muffins in TK/K before school Root Meeting for Principals in the area here on campus

Blessings,
Arlene

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