

Dear Holy Rosary School Families,

UPDATE

***MISSION ACTIVITY:** Our January mission activity is making cards for the children at both Montefiore and Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. We are hoping to create relationships between our students and these children as a way to bring God's love to those in need. This personal contact may help to bring comfort and peace to their lives during a tumultuous time. We have been working on these cards in class but if you would like to also take time at home to do the same we would be happy to pass those cards along as well! Please send in your cards next week and we will add them to our care package. Remote learners may email their cards or drop them off as well. Thank you!

***MAP ASSESSMENTS:** Beginning January 19th, the students of Holy Rosary School, both in person and remote learners, will take NWEA MAP Growth assessments. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Our school participates in these tests each year and usually they are administered 2-3 times per school year. MAP Growth tests are unique and adapt to each child's responses to measure skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level. They are an excellent tool to help us monitor progress and are especially helpful this year for teachers to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students. Please know that these assessments are diagnostic only and are not included in the report card average.

This week all learners, remote and in person, participated in a practice MAP assessment and overall it went smoothly. Please check Dojo for your child's specific assessment schedule over the next week and a half.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY DATES

- *1/18 School closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- *1/19 MAP assessments
- *1/26 School closed – Faculty Professional Development Day
- *1/29 Virtual Field Trip Day for all Grades PreK through grade 8
- *1/31-2/6 Catholic Schools Week 2021!
- *2/8 Report cards distributed in grades K-8
- *2/11-2/16 School Closed – mid winter recess

REMINDERS

***Second quarter Report Cards are distributed 2/8.** Please be sure to check Educate to review a report of your child's progress so far. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher(s) for a virtual conference or phone call.

COMING SOON

*Catholic Schools Week 2021 is on its way! January 31st through February 6th to celebrate the successes of Catholic Education and Holy Rosary School!!

VALUE OF THE MONTH

Our value for the month of December is HONESTY: **Honesty is being truthful in thoughts, words and actions. It means telling the truth.** “Put away falsehood, speak the truth... “ **Ephesians 4:25**

This value is being observed by all schools in the Arch and will be incorporated into our daily lessons throughout the month. Please join us in emphasizing this at home as well with your child so that together we help our students develop the virtue of being honesty each day in our lives.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend.

Say well and God bless,
Mrs Fusco