

# HIGHLIGHTS

## St. Anthony-St. Paul

### Early Childhood Campus

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#### March, 2021 Issue

Dear Families,

Last week we celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school by having students dress up as 100 year olds. This month we focus on Lent and begin preparing for Easter. Throughout the month you will see the students participating in projects that teach them about kindness to themselves and others.

#### NWEA/MAP Assessments:

Congratulations to the Archdiocesan Rockland Region Schools for their outstanding performance on the NWEA MAP Assessments. Rockland Schools are performing at a high achievement in comparison to national norms, and have made high growth overall when compared to their scores from the Winter 2020 assessment. Throughout this unprecedented time of COVID-19, Rockland Schools' doors have remained open for in-person learning five days a week. Our faith-based learning environment has continued moving forward, and the students are thriving socially, academically, and within their faith. A heart-felt thank you to the Rockland Region Catholic School principals, teachers, and staff who made this possible for our schools, and most of all, our students.

Rockland Region Catholic Schools are above the national norms for achievement and making significant growth as well, outpacing the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in both respects.

Stephen Marositz-ADNY Data and Assessment Manager

#### Registration:

The registration process for new and current students has started. If you know someone that is interested in attending our school, please ask them to call the school (845-268-6506) or send an email to [spsoffice@saintpaulschoolvc.org](mailto:spsoffice@saintpaulschoolvc.org) with their contact information and we will set up an appointment for them to attend an Open House.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$125 prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> must be paid in order to save your child's seat for the upcoming year. We have many new families interested in registering therefore it is recommended if your intention is for your child to return next year please pay the registration fee and save the seat as soon as possible.

God Bless you all with health, happiness and continued faith.

**Blessings to all!**

*Ms. J. Perez*

#### Important Dates:

March 1-5 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Seuss Week
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	½ day 11am dismissal Progress Reports (Sign and return)
March 17 <sup>th</sup> March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of St. Patrick's Day (Green Dress Down Day) Feast of St. Joseph
March 18 <sup>th</sup> March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Conference Day (School Closed)?? Teacher Conference Day (School Closed)
March 9, 16, 23, 30 <sup>th</sup>	Active Parenting Workshop
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Reader Day
March 28 April 1-9	Palm Sunday Easter Recess (School closed)

#### Congratulations to our February Raffle Basket Winners:

Hunter James (UPK, Ms. Samantha's Class)

Eleanor Liu (Kindergarten, Ms. Spinks' Class)

#### REMINDERS

- Please pay your tuition on time to avoid late fees. Tuition is due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month.
- All remote students must be on zoom each day. If they do not log in they are considered absent for the day.

**COVID Protocol Reminder**— Remember if your child exhibits any symptoms below related to Covid including but not limited to runny nose and coughing we must have a doctor's note stating these symptoms are not related to the Covid virus. **Please do not send your child to school if they have any of these symptoms.** They will be sent home until we have the doctor's note.

- Fever or chills
- Runny nose/Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**Uniforms:** All students should wear all components of their uniform unless it is a dress down day. Students should wear black shoes with their uniform not boots. If a student comes to school in boots please have their shoes in their backpack to change into. Mondays all students should be in gym uniform with sneakers.

## Catholic Identity

Value for the Month: Forgiveness  
Scripture: If you forgive others their transgressions, Your Heavenly Father will forgive you. (Galatians 6:9)  
Liturgical Time of Year: Lent

### A Lenten Prayer

Loving God,  
Help me this Lent to become 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.  
Give me courage when I am afraid,  
hope when I am discouraged,  
and clarity in times of decision.  
Guide my efforts during this Lenten journey  
to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace.  
Amen.

(adapted from the Dynamic Catholic website)

- Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, and concludes before the Triduum. (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday)
- Lent lasts for 40 days. (Sundays during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days.)
- Why 40 days? The number is significant throughout Scripture; Noah was on the Ark for 40 days, Moses fasted 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments, and Jesus spent 40 days fasting in preparation for His work on earth.
- The liturgical color for Lent is purple, the color of repentance and sorrow for sin.
- At Mass, purple vestments are worn by the priest during Lent. • The Gloria and Alleluia are not prayed during Lent.
- Fasting and Abstinence during Lent: Every person 14 years or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as, two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.)

## Classroom Chatter

**Pre-Kindergarten**— We are learning about books with a focus on Dr. Seuss. We are designing socks, making hats and sewing pockets while having fun rhyming.

**Kindergarten**- We are using our Chrome books to listen to stories on EPIC. We also love singing Jack Hartman sight word songs! During Science class we designed a Rocket Ship!

**First grade**- During math the students are counting up to 120 using different methods like skip counting by 2, 5, 10's etc. We focused on informational text reading during Black History month and learned about many different influential people.

Thank you to all our parents that engaged with our students this month. The students are always excited to see who our mystery readers each month are. Our students were able to hear about different careers and also went on a virtual field trip to a fire house.

If you have something exciting, you would like to share with our students or want to be a mystery reader please reach out to your child's teacher. You are a partner in your child's education and we welcome new and exciting opportunities for the students into the classroom.

### Dr. Seuss Week March 1-5<sup>th</sup>

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dress with Red and White

March 3<sup>rd</sup>- Dress with Mix/Match for Wacky Wednesday

## Spotlight on Staff

This month we thank Mrs. Caporale and Mrs. Gardini in a special way for keeping their students engaged. It takes a lot of effort to be creative and differentiate work to keep each child interested in the topics presented but more so with students that are learning through “zoom school”. Mrs. Caporale does an amazing job at making sure our remote learners have all the material they need to participate in class each day. She makes sure to give both her remote learners and in-person students equal quality instructional time throughout the day. She makes juggling teaching online and in-person students at the same time look easy.

Mrs. Gardini not only helps with the first grade students but she also helps to safely cross our bus students safely each day between the two buildings. Mrs. Gardini has become our “bus monitor” and our go to person. She collects attendance each morning and is willing to help out wherever she is needed. Thank you Mrs. Gardini.

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