Lent Week 2 Theme: Pray
Next week (March 2-6) the theme is "Pray". Students will be watching the following Fr. Mike Schmitz video in their religion classes with the theme of prayer: Tips for Praying: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yk8In-6KUGc We invite you to watch the video and have a conversation with your student(s) about this week's theme!

Large Band Group to Lisbon- March 4th
Large Group Band Festival is just around the corner! We are heading to Lisbon on Wednesday, March 4th. Students should wear regular dress code for Large Group but are encouraged to wear RED dress code shirts (if red shirts are unavailable then white is acceptable). Students will need to bring cold lunch to school that day.

Xavier Speech Festival Rescheduled - March 5th
On Thursday, March 5th, 29 Regis students will head to Xavier to participate alongside students from both St. Joseph and LaSalle in this year's Xavier Speech Festival. This event allows students to explore theater through the world of speech, participating in ensembles, monologues, and improv acting. These 29 students will be performing eight monologues, seven ensembles, and five improv skits for a set of Xavier speech students who will act as judges to provide both feedback and encouragement. Break a leg, Regis students!

Parent-Teacher Conferences Coming Up - March 5th & 11th
Regis Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Thursday, March 5th (3:30-7 pm) and Wednesday, March 11th (3:30-7:30 pm) in the gym. These conferences are walk-in style, no appointments needed. Each teacher will be available to meet with you, and you can choose to meet with as many of your child’s teachers as you’d like. Please plan to attend conferences one of these days.

Conference Meal Sign Up: Once again, we kindly request the assistance of our generous parents to help provide food for our teachers during Parent Teacher conferences. If you are able to help, please sign up by clicking HERE. Thank you!

From the Counseling Office
The end of third quarter is March 12th! Fourth quarter Exploratory sign up will be taking place next week. Students must take one service exploratory course during the school year. You can find fourth quarter exploratory course descriptions here.

1st Friday Liturgy and Adoration: March 6th
All are invited to join us for First Friday Liturgy at 7 am in the chapel on Friday, March 6. Following liturgy there will be adoration until 2:45 pm. Students will get to attend during their Religion classes. If you are interested in signing up for a time to come when there will not be a Religion Class, please sign up HERE:

Pickleball Tournament Wednesday, March 4th
The Humane Society Exploratory will be hosting a pickleball tournament after school on Wednesday, March 4th from 3-4:00 pm. Cost for a team of two will be $8. Registrations are due in the main office by Tuesday, March 3rd. Entry to watch the tournament will be $1. Water & popcorn will be sold for $1 each. All proceeds will go to the Humane Society.

Donations Needed for Care Kits
Care Kits for the Homeless Exploratory class is collecting items to make kits for the homeless, with the goal to reach as many homeless as possible this Winter. A box will be available in the Main Office to drop off your items until March 6th. Items needed include, but are not limited to: hotel size shampoo, soap, toothbrush, small packages of hand wipes, toothpaste, razors, shave cream, any other personal hygiene items, fruit snacks, granola bars, crackers with peanut butter or cheese, raisins, socks, mittens, gift cards/money and anything else that might come to mind. We also need large Ziplock bags to put items in to make up the kits. The students will also be making cards to put in the kits to help bring a little cheer to everyone that receives them. Thank you!

Financial Aid Information for 2020-21 School Year

- The online FACTS application for STO award consideration is open and available at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. This application is REQUIRED for consideration of STO Awards and Regis Local Tuition Assistance.
- If your family applied through FACTS last year, please use your same name and password.
- Families MUST upload a completed 2019 federal tax return and related tax documents if they are required to file a federal return.
- The application deadline is April 15, 2020. This is a firm deadline and all families are strongly encouraged to meet this deadline.
- The application fee is $31.00 per application (not per child).
- If your family needs assistance with your application, you can call the FACTS Helpline at 866-315-9262; Monday - Thursday 7:30 am to 7 pm and Friday 7:30 am to 5 pm.
If you have questions about the Financial Aid process, please contact Mary Carey, mcarey@regisroyals.org, in the Business Office at Regis Middle School.

Plan to attend Royal T Night 2020 -- Keys for Keyboards!

Date: Friday, April 17th
Time: 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Place: Regis Middle School
Why: To raise money for new student computers! (iPads, Chromebooks & laptops)
Cost $60 per person, $400 for table for 8
Get your tickets: Online at charityauction.bid/RoyalTNight2020 or contact Dianne at dclarke@regisroyals.org or 363-1968.

Regis’ only annual fundraising event, Royal T Night, is a fun adults-only casual evening of great food and drink, silent and live auctions, raffles, games and fellowship with the Regis community.

NEW THIS YEAR! A fun addition to this year's event -- entertainment is Pianopalooza, dueling pianos! Proceeds raised from this year's Royal T Night will go toward updating the computer technology utilized by students for 1-to-1 use and in the computer lab.

We are looking for sponsors! If you own a company or know of anyone who would be interested in being a sponsor, email Dianne Clarke at dclarke@regisroyals.org for more information.

Shout Out to These Students
Shout out to Kjirsten Jorgensen for welcoming a new student to Regis with an email, so the student saw it the first time she logged in! Thank you for the wonderful welcome to Regis, Kjirsten!
Shout out to Leila Johnson who has worked extra hard the past couple months to learn to read music in a new way from what she learned in France, advancing quickly through our method book, and becoming a true asset to the 6th Grade Band. Great work, Leila!

Shout out to Ben Balster for always being responsible and respectful. Thanks for going the extra mile and helping put up extra chairs at the end of the day without being asked!

Royal Happenings

2nd Annual Middle School Religion Bee: The Regional Religion Bee is Friday, March 6 at 1pm at Blessed Maria Assunta Pollatta in Waterloo. Good luck to the following who will be competing from Regis: Emma Von Kampen, Rob Welch, and Abe Renze and our alternates: Quinn Oleson, and Jolene Scherrman. Guests are welcome to cheer on our Royals!

Upcoming Regis Music Department events -- Mark your calendars for the following events involving Regis vocal and instrumental students:

Eclipse Show Choir/Combo
Marion Masquerade on Friday, February 28th; performs at 8 pm

Regis Bands to Large Group Band Festival in Lisbon
Wednesday, March 4th
6th Grade Band Performance/Clinic at 9:30 am
7th/8th Grade Band Performance/Clinic at 11 am

Eclipse Show Choir/Combo
Xavier Xtravaganza on Saturday, March 7th at Xavier

Eclipse Show Choir/Combo
Parent Finale Night Monday, March 9th, at 7 pm at Regis

Jazz Band and Show Choir Tour
To St. Matthew, All Saints, St. Pius X Schools on Thursday, March 12th

Mock Trial Camp this Summer: Regis Mock Trial Camp will be held July 20-24 at Mt. Mercy this Summer. For camp forms email Mr. Efting at jefting@regisroyals.org.

Help Wanted at Regis
Regis needs to fill the following open position:

Lunch Room Help -- Needed each Monday and Tuesday, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, to serve lunch and cleanup. Paid position with lunch included. We urgently need to fill this position, so if you are interested please contact Nann Canfield by March 4th at ncanfield@regisroyals.org.
Regis Coaching Positions Needed for Track -- Regis-LaSalle is currently in need of three track coaches for our shared 7th & 8th grade boys and girls team. Practices may begin March 23rd with the season concluding in mid-May. Any potential coach must have their K-12 Iowa Coaching Authorization. Expected practice times are 3:45-5:15. If interested, please contact Dan Halter at dhalter@regisroyals.org or call Regis at 363-1968.

Transportation Reimbursement Reminders
Second semester non-public transportation reimbursement forms for the area school districts are due May 1st. Click the district in which you live to find the form you need to submit. Remember Cedar Rapids school district forms need to be turned in to the Regis office. Contact Dianne Clarke at dclarke@regisroyals.org if you have any questions.

Cedar Rapids Community School District
College Community School District
Linn Mar Community School District
Marion Independent School District

Do you happen to have . . .
. . . a dorm size refrigerator you aren’t using? If so, we’d love to have it available for our 7th and 8th grade teachers upstairs to use. Please contact Dianne at dclarke@regisroyals.org if you do. Thank you!

Share your Regis photos with us!
Do you have memories of your Regis students this year that you’d like to share? Our Yearbook Exploratory would love to see them! It’s easy to download them for their use. Just follow the directions found HERE. If you have any questions please contact Miss Rowan at jrowan@regisroyals.org. Thank you!

Please help make Steve Graham’s wish come true!
Long time St. Elizabeth Ann Seton members, Steve & Ali Graham & family, will be in the St. Pius Youth Room on Monday, March 9th from 2:30-5:30 PM. Please plan to stop by and say hello. Steve was diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer on Good Friday, 2019. He was recently moved from a curative plan to managed care. He told his wife, Ali (former Kindergarten Aide at St. Pius Elementary), he would really like to return home to Iowa to visit with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers while he is still able to travel. Supporters of the family’s GoFundMe account have made this trip possible. They have daughters, Mallorie (age 29) & McKenna (age 26), and sons (who previously attended St. Pius Elementary): Brady (7th grade), Asher & Eli (twins in 5th grade). Steve, Ali and the boys will be present on the 9th and would welcome a visit from you!! Please stop by if you can. Thank you!!!
Catholic Daughters Scholarships for Fall 2020 high school freshmen
National Catholic Daughters Court will award two $1,000 scholarships to 8th grade students entering the 9th grade at a Catholic high school in the Fall of 2020. Requirements include: you must be a Catholic, attend a Catholic high school fall 2020, write a 500-word essay on “How will I be compassionate and bring the spirit of God to others?” and provide letters of reference and list of church, community, and school activities. Entries must be postmarked by April 1. For entry forms please contact Susan at 389-5512.

Knights of Columbus Council 909 Lenten Fish Fries
Knights of Columbus Council 909, which supports St. Matthew and St. Patrick churches, will again be holding their Lenten Fish Fries. To learn more click here.

CRAYM Hosting Youth Overnight Lock In -- March 18 & 19
The Cedar Rapids Area Youth Ministers (CRAYM) is hosting Fort God, an overnight lock-in for students in grades 6-8, on March 18 & 19 at St. Jude Church in Cedar Rapids. For information and a permission slip, please click here.

MCO Update
Thank you for your continued support of Metro Catholic Outreach. Some of our current needs include: Garden/Maintenance Help—we’ll be needing several more helpers at our Prairiewoods garden. Even if you’re not a gardener, we can use help with mowing, mower maintenance, tool cleaning/oiling, general yard work & fix-it type tasks. **Please email me directly at Christine.Kirpes@metrocatholicoutreach.org if interested. TOP NEEDS-ADULT GLOVES-warm and/or the stretchy kind; GLOVES, HATS, & Scarves; plastic utensils for homeless bag; Peanut Butter; Jelly; TUNA and other Canned Meat; Soup, Stew, Chili; Pasta sauce & Tomato products; Canned Fruit!; Pork & Beans; Potatoes (flakes or fresh); Rice products; Helper Meals; Crackers; Muffin, Cake, or other Mixes; Baking Supplies; Homeless Bag Items (easy open single-serve items)-protein/meals especially; Toilet Paper & other paper products; Small/Trial-sized shampoo/conditioner, body wash, lotion, etc.; Dental care items-toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss (thanks for all recent donations!); Full-size personal care products (for larger families); Laundry detergent PODS; Household cleaning supplies. Your help-prayers, donations, volunteering here or at your parishes, does make it so much easier for us to carry out our shared mission. Thank you! If you wish to donate shelf stable food items to MCO you may take your donations directly to them at 420 6th St SE, #120, Cedar Rapids or call them at 319-739-5490. Thank you!

On the Radar
Monday, March 2 (Red)
- Speech Improv Rehearsal 7 am
- 6th Grade Choir Breakfast 7:20 am
- Musical Rehearsal (Lines only for Scenes 2, 4, 7 & 9 in the Library **3:30 pm**
- Xavier Cheerleading Parent Meeting @ Xavier **5:30 pm**

**Tuesday, March 3 (Gold)**
- Speech Ensemble Rehearsal **7 am**
- 7th & 8th Grade Choir Breakfast **7:20 am**
- Jazz Band One Rehearsal **3-4 pm**
- Wrestling @ Harding **3:30 pm**

**Wednesday, March 4 (Red)**
- Large Group Band Festival- Lisbon
- Speech All Monologues Rehearsal **7 am**
- Liturgy **10 am**
- Pickleball Tournament **3-4 pm**
- Musical Rehearsal in the Library **3:30-4:30 pm**

**Thursday, March 5 (Gold)**
- 7th Grade Art Display
- Xavier Speech Festival
- Eclipse Show Choir Rehearsal **7 am**
- Eclipse Combo Rehearsal **7 am**
- Intro to Jazz Practice **3-3:45 pm**
- Wrestling vs Roosevelt & Wilson @ LaSalle **3:30 pm**

**Friday, March 6 (Red)**
- Spirit Day
- 7th Grade Art Display
- First Friday Liturgy **7 am**
- 2nd Annual Middle School Spelling Bee @ Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta in Waterloo
- Jazz Band One Rehearsal **7 am**
- Musical Rehearsal (Choreography: The Ball/Everyone) **3-4 pm**

**Saturday, March 7**
- Xavier Xtravaganza Show Choir Competition