Good Sunday morning and Happy Valentine's Day!

And, as you know, tomorrow is Presidents' Day and there is no school. Keep an eye on the weather forecast and the possibility of school closing for Tuesday. Right now, there is a winter storm warning. From the National Weather Service: "...WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 1 AM MONDAY TO 1 PM EST TUESDAY... WHAT...Heavy snow expected. Total snow accumulations of 8 to 10 inches. Locally higher amounts up to 12 inches are possible by Tuesday afternoon."

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. I am working on some details for ideas that we can use to make this Lenten season a holy one. Stay tuned... In the meantime, there are some well thought out plans in the parish. Check out the bulletin if you are still participating in Mass through live-stream and do not have a physical bulletin: https://stcharlesonline.org/bulletins.

On Wednesday, students in K-8 will participate in prayer services where we will pray, listen to the Word, and there will be distribution of ashes. We will be placing ashes on foreheads as physical and visual reminder of the beginning of Lent. Students in K-3 will pray at 8:30am, grades 4-6 will participate at 1:00pm and grades 7 & 8 at 2:00pm. These services will be in church.

The usual drama club and math tutoring sessions will take place on the normal days and times.

Students in orchestra will have their lessons on Friday to make up for Monday's day off.

**Re-registration forms and fee are due on Friday.** We will begin accepting new students after Friday.

Junior high will be attending Mass on Friday.

We welcome two new teachers to our Saint Charles School family. Ms. Kim Klein is a part time intervention specialist who will work with students who have an IEP. Mr. Steve Brofman is a part time Title I teacher who will be working with students who need some additional support for understanding and success.

**MENU CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK:** (Thanks Ms. Rachael for letting us know ahead of time so we can plan!) Tuesday February 16th
Half of the children will receive the original main item of mini corn dogs, the other half of the children will receive a hotdog as main item. Side items remain the same.
Thursday February 18th
The main item will change to a hamburger or cheeseburger instead of the chicken patty. Side dishes remain the same.

The teachers and other adults who work in our school will have their first COIVD19 vaccination shot on Saturday, February 20.

Pray for our second graders who will be receiving the healing graces of our God through the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday at 1:00pm.

Congratulations to seventh grader Helyna Park who was chosen (People's Choice) Miss Buckeye State as part of the USA National Miss Ohio pageant. In speaking with Helyna, she enjoys being a part of this because she meets really kind peers and the pageant promotes being positive and truly caring about your neighbor. Helyna and some of her classmates have started the "Positivity Posse" at Saint Charles - more about that soon! And good luck to Helyna who is now eligible for national competition in Florida.

More congratulations are in order for our eighth graders who applied to Catholic High Schools. From what we heard from the students (and I received an email announcing acceptances from Padua and Saint Ignatius), all our students have been accepted and many with scholarships! The Catholic high schools to which our students will be going are Saint Edward High School, Saint Ignatius High School, Holy Name High School, and Padua High School.

From our second reading at Mass today - a reminder of how to live each day:
"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

Oh my – I almost forgot...

This Friday, the PTU begins hosting a carry-out only Fish Fry. We are so pleased to be able to offer this to the community.

You can make the process even easier if you print the menu and fill it out prior to coming to the gym for Fish Fry.

Attached is the menu.

If you are willing to help on any of the Fridays, let Dana Pasela know by texting her at 440-340-9311 or email at danapasela@gmail.com. Each time you volunteer, you will be entered into the raffle for free tuition for next school year!

Have a wonderful Sunday!

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