February 7, 2021

Good chilly Sunday morning! **Congratulations to third grader Emily Berg** who is receiving her First Holy Communion today at noon Mass.

**Thanks for a fabulous Catholic Schools Week.** We had so much fun with matching masks, praying and playing (except junior high - that will be rescheduled), daily scavenger hunts (winning classes will be announced tomorrow), a Kahoot, all school Bingo (thanks Mr. Pelcin), and daily "celebrity" announcers (teachers and Fr. Josh!) **Thanks to all of you for sharing the gift of your children with us so that together we can be the village that raises the kids in our faith!** The top "Match the Mask" students in each homeroom are in this video (2 minutes) - the teachers voted and #16 (Sophie Egnaczyk) was the winner in the whole school: [https://youtu.be/-IYAQeLoRno](https://youtu.be/-IYAQeLoRno)

**One tremendous thank you and sad goodbye to our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Colleen Bennett.** Mrs. Bennett has been such an efficient, dedicated, and caring person in the lives of all the children. Prior to Covid, she was the one who ordered/baked all the a la carte items that your children loved in addition to cooking and serving all the main menu meals every day. She knew that lunch is a favorite time of the day for many kids - and she wanted it to be the best experience for each of them. Mrs. Bennett was training lately for a new career in the medical field. It was a difficult decision for her to leave Saint Charles, but she is following her new path and we wish her all the best. **If you want to write or send a thank you to Mrs. Bennett, send them to school and we will get them to her.**

**We are not without a new cafeteria manager.** Miss Rachael was here all this past week training and I think we are in very good hands. **Welcome to Miss Rachael** - at least that is what the kids will call her :)

**Speaking of the cafeteria,** before Mrs. Bennett left, she inquired about **what we should do with all the lunch passes families had purchased prior to the availability of free lunch for everyone.** Those returning to Saint Charles next year - passes will be "rolled over" into next year. Those who are leaving or graduating, you will get a refund.

**Last info about the cafeteria - there is a menu change for Monday.** Riblets are not available so lunch will be pasta with meat sauce, broccoli, and fresh fruit.

**Next Sunday is February 14 - Valentine's Day!** Each grade/homeroom will send or have sent information about classroom celebrations of friendship. Each year our first graders host a Valentine delivery service. It is a project that teaches the first graders about community helpers in social studies and is just a fun time for everyone. **Please see the attachment for details.**
WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our Saint Charles PTU has determined that we will be able to safely have Lenten Fish Fries in 2021 - carry out only. While many parishes continue to cancel events, our PTU wants the people of Parma to be able to have fish fry on Fridays in Lent. However, we still need some help - won't you consider giving three hours of your time to our PTU? For each Friday that you volunteer, your name will be entered into a raffle for FREE TUITION for the 2021-2022 school year! Here is the Google Form to complete to volunteer for ONE Friday or several Fridays:

https://forms.gle/9McvQ7LkyQTz8ogk8

Attached is the February calendar. Apologies that it is late, but you did know the events of last week from both the January 2021 calendar which included the first week of February and there was the Catholic Schools Week calendar. Orchestra, student savers, band, drama club, and fifth/sixth grade morning math labs are all happening on scheduled days this week.

Grades 4 through 6 will participate in 8:30am Mass on Friday.

Mark your calendars for Monday, February 15 as Presidents' Day and therefore no school.

Vaccination update: Our "adults who work in schools" are scheduled to receive the first vaccination shot on Saturday, February 20 in the early morning. The second shot is scheduled for Saturday, March 13. The teachers are going to have to wake up early on their Saturdays. After talking to many people who have received the second shot and researching the side effects of the second vaccination, we have decided to schedule a calamity day on Monday, March 15. Many are still experiencing side effects two to three days after the shot is received. This is the responsible decision - to let you know now rather than on March 14 that too many adult employees are not feeling well and we can't have school.

Have a super rest of your Superbowl Sunday!

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