

News from the Bears' Den



February 17, 2021

From the Principal . . .

And just like that, it is Lent. All students received ashes this morning from Fr. Jim as we begin our Lenten journey. Rice bowls were sent home last week and will be collected at the end of Lent. Fr. Jim and I are working to schedule adoration time for the students as well as confessions and Stations of the Cross. I'll let you all know definitive days and times soon!

March is right around the corner and with it is Reading Month! Ms. Willenborg and Ms. Borja are working to put together a calendar of some fun reading activities for our students. We're hoping to have a few parents and/or grandparents willing to do some virtual reading with our students. :)

It's been a COLD week but hopefully we'll see a warm up soon-these kids need to get outside! Stay safe and warm and enjoy the half day.

Blessings,

Camille DeLano



Upcoming Events . . .

- Friday, Feb. 19 - GLOW Color Day
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 - Mid-Term Progress Report Go Home (grades 5th-8th only)

Michigan Child Protection Registry

The state of Michigan is offering a free program to stop adult-oriented advertisements from reaching e-mails and mobile phones (text messaging ads). The Michigan Child Protection Registry allows Michigan schools and families to protect their students from receiving adult-themed content. Simply enter your child's cell phone number, email address, and Instant Messenger ID to prevent inappropriate ads from reaching your child. You can access more information at: <https://www.protectmichild.com/>

24th Annual Ribs-n-Raffle

We invite you to become a sponsor for the 24th Annual Ribs-n-Raffle event. An envelope with information about the event was sent home a couple weeks ago.

Sick Children

This has not changed!! We cannot emphasize this enough-PLEASE continue to keep sick children at home; this includes runny nose/cough/sore throat (depending on the severity, we may ask that siblings remain home as well). Should a student have a runny nose, cough, the stomach flu, fever, diarrhea, sore throat/strep throat, etc., we ask that you also keep all siblings home. We are trying our best to maintain in-person learning and can only do this with your help. Thank you!

Online VIRTUS training

You can still do the VIRTUS training online if interested! Even though we are not using many volunteers this year, that will hopefully change next fall. All volunteers must complete this training and you only have to do it once. To register:

1. Go to www.virtus.org to create an account, where you will select "first-time registrant".
2. Select the first option "begin the registration process".
3. Select the Diocese of Kalamazoo as a location from the drop down menu.
4. Set up a username and password for an account.
5. Email mhentz@diokzoo.org for the instructions to complete the online training module.