

PARENT NEWSLETTER
MARCH 4, 2021

Dear Parents,

Happy and holy third week of Lent! In Sunday's readings we are reminded to give God our hearts and souls in worship. Jesus went into the temple which had been turned into a money market and chased everyone out reminding everyone that this was His Father's house. In the pandemic we have missed being within the physical building of the church, but it has helped us also remember that **we are the Church**. Jesus is present within each of us through the sacraments and His Word. Sometimes the only page of the Gospel people will ever read is our example of loving presence to them. We are His Church to them.

Tomorrow the faculty will be having an after school inservice on **Social Emotional Learning**. In order to allow our teachers to participate and learn more about the SEL curriculum that they received **we will have to have a NOON dismissal**. There will be daycare available.

On Saturday twelve of our 6th through 8th grade students will be participating in the annual **Academic Decathlon** with schools across the United States. These students have been faithfully studying since the beginning of October for individual subjects: religion, math, science, social studies, fine arts, current events, language arts and literature. They are also working as a team in five areas: religion, fine arts, science, social studies and literature. The last component they will compete in is logic. Every Monday night since October they have met until 7:45 to learn how to complete logic puzzles. We are so very proud of our students, the best team Saint Anne has ever seen. Pray that they have a successful meet all day Saturday.

The end of the **Second Trimester is on March 12th**. Please check FACTS to make sure your son/daughter has completed assignments. We want every student to be successful, but in order to be successful they must turn in assignments. If you have any questions please contact the teacher. Report cards will be given out on March 16th electronically.

On **March 19th we will have a NOON dismissal** so that our teachers can attend an inservice on using the STAR data effectively to reach struggling students and also to reach our high achievers of which we have many. There will be day care.

On **April 2, Holy Thursday, we will have NO SCHOOL**. We will be off until April 12th when school will resume. We hope that you and your family will attend the Holy Week services here at Saint Anne Parish or in any of the churches near your home. Students will have the opportunity of receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation on March 15th. They will prepare for this in their classrooms.

Next week we will announce the **winners of the READING CHALLENGE** at one of our morning assemblies. The class winners will be announced and will receive a class prize. The top

student per class will receive a certificate and an Amazon Gift Card. They will be celebrated on our Constant Contact newsletter.

We are now in the **HOLY JEOPARDY Contest preparation**. Each student in Grades 1-8 should have received the questions and answers so that they can learn them. Classroom teachers will hold the contest to decide who is FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH. The Knights of Columbus will be coming on March 31st to present the awards at our morning assembly.

Thank you for all your support of our school. Thank you also to the many who have taken advantage of the **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION through FACTS**. We are looking forward to a new year without the restrictions of the pandemic. God bless you and your family. Sr. Teresa