

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well and ready for a great weekend. We are now in our first week of Lent and are remembering to **WALK WITH JESUS IN LOVE** during this very sacred time. We are reminded of how important it is to share our faith with our children. In Ephesians 4:15 we hear these words, 'Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.' This is our responsibility as Christians and Catholics, to live in love and to speak in love so that by our witness our children will follow in our steps.

There are just a few weeks left of this semester. If your child/children have missing assignments please help them to complete it and turn it in for at least a 50%. The last date to turn in any work is March 5th. Report cards will go home the following week.

We will be having **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** for next year from February 22 through March 22. This means that you may register your children by putting down \$100 and then qualify for a reduced registration of \$300 to \$250 per child. The rest of the payment must be made in May or you can pay early. We anticipate a higher enrollment next year. We are getting many requests for tours and information about our school for next year. Due to the fact that we may still need some social distancing in our classrooms we will limit the number of students per classroom.

Our Academic Decathlon Team is preparing to compete on March 6th in a **VIRTUAL COMPETITION THIS YEAR**. We have an outstanding group of 6th through 8th grade students who have worked since October to read and study all of the material. Please remember them in your prayer that they will do their very best. Tomorrow there will be a **MOCK DECATHLON MEET** here at Saint Anne's School from 7:30 am to Noon. This will get them acquainted with the Virtual Format of the competition and give us an idea of how we will do at the actual event.

Our students will have the opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** sometime this Lenten Season. We will let you know the date so that if any Distance Learners would like to come, they may do so.

We are in the middle of our **READING CHALLENGE**. We sent home **TICKETS** for you to use to ask for SPONSORS for your children and so that you will be able to raise the \$50.00 needed to help offset the \$400.00 that you will need to pay for your FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT at the end of the year. We hope that your children are also reading everyday for at least 15 minutes in books that they enjoy reading.

Next month we will have HOLY JEOPARDY, a religion contest, in which students will compete against one another in their own classrooms. There will be winners for the contest itself per grade level and we will also have cash prizes for the three families who raise the most money on our **FUNDRAISING WEBSITE** where you can ask your friends and family to support your children with their donation to the school.

Our teachers recently received training in **Social Emotional Learning** and will receive our second workshop on this on March 5th which will be a NOON DISMISSAL. We feel this is an important need during the pandemic especially and will begin to use a curriculum called In Focus so that at least 10 minutes of each day will be SEL training. These are some of the outcomes we hope will result for our students:

- Develop awareness, management and expression of feelings
- Develop focusing and attention skills
- Improve the ability to calm and soothe themselves
- Reduce bullying and impulsive behavior
- Improve listening and communication skills
- Learn how to deal with conflict and stress
- Improve self esteem and confidence
- Increase sensitivity and empathy

Have a blessed weekend. We continue to pray for everyone who has been affected by COVID, and in particular this week, **Mr. Diego Calderon**, who passed away last week of COVID. He is the husband of our former lunch room coordinator Mrs. Angela Calderon. God bless, Sr. Teresa