

February 28, 2020

Dear , ASA Families

March is Reading Month

March is reading month! We have many fun activities planned. Please review the [middle school](#) and [elementary](#) flyers for more information.

Health Reminder

With cold and flu season upon us, the Kent County Health Department and the CDC recommend children, parents, and staff to take the following everyday preventive actions to prevent the spread of illness:

- Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.

LIKE Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion

Saturday, February 29, 2020
West Catholic Cafeteria (1801 Bristol Ave NW)
Screening: 1-2 p.m. / Panel Discussion: 2-2:30 p.m.

West Catholic's Counseling Department is hosting a screening of the compelling new documentary "LIKE." More than 2 billion people have smartphones today, and we check our phones on average an incredible 150 times every day. Technology makes our lives easier in so many ways - but what is the cost of our dependence, and our children's reliance, on screens? "LIKE" reveals the true effects of technology on the brain and uncovers the impact social media can have on our lives. The film's mission is to educate, inform and inspire people to effectively self-regulate their screen time. The "LIKE" screening will be followed by an informative panel discussion featuring local experts:

- Kristin Lothschutz, MA, LLPC - Counselor from the Franciscan Life Process Center

- Fr. Andrew Ayers - Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Consolation and Co-chaplain of West Catholic
- Diane Ysasi - School Counselor and American School Counselor Association Anxiety & Stress Management Specialist
- Jeff Bailey - Instructional Technology Specialist

This event is free and open to the public. Teens, tweens, parents, educators and community members are invited to attend.

ABOUT "LIKE": A new documentary exploring the impact of social media on our lives, the mission of "LIKE" is to inspire, inform and help equip all of us to effectively self-regulate screen time. Social media is a tool and social platforms are a place to connect, share and care... but is that what's really happening? The film features interviews with experts including Max Stossel, Head of Education & Content at the Center for Humane Technology; Leah Pearlman, Co-Creator of the Facebook "Like" button; Dr. Jerry Bubrick, Senior Psychologist at Child Mind Institute; Professor Jevin West, DataLab, iSchool, University of Washington; John Borthwick, CEO, Betaworks; and Professor Katie Davis, author of The App Generation. To learn more, please visit thelikemovie.com.

Any questions can be directed to the West Catholic Counseling Office – 616-233-5909

Does This App Have a Hidden Doorway to Google?

This is a common question received by our friends at Protect Young Eyes. The typical answer is YES. They believe it's wise to make the assumption that just about any app, regardless of the app's purpose, has some hidden backdoor to Google. And, if your child is using an iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch, hidden Google searches through apps don't obey the phone's Restrictions! Protect Young Eyes recommends using the 7-day rule – all parents use apps for 7 days before allowing kids to have access. No matter what Disney princess is on the app!

Please follow ASA on [ASA Today Blog](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Upcoming Dates

Monday, March 2

ES Reading Bike Raffle Kick Off
7:40 am Early Birds, Rm 109 Elementary

Tuesday, March 3

7:40 am Early Birds, Rm 109 Elementary

12:45 pm K-3 Native Talk, Schiller Learning Center
3:45-5:00 pm Homework Club, Middle School

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 am ES Drop Everything and Read
10:30 am Elementary (K-3) Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church
3:30-4:25 pm Middle School Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center
3:45-5:00 pm Homework Club, Middle School

Thursday, March 5

Hearing & Vision Re-screening, Elementary
7:40 am Early Birds, Rm 109 Elementary
8:10 - 10:20 am MSBOA Band Festival Grade 7, East Grand Rapids High School
8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church
9:25 am - 1:45 pm 4th Grade Songfest Rehearsal, West Catholic
12:30 - 3:00 pm MSBOA Band Festival Grade 8, East Grand Rapids High School
3:45-5:00 pm Homework Club, Middle School
7:00 pm 4th Grade Songfest, West Catholic

Friday, March 6

2nd Trimester Ends
\$1 Jeans Day for HELP Pregnancy
Hearing & Vision Re-screening, Elementary
7:40 am Early Birds, Rm 109 Elementary
8:00 am Middle School Rosary, Gym
8:15 am Elementary Rosary, Gym

Monday March 9

Elementary Book Fair
7:40 am Early Birds, Rm 109 Elementary

Tuesday, March 10

Elementary Book Fair
Dress Up Comfy Day
7:40 am Early Birds, Rm 109 Elementary
3:45-5:00 pm Homework Club, Middle School

Wednesday, March 11

Elementary Book Fair
10:30 am Elementary (K-3) Mass, Blessed Sacrament
2:45 pm Superintendent Parent Discussion, Elementary
3:30-4:25 pm Middle School Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center
3:45-5:00 pm Homework Club, Middle School

Thursday, March 12

Elementary Book Fair

7:40 am Early Birds, Rm 109 Elementary
8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude
11:00 am - 12:30 pm MSBOA District X Jass Festival, Northview HS
3:45-5:00 pm Homework Club, Middle School

Friday, March 13

No School PreK-8 - Professional Development
Child Care Open

K-8 Report Cards Published to Infinite Campus

God Bless,

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The ASA Sponsor/Community Partner of the week is: Schaafsma Heating and Cooling



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