Friday's "Knightly" News

March 8, 2019

"To provide a school environment in which
Christ is encountered, and
discipleship is fostered
through the teaching and practice
of Catholic traditions, values and doctrine,
while challenging each student to academic excellence."

A Community of Faith, Family, and Learning

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Friday, March 8th	**Fish Fry 4-8 p.m.**
Wednesday, March 13th	**Mass 8 a.m.** **Hot Lunch- Burgers** **PSA Meeting 6:30 p.m.**
Thursday, March 14th	**Lenten Prayer Service 7 p.m.**
Friday, March 15th	**Color Day $.25- Green for All**
Saturday, March 16th	**St. Patrick's Day Party**

School Registration/Tuition Assistance: Thank you to the many families who have already registered for the 2019-2020 school year. All forms are posted on our school website and are fillable forms. Please return the forms to the school office. **All families who register prior to April 1st will receive a $300 credit on their tuition for the upcoming**

year. If you are requesting any financial assistance, you must complete the diocesan application no later than April 30th.

To register, please complete the following steps:

- Complete and return to the office the "Family Information Sheet" and the "Tuition Contract". These forms are on our school website.
- Denise will email you once you are finalized to go to FACTS to pay the registration fee. If you prefer, you may also send a check to the school office for $300. We ask that you pay the registration fee, and for those families who complete registration prior to April, a credit will then be applied to your account.

The Technology Fee can be paid in your chosen payment plan. **Please adhere to the deadlines for both the tuition discount for registration prior to April 1st and the tuition assistance application.**

All credit card payments will incur a 2.85% fee from FACTS. This fee is not received by St. William but is collected by FACTS and given to the credit card processing company. To avoid paying the fee, you can use a bank ACH electronic transfer withdrawal as that does not incur any fees. The School Administrative Oversight Board implemented the change in school year 2019-2020 because the school was paying thousands of dollars in credit card fees in the past.

Fish Fry: Our favorite time of the year is here! The Fish Fry at St. William is open beginning Friday, March 8th. Dinners are served beginning at 4 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. Bring your family and guests to enjoy a delicious meal. Students who are working the Fish Fry must have registered. If you were not able to attend the parent meeting last week, contact Paul Smentowski at psment62@comcast.net. If students have registered to work the Fish Fry and need to stay after school, parents must contact the school office. We will be releasing these to the Fish Fry staff immediately after dismissal. **We also are going to have a school informational booth at the Fish Fry. We need parents to volunteer to be at this table. Please go to the Sign Up Genius link below to volunteer.**

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4eabaa22a75-school

A special thank you to those who have already signed up including Dianna Diffenderfer, Siham Shammo, Jen Kalis, Laura Martel, Kelly Rockwell, and Eileen Wolter. We appreciate your help.

St. Joseph Day Celebration: On Wednesday, March 20th, we will be celebrating our Dads, Grandfathers and Uncles with mass at 8am and a reception to follow! Flyers went home in your child's backpack last week and is also attached to the newsletter. Please RSVP as soon as you can! We look forward to seeing all of you on March 20th. If you

have any questions, please contact Cyndy Marsh. We will be celebrating St. Joseph Day on March 20th. **PSA would like to put together a video of the kids with their Dad, Grandpa or Uncle...whoever they are bringing to the mass. We are asking you to send an electronic picture to Steven@kiryakoza.com.** Please put St. Joseph Day picture in the subject line. We need all pictures ASAP, cut-off date will be March 15th. Thank you.

Lenten Projects:

As we focus on our school mission statement which is focused on discipleship, our classrooms have reviewed and planned service projects throughout the Lenten season. We encourage our families to support them in any way that they can. Some of the projects ask you to bring in items that are in your homes while others ask you to purchase items. It would be great if students did extra things around the house or for others to earn money to purchase these things. Again, it's an important part of becoming a better disciple. The projects include the following:

JK and Gr. 2- will be collecting new or gently used men's clothing in sizes M or L. These clothes will then be donated to a school in Hamtramck where there is a great need.

K and Gr. 4- will be collecting items for the Humane Society. A list of needed items will follow.

Gr. 1- school supplies for two elementary schools in Detroit.

Gr. 3- used mascara wands that will be used to clean animals who are being rescued. Please wash the wand with soap and water before sending into school. Go to www.appalachianwild.org for more information.

Gr. 5- used plastic grocery bags that will be used to make plarn (a form of yarn) that is used to make mats for the homeless.

Gr. 6 and 7- bottle drive collection. Money raised will be presented to Right To Life Organization as well as suicide prevention. We would prefer that you return your bottles/cans and bring in the monetary donation. Otherwise, bring in the paper receipt that you receive after returning the bottles/cans.

Gr. 8- collecting pull tabs from pop and beer cans that will then be donated to St. Vincent DePaul.

Our new and used shoe collection is also continuing through the month of March for MI Works Matters.

Please encourage your family and friends to support these projects as well and bring in items are you can during Lent.

Students were also given a calendar that lists daily bible verses and small things that they can do each day. We hope that families will join in this as well. Attached to the newsletter is this upcoming week's suggestions.

Thank you, Melanie: So many came together to help with our recent auction. Melanie Maas's name was mistakenly not mentioned in the list of the team who coordinated the planning of the auction. We apologize and thank Melanie for all that she did!!!!

Yard Signs: Thank you to our school families for helping support our marketing efforts by placing the yards signs at your homes. **We do need you to please return the signs after the open house on March 23rd.** If you need additional stands, we do have plenty in the office. Who would have imagined that the ground would have been so frozen at this time in March?

Michigan Mathematics League: Each year, our students participate in the Michigan Mathematics League competition. The following students are being recognized for their performance on this test:

8th grade:
Luke Collias, 1st place
James Dulzo, 2nd place
Sean Diffenderfer, 3rd place

7th grade
Angelina Virga, 1st place
Jack Samuel, 2nd place
Tarek Kassab, 3rd place

6th grade
Wyatt Hindersman, 1st place
Juliana Fleis, 2nd place
Alyssa Lubitz, 3rd place

Golf Workshops: Our Dads' Club is being to a series of training for students interested in golf. This is an exciting new opportunity for our students. Beginning and intermediate players will have a blast building their golf skills, learning about the rules and etiquette of the game, and exploring how academic concepts apply to golf. Don't be surprised if your child comes home with some math, science and geography knowledge in addition to golf fundamentals. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer with all of the details.

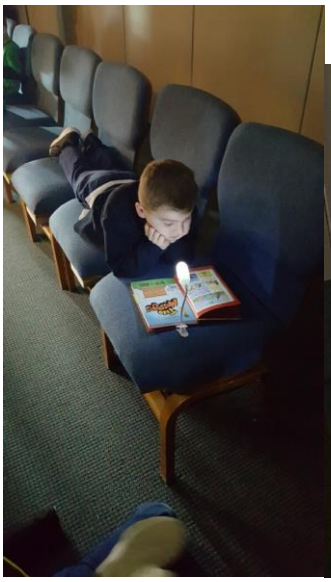
PSA Meeting: **Please plan on attending the PSA meeting on Wednesday, March 13th. The meeting will be held in Zepf Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.** We thank them for providing the speaker last week with the information regarding social media and our children. We appreciate all that you do and hope moms will attend the meeting to further support the upcoming projects with the PSA.

Color Day: All are Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Even Michigan fans say "Go Green" on this day. Our students will celebrate with a dress down day on Friday, March 15th.

Yearbooks: The yearbook is still being completed but is available for pre order on the company website. Books are $20 and all books ordered before April 29th will qualify for free shipping to the school. They will arrive for distribution before Memorial Day. Please go to the following website to place your order:

https://stw.picaboo.com

Reading Month: Our lower grade teachers have many projects planned during the month of March which is traditionally Reading Month. Students in JK-grade 4 gathered in Vercelli Room today for "Flashlight Reading". It was a fun time for all while also enjoying a good book.



Ways to Support the School: A reminder about the many ways that you can support the school financially by just signing up for programs or turning in box tops.

Kroger- Kroger presents our school with a quarterly check based on those who have signed up for Community Rewards. If you have not yet done so, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Our school code is NS244. Family and friends can also register their card with our school code. Encourage people to do so.

Box Tops for Education- these are located on various grocery items. The Box Tops are redeemed at the end of the year with the money being used to purchase items for the school.

Amazon Smile- Rewards can be earned as you shop on Amazon. If you want Amazon to donate to St. William School, you need to start each shopping session at the URL http://smile.amazon.com, and they will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. Make sure to select us as a charity and shop away!!

Religion Project: The Middle School students, grades 5-8, were asked, "What keeps you away from God?" Once they thought about their responses, they wrote them down on a colored piece of paper. The students next tore up the paper into little pieces symbolizing their work at removing these barriers or problems from their lives. Their responses varied from social media and electronics to people that push them to make bad choices. With the little pieces of torn paper, the kids took their concerns "to the cross" and glued them on a piece of paper creating a beautiful mosaic cross. This reminds them that Jesus took all our sins to the cross with Him!

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