



# DRAGON UPDATE

Feb. 3, 2019

Dear Parents,

Wow! That was a fast month! We have been busy trying to get instruction in amidst snow days, a trip to Washington D.C. and of course Catholic Schools Week. ☺ Our students are troopers; they continue to give their best even when their schedule is being altered and shaken-up. Here are some of the great things happening.

- ☺ The Student Council worked hard to make sure that Catholic School Week run smoothly and everyone was honored for their part in providing the students with a Catholic education. I am very proud of these junior high students for all the extra time they are putting in. They are true LEADERS!
- ☺ The third grade, too, have been busy making dioramas. Their projects explained a habitat of an animal they researched. This project in Mrs. Crabtree's class sets the stage for the students' first step into writing a research paper; yes, they start that young!
- ☺ The PreK and Kindergarten celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Friday, February 1. They spent a lot of time counting items, cutting and designing their 100 day hats. It's impressive to hear a kindergartener count to 100; I am amazed on how focused they are as they rhythmically count the numbers.
- ☺ Our basketball teams have seen success on the court. If you haven't seen the mighty DRAGONS play, there are several games left for you to come to. Make it a family outing; our concession stand has great hamburgers! Why not let the Athletic Committee do the cooking for the night?!
- ☺ We finished up second quarter and have moved on to third. Check out the honor roll, 90% of our students in 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade made either the A or B honor roll. Pretty impressive!!!!
- ☺ The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade enrichment classes are gearing up. There will be 2 full classes of Advanced Robotics offered and a drama class. Back by popular demand there will be a school play again this Spring.
- ☺ Three teams competed at the state robotics competition and impressed the judges with their skills and knowledge. It is truly impressive to hear these 12, 13 & 14 year olds talk about Newton Laws' of Motion, and the math involved in order to program their robots to do simple tasks. If you haven't send their robot dog Sadie ask an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, they'll show you what they've built. Remarkable!
- ☺ 43 pilgrims from our school and the parish traveled a 1,000 miles to add their voice to hundreds of thousand people to stand up for *LIFE to NATURAL DEATH*. A worthy cause, an opportunity to practice virtues and to be strong in our faith. Thank you everyone for supporting us with your donations and prayers.
- ☺ As the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders traveled across the country to champion the cause, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders kept it close to home and had their own *DIAPER DERBY* for our local Birthright *and marched* here in Hermann. They collected over 200 packs of diapers and wipes and raised over \$450. Thank you everyone!!!
- ☺ Congratulations to Jovie Garner who won the People's Savings Bank art contest to design an ATM card with the St. George Logo.
- ☺ Also, to Natalie Kopp and Braeden Englert for winning the VFW essay award.
- ☺ The winners of the Peace Poster contest were 7<sup>th</sup> grade students Lizzie Chorley and Jill Rood. The theme was: Kindness Matters. Lizzie won first place and Jill won second place. Lizzie's poster also won at the regional level and will be advancing on to the state contest.

## **“Rooted in FAITH ... Growing in Honesty”**

The 8<sup>th</sup> commandment is a clear cut rule that God gave us ... *Thou shall not lie*. He didn't sugar coat it, nor did he give us wiggle room when telling the truth. He put it in stone and said **DON'T LIE**. When reflecting on this virtue one cannot help to think but what about.... “When my best friend has a really bad haircut?” Do I tell her she looks bad? What about ....? We can come up with a 100 reasons why telling a white lie is better than hurting someone's feelings. However, when you look at the definition of honesty and read the many different scripture passages about honesty, they all involve being trustworthy, straightforward and most of all sincere.

If you consider the building of these character traits while practicing the virtue, then you understand that honesty is powerful. It helps a person to build other virtues such as compassion, kindness and courage and above all, love. It isn't easy to tell your friend something difficult, but doing it with love helps.

So during this month of *HONESTY* let us all work towards being lovingly truthful with one another. There will be many opportunities when we will need to be honest and still other opportunities when someone is honest with us and we will need to have a loving heart towards them when hearing the truth.

Continue to add your prayers to grow in the virtue of *HONESTY* this month to the prayers of the saints we will be studying: Bls. Jacinta & Francesco Marto, St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St Athanasius. Through their intercessions I am sure we will all be more diligent remembering “*Honesty is always the Best Policy!*”

## **How do we make-up Snow Day?**

The #1 question I have been asked during the last month is, “Can you tell me when the last day of school is? We are trying to plan our vacation.” As of today, the last day of school is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have missed 6 days. We have made up one on Jan. 21 & plan to make-up another Feb. 8. All the other days will be added to the end of school. The last day was tentatively set at May 16<sup>th</sup>; however when we add the 4 days on for snow, the last day will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation now has been set tentatively for May 17<sup>th</sup>. However, both of these dates will change with the cancellation of school for and additional snow days.

## **Student Appreciation Day Rescheduled for Thursday, April 11**

### **Friday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Movie Night at the Showboat**

The St. George Student Council is hosting a movie at the showboat this Friday and Saturday. Friday night's feature is **SMALL FOOT** and Saturday night's movie is **THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS**. Doors open at 6:30 and the movie begins at 7:00. A *free-will* offering will be taken at the door and the money will be given to the backpack program at the public school. There will also be a concession stand. Make plans attend and we will see you at the movies.

### **Feb. 15 Valentine Party & Cakewalk**

Because we are trying not to interrupt the week with Valentine parties and then a 8<sup>th</sup> gr. cakewalk, we decided that we will host both on the same day, Friday, Feb. 15. Children in grades PK-4 may bring valentines and/or treats to share on that Friday. If your child brings a treat please have it individually wrapped and if your child chooses to pass out valentines they should give one to each classmates. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade cakewalk will be begin at 12:30 and end around 2:15.

### **Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> School in Session**

St. George School will be in session on Monday, February, 18<sup>th</sup> to make up a day that was canceled due to the snow.

## **Feb. 25 No School**

There will be no school on February 25. The teachers will be using the day to work on curriculum and other professional development opportunities. School will be back in session Tuesday, Feb 26th.

## **Mar. 2 St. George Parish Shrimp Boil**

The St. George Parish Shrimp Boil is Saturday, March 2. The committee is looking for workers to fill all shifts. Please contact Kate Engemann at [Kateengemann@yahoo.com](mailto:Kateengemann@yahoo.com) or 573-619-5832

## **Mar. 23 Daddy/Daughter Dance**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9pm. It is a community event hosted by St. George School. Stay tuned for more details.

## **Cold and Flu Season**

We are not out of the FLU season yet. It is very important that if your child is complaining of a headache, stomachache or sore throat, that you check their temperature. If they even have a slight temperature please make arrangements to keep him/her home. The flu can be spread up to 5 days after the child's temperature is gone. Be considerate and keep your child home a FULL 24 hours- without Tylenol- after their temperature has become normal or after symptoms have cleared. Although this will not prevent everyone from getting the flu, it will help with managing it.

If your child is absent from school, call or email the *school office before 10am*, and then send a note or an email the day the student returns explaining the absence. In regards to homework, it is your child's responsibility to turn in their assignments. The number of days missed are the number of days the child has to make up the assignment. A homework assignment sheet is sent home with the work, if this sheet is lost grades 3 thru 8 can check on-line for missing assignments. Please make sure your student turns in his/her assignments in a timely manner after being sick.

***HELP! We need to round up some NEW Kindergartens & Pre-Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 School Year... help us meet our goal of 10 new families.***

## **Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Screening Sign-up**



It's that time of year to begin preparing for our future kindergarteners and pre-kindergarteners. We will administer the screenings here at St. George. By doing our own screening, we can better assess your child's potential, strengths, and personality.

Our screening dates will be March 19, 20, and 21. If your child is currently enrolled in our pre-kindergarten program, we will set a time to screen him/her on one of these dates and then set a time to conference with you to go through the results.

If you have an incoming pre-kindertener or kindertener or know a family with a pre-kindertener or kindertener, you/they will need to call the school office 573-486-5914 to set up an appointment to have your/their child screened.

## **Your Trash is our Cash:**

We are still collecting printer cartridges, Best Choice, Box Tops, aluminum cans and unwanted clothes. Believe it or not, our school earns between \$1500 and \$2,000 a year on the trash you throw away. PLEASE consider the school, before you dump, any of the above mentioned items in the trash bin. We also need obsolete paper.

If you bring aluminum cans to school, please place those in the trailer parked in the lower parking lot across from the church. If you are bringing in unwanted clothes please place them in either USAgain bin back by the gym door. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Lunch Days**

January . . . . . 20  
February . . . . . 19  
March. . . . . 20



God Bless,

*Mrs. Julie Clingman*