

January 24, 2020

Principal's Message

-Mrs. Lenn

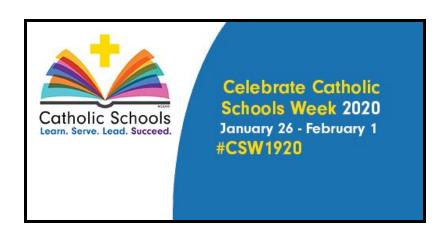
Catholic Schools week is next week! We are looking forward to a fun filled week. Thank you to Mrs. Vivano, Ms. DeJonckheere, and Mrs. Blisset for planning our activities. This year, we are partnering with PTC for the Saints in Disguise service project (a flyer is coming home as well). The project has TWO parts:

- 1. We will collect suitcases, duffle bags, and backpacks for the Adoption & Foster Care Specialists of Lapeer. When foster children have to pack their belongings, often they have nothing other than a trash bag to pack their "life" in. In order to make a very difficult transition a little easier, we are collecting these items. If you find any bargains or have any gently used bags to donate, these kids would appreciate it.
- 2. In addition, we will also be having a change/coin drive. It will be a contest among classrooms. The classroom with the highest percentage of change based on the number of students will earn a dress down day. The money from the change drive will be added to \$300 that PTC will donate to go towards purchasing lice kits, smoke & carbon monoxide detector combo kits and medication lock boxes that are desperately

needed. Unfortunately they aren't the most fun items, but these items are in low supply and we want to help with the needs they have.

In addition to our Saints in Disguise project, there are many other fun activities planned, along with special dress days. Here is what we have planned and how students are to dress each day:

- Monday: Vicariate Carnival Takes place at Cardinal Mooney/Holy Cross depart on busses at 8:00 (Please be on time; we cannot wait for tardy students!), return approx. 2:20; lunch will be served at the carnival.
 - Monday dress: Vicariate Catholic Schools Week shirt; uniform pants, jumpers, or skirts
- Tuesday: USA Pride- students will make cards & letters for veterans
 - Tuesday dress: Red, white & blue dress down
- Wednesday: Volunteer Appreciation St. A's all school mass, Honor roll awards after mass, Volunteer coffee & treats immediately following awards, PTC ice cream social in the afternoon
 - Wednesday dress: Dress up day (Sunday best) please see handbook guidelines; no jeans or shorts
- Thursday: We love St. A's! Students will be involved in grade appropriate activities surrounding the theme of gratitude for the gift of our school
 - Thursday dress: School spirit wear dress
- Friday: Teacher's choice Teacher's choice of how to celebrate some possible options include movies, game day, arts/crafts, or read-ins; 5-8 grade CPR training; Talent Show preview for students 1:00; Talent Show evening performance at Holy Family @ 6:30
 - Friday dress: Dress down & wear a fun hat!



Tuition assistance applications for next year are now available. They can be found in FACTS or click here to access. The awards will be made in three tiers: Tier I: \$1,100; Tier II: \$950; Tier III: \$800. Awards determinations will be made in two rounds. Applications completed by April 30 will be included in the first round and will be eligible for each of the three tier award amounts, based upon the applicant families' calculated need. The second round consists of applications completed between May 1 and May 15. Applications considered in this round will only be eligible for Tier III awards. In other words, in order to be eligible for the most tuition assistance, you must apply by April 30. If you miss it, you have until May 15. If you have any questions, let us know in the office.

Here is a video that we recorded after mass on Wednesday of the students singing this year's mass song, "Counting Every Blessing". I love the message of the lyrics and am so proud of our students for doing such a great job. Click here to check it out:





Upcoming dates to know:

- TONIGHT- Middle School Snowball Dance 6-8:30 in Parish Hall
- Jan 25- JV Girls Basketball Tournament at St. Mary, 10:00
- Jan 26-31- Catholic Schools Week (stay tuned for details)
- Jan 27- Vicariate Carnival at Cardinal Mooney/ Holy Cross
- Jan 28- Science Olympiad Coaches meeting 5:15 in library; Archery kickoff meeting 6 pm in library (for all 5-8 grade athletes & parents who are interested in archery); School Advisory Committee, 7 pm
- Jan 29- Couponing class 7-9 in Parish Hall
- Jan 31- Talent Show 6:30 pm at Holy Family
- Feb 1- Varsity Girls Basketball Tournament at IC
- Feb 4- Safety Committee Meeting, 6pm
- Feb 5- NO MASS
- Feb 6- Special School Mass with Bishop Fisher
- Feb 7- 5-8 grade Spelling Bee
- Feb 11- Technology Committee, 6 pm
- Feb 14-17- Mid-winter break
- Feb 18- Youth Choir Practice
- Feb 22- Academic Olympics; Youth Choir sings at 6pm St. A mass
- Feb 25- Youth Choir Practice
- Feb 26- Youth Choir sings at 8am Ash Wednesday mass
- Feb 29- My Guy and I Dance (rescheduled- look for a new flyer to come home)