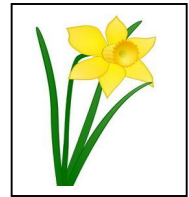




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March 2017



We are so LUCKY!

We are lucky for so many reasons this time of the year: supportive families, caring school community, changing seasons, and the love of God!

Remember that Lent is an opportunity for us to focus on the amazing gifts of Jesus - ultimately his death and resurrection. Lent comes from an old word for "spring" and is a time to renew and grow our lives in Christ.

Thank you to everyone for your support and time as we work together to make Saint Thomas School such a special place!

God Bless,
Mrs. Amy Higgins



Dressing for a Cause

This month we are encouraging students to spread a little sunshine by making paper crosses or flowers for the elderly (please do not use edible items or glitter). Anyone who brings in a cross or flower made at home may dress down on Friday, March 31st. The children's crafts will be delivered to a local nursing home.

2017-2018 Registration



Registration is underway for next school year! Please return your letter of intent to continue your child's education now, if you haven't already done so.

- Our Open House will be Wednesday, April 19th. Invite your friends and neighbors to visit our school. Enrolling new students will help our school grow & flourish.
- Prekindergarten and kindergarten screenings will be held on Friday, April 28th. Call the school office to schedule an appointment. ***No school for current PreK or kindergarten students that day.**

To apply for scholarships, visit the following websites:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

<http://secondcenturyfund.org/links.html>

<http://centralpagives.org/page-1304355>



Lenten Fish Dinners

Each Friday during Lent, a fish dinner will be held in the school hall from 4:00-7:30PM. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (under 12 years of age), \$1 extra for each take-out meal:

- deep-fried Yuengling batter dipped fish fillet
- mac-n-cheese
- haluski OR perogies
- stewed tomatoes & green beans
- coleslaw & apple sauce
- rolls & dessert
- beverage

Volunteers and dessert donations would be greatly appreciated!

CCD students are welcome to participate if service hours are needed.



Please send all payments to school in envelopes labeled with your child's name & what is included (ie "Billy Higgins - lunch"), and put them in your child's daily folder. Their teacher will then send them to the office in the class folder. This makes it much easier for Michele to sort & distribute payments appropriately. Thank you for your cooperation.



Important Dates!



March

- 1st: Ash Wednesday
- 2nd: Home & School Association Meeting
- 3rd: Stations of the Cross
Eucharistic Adoration
School Fish Fry
- 8th: Little Tiger Story Time 9:30AM
Bingo- **workers: Fanni & Leonardis**
- 10th: Stations of the Cross
School Fish Fry
- 16th: Special Persons Day Lunch
- 17th: Stations of the Cross
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- 22nd: Little Tiger Story Time 9:30AM
- 24th: Stations of the Cross
School Fish Fry
- 28th: End of 3rd marking period
- 30th: Dress Down Day
Stations of the Cross
School Fish Fry

Looking ahead to April...

- 5th: Science Fair
- 7th: School Fish Fry



Palm Sunday



**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
April 9th in the school hall**

Mark your calendars now!

Gardners Easter Candy

We are happy to once again be able to offer order forms for those of you wishing to purchase goodies from Gardners Candies for Easter.

If you would like to place an order, please make sure you turn in your forms no later than **March 17th**!

Limited items will be available to purchase the day of the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.



Way to go,
Saint Thomas students & families!

You raised a total of \$4,047.00
for the American Heart Association!

That is a fantastic amount for our small school!

Mass

We celebrate Mass every Wednesday at 8:30AM in our school hall. This is a focus of our school-religious education and the worship of God. Everyone is welcome to join us!



*Lord,
By your cross and
resurrection you have set us
free - you have redeemed
the world!*

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent at 8:30AM in the school hall. All are welcome!