

PETER'S PAGE

March 2, 2017

DATES AT A GLANCE.....

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Every Friday in Lent. In the Hall. 5:00pm-8:00pm

March Minimum Days- March 3/March 17/March 31

March No School Days- March 24

March 11- Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Thurs. March 16- Trimester Honors Awards 2:30pm

Fri. March 17- Minimum Day!

Thurs. March 23- Special Messages and Dedication Pages due for yearbook

FRI MARCH 24—NO SCHOOL for All students Preschool through Grade 8. (Prof. Dev. Day for Teachers)

Fri. March 30 -Early Bird Yearbook Order due

HOT LUNCH HELP

We *desperately* need some Hot Lunch Help—especially on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays—11:30-12:45. If you can spare this time, we would greatly appreciate it!

Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 11. In the Hall. Great Corned Beef and cabbage dinner!

Get on the Bus is a nonprofit organization that arranges for children to visit their incarcerated parents once or twice a year. As one of our Community Service Projects, we make fun backpacks for the LONG bus ride. It is important to explain to our children that this is how we can live out one of the Corporal Works of Mercy—to visit the imprisoned- and although these parents may have made poor choices, these children have done nothing wrong. If you can help, please send in the following:

- Preschool & Kindergarten- Snack Packs
- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade- Juice Boxes
- 4th & 5th Grade- Coloring Books
- 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade- Small toys and simple games

SVDP Thrift Store

When was the last time you were in St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store on Main Street? There are ALWAYS great treasures to be found there! Stop by and browse around! We are sure you will not go home empty handed.

Need an idea for Friday Night Dinner?

Come to the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Every Friday in Lent in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:00pm. You can even do take out! Fried Fish dinner \$8/Baked Salmon &* Veggies \$9/Fried Fish & Shrimp \$10/ Child's Plate \$4

Lenten Rice Bowls

Your child received a Lenten Rice Bowl -- to fill with change for our less fortunate brothers and sisters in under-privileged countries around the world. Rice Bowls are due back to your teacher the week of April 10.

Each week the 8th Grade Service Team will propose a "GRATITUDE CHALLENGE" to help you count your blessings and fill your Rice Bowls.

Gratitude Challenge for March 5-11: Put in 10 cents for every meal you eat this week.

Or make it a FAMILY RICE BOWL. Place your Rice Bowl in the middle of the dining table. Before each meal, pray for those who may need our prayers. Go around the table and ask each family member to name 1 thing they are most grateful for today.

Use Scrip For Your Gas Purchases

Going to the pump can be a big expense, but with Scrip, you can fill up your tank and earn money for our school! Our Scrip program offers gift cards from many major gas retailers—Shell, 76, Mobil, Arco and many of the cards are available in Reload! Which means that you can reload your card right on your phone! Need more information?—call or stop by the School Office!

Jog-a-Thon

Our Jog-a-Thon is Friday, March 31, 2017. Please join us for a day of fun and exercise!

We need all students and families to help make this fundraiser a success. Jog-a-Thon sponsor sheets are in your packet. We need each family to try to get a least \$100.00 in sponsors to help us meet our \$12,000 goal. Let's all work together! So get out and ask friends and families to support you when you jog.

- "Free Dress" Pass and "No Homework" Pass will be issued to each child who meets the \$100.00 family goal.
- A special Preschool Goodie Bag will be given to each preschool child who meets the \$100.00 family goal.
- \$10 Yogurt Palace Gift Card will be awarded to the student who runs the most laps in each grade level group.
- Grand Prize will be Beats Wireless Headphones to the child who receives the most donations (minimum of \$250.00 to qualify).
- Runner-up Prize will be an iPad Mini to the child who receives the most donations (minimum of \$250.00 to qualify).

We will need volunteers for the day and donations of water, oranges, and cups. Please stop by the school office to sign up.

Jog-a-Thon Schedule 2017	
9:30-9:40	Assembly, Prayer, Announcements
9:45-10:00	Stretch
10:00-10:15 (15 min.)	Preschool & Pre-K Run
10:20-10:35 (15 min.)	Kinder - 2 nd Grade Run
10:40-10:55 (15 min.)	3 rd - 5 th Grade Run
11:00-11:20	6 th - 8 th Grade Run
11:25-11:35	Announcements
11:35 - 12:00	Popsicles/Clean-up
12:00 - 12:15	Dismissal

Field Trips— Please do not order lunch on these days, unless otherwise specified by the teacher

Grade	Date	Destination	Grade	Date	Destination
8	March 6	Art Museum	K	April 25	Flower Fields
K/8	March 10	CYT play	3 /4	May 10	Birch Aquarium
3	March 28	Palomar Planetarium	K	June 5	Berry Picking
4	April 5	USS Midway	8	June 6	Retreat

Theme Dress Days

Mar 17	April 28	May 19	June 9
Wear Green	Hawaiian	College Day	Field Day

These are the REMAINING EXPECTED PARTICIPATION EVENTS for 2016-2017 for all families-Preschool through Grade 8

Purchase a ticket to the event or make a donation equal to the price of admission for all of these events:

- March 31-Jogathon-\$100 in pledges per family
- May 20-Taste of the USA—buy/sell 20 raffle tickets

If you cannot attend or choose to not participate, you will be billed a Non-Participation Fee equal to the price of a ticket plus the requested basket, appetizer, or dessert for each event. **We also ask that ALL families purchase ANY amount of Scrip/eScrip/ScripNow/Reloadable cards EACH month. There is a \$35 penalty per month for not participating.**

What will you do for Lent? (This is what Miss Jones' class is doing)

Instead of "giving up" something, consider doing this:

Create a Lenten Prayer Calendar. On each day, write the name of a family member, friend, coworker, student, neighbor, acquaintance, or even someone you are not fond of. For that entire day, offer your prayers and focus for that one person. Truly keep them in your prayers.

"The measure of love is to love without measure." (*St. Francis de Sales*)

The simple truth is that if you are a better lover—a better lover of God, a better lover to your family, a better lover to your friends, a better lover of your enemies—at the end of Lent than you were at its beginning, you've had a pretty successful Lent.

Count Your Blessings! Always