

SES April Newsletter 2019

April showers bring May flowers! Welcome to the month of April! We are over halfway through our Lenten journey and invite you to join us for our weekly class led celebrations. We will gather for a beautiful rendition of the Stations of the Cross on April 18 as we celebrate Holy Thursday. This event will begin at 1pm here at the school. Our Easter Mass at St. Mary's will be on April 24 @ 11am and we invite you to join us. During Lent our school community participates in the Doors of Mercy campaign. In the past these acts of social justice have benefited a variety of agencies within our community including the Mustard Seed, the St. Teresa of Avila School breakfast program, Symphony Seniors Home and the Red Deer Food Bank. We are so thankful for your support at home in helping our children understand that their small acts can make a big difference.

Now the weather is warming up and students are spending more time outside we ask that you have a reminder conversation with them regarding safety. Please revisit the plan for how they get home and what to do if the plans change. We know that there are times where parents are delayed in arriving to the school at the end of the day, and we ask that you remind your child to come back into the school rather than leave to walk home or go to a friends, if this is not the typical plan that your family has made. We also encourage you to revisit the expectations of playing outside unsupervised and how to respond if a situation makes them feel uncomfortable. We are having these conversations at school and it is always good to know we are working in team.

We also ask that if you haven't completed the Intention form for the 2019-2020 school year to please take a moment to do that as well. Knowing our student numbers as we begin our staffing and planning for next year is critical for our success. **The link was previously emailed to you and is now available on both our website and on our Facebook page.** We thank you for your support with this.

As we enter the season of field trips we remind you that in order to volunteer you need a valid criminal record check on file. If you applied for one in the 2016-2017 school year, you will be receiving a reminder notice to have another one completed. These record checks are valid for three school years and are an important way we can keep our students and our school community safe.

Thank you for your continued efforts with our parking, drop off, pick up and crosswalk situation. We sincerely appreciate your diligence and we have seen an improvement in our traffic flow as of recent weeks! **THANK YOU for working in team with us to keep our children safe!!**

Yours in Christ,

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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1	2 Blue Shirt Day for World Autism	3	4 FNMI Author Visit STEPS week 4	5 1st Friday Coffee 4th week of Lent Liturgy 9am	6
7	8 Hot Lunch Boston Pasta Tournament of Books 1:30	9 School Council Mtg 7pm	10 Storybook Character Day	11 STEPS week 5 5th week of Lent Liturgy @ 11am	12 Teacher PD No School	13
14	15 Hot Lunch Pita Pit Discover Kindergarten Event @ Riverbend	16	17 Jo(e) Social Media for Gr. 4 & 5 @ 9 am	18 Holy Thursday Stations of the Cross 1pm	19 Good Friday No School	20
21 Easter Sunday	22 Easter Monday No School	23 Blue & Green Day-Earth Day Hot Lunch Burger Boy	24 Easter Mass 11 am @ St. Mary's	25 STEPS week 1	26	27
28	29 Footprints of Faith Celebration 1:30 pm	30	May 1 Hats on for Mental Health	2 STEPS week 2	3	4
5	6 Motivational Magic Presentation 10:30 am Hot Lunch Opa	7	8 Middle School Counsellor Visit Gr. 5's	9 KATT Mother's Day Tea Go Girls/Grow Boys STEPS week 3	10 World Catholic Education Day Celebration of Mary 9 am KAWF Mother's Day Tea	11