

February 28, 2019

Dear Families,

As we approach March, which is designated Youth Art Month in the state of Illinois; the Parents Club is offering a new event, a family painting party. Please join us for a parent/adult and child painting activity; it is sure to be a wonderful and fun experience on Saturday, March 9, at 6:00 PM in St. Cecilia Hall. Pairs can paint for \$34.00. Flying solo, you are welcome to attend for \$20. All proceeds benefit our school. Please see the attached flyer in the posting for registration details.

Congratulations to our second trimester honor roll students for their academic achievement and hard work in their scholastic efforts. We would like to recognize the following students on this accomplishment:

Grade 6

High Honors

Elizabeth Weitz

Honors

JT Barrett  
Aidan Dailey  
Makayla Grantz  
Emily Hanania  
Grace Humes  
Lauren Ludovice  
Nathan Moesch  
Christopher Momot  
Leo Positano  
Nathan Sidelnyk  
Lisa Soppi  
Alyssa Zagotta

Grade 7

High Honors

Natalie Doyle

Honors

Gabby Christman  
Melanie Dawson  
Lily Gonzalez  
Mia Gravina  
Sadie Smith  
Bella Starmach

Grade 8

High Honors

Annia Blasi  
Bridget Jakabcsin

Honors  
Claudia Cortez  
Caroline Nogle  
Nick Sachse  
Erin Upham

Certificates will be awarded during our next Tuesday All School Mass on Tuesday, March 12. You are welcome to join us.

Safe to Learn: School Safety Drill Act update – As I shared earlier in the year, the School Safety Drill Act establishes minimum requirements and standards for schools to follow when conducting safety drills and reviewing school emergency and crisis response plans. We will be participating in the statewide tornado drill, which is on Tuesday, March 5 at 10:00 AM. The Act also encourages schools and first responders to work together for the safety of the children. Chief DiMenza from the Winfield Fire Department will be here to observe the drill and provide feedback to ensure that all are in the safest locations possible. One of the most important activities we can do at school is to share with our students our plans so that they know what to do should there be a weather emergency.

Ash Wednesday is on March 6 and begins the sacred season of Lent. Therefore, our all school Mass will take place on Wednesday next week instead of Tuesday. Please feel free to come to Mass and receive your ashes with us. Our sixth grade class will be leading the almsgiving activity of collecting change for Catholic Charities and will kick it off on Ash Wednesday. Additionally, every Friday during Lent, the students will be participating in the Stations of the Cross at 2:00 PM in the chapel led by different classes. This special and meaningful devotion commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as man. Please know that you are as always welcome to join us and share in this moving prayer and devotion. Students in grades 2- 8 will also participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

Thank you to everyone who made a food donation recently; it is being made to the Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor. Your donation will truly be a tremendous blessing for the 200 beautiful but greatly undernourished children and for the poor families in the remote mountainous villages of Viloux, Southern Haiti. Thank you, thank you for your generosity! We are making a difference in the lives of children who will really benefit from your donations.

Our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team plays against Sacred Heart in the playoffs on Sunday, March 3, at 3:00 PM at St. Michaels. Please consider attending the game and cheering the team onto victory. I hope to see you there!

Blessings,

Joanne