

Miss Debbie's February Newsletter

Parents,

This month we will begin by celebrating Catholic Schools Week (see the following schedule of planned daily events.) I know you make a sacrifice when choosing a catholic education for your child, and I want to thank you for doing so, especially for saying "yes" to St. Joan of Arc! If your child is returning next year, or if you have any additional siblings attending, please remember to pick up your enrollment package from the office. We anticipate being awarded Quality First scholarships again next year, so please also write "Quality First Scholarship" at the top of your child's application packet if you think you will qualify. In addition, we also receive scholarship donations from parishioners that do not rely on income, so please, see me if you are experiencing any financial hardships and could use some assistance.

February is the month of "love." The love we have for one another, for all of God's creations, and for our Lord. We will also be discussing the enormous amount of love that Jesus had for us, and why he loved us sooo very much that He gave up His life for us so that we can all be together in heaven.

The children will be receiving a Throat Blessing from Fr. Vietor on February 3rd for the feast day of St. Blaise. Be sure to ask them about it.

Blessings, Miss Debbie

Catholic Schools Week Activities

Monday, Feb 1st – **Favorite Sport/hobby**

Children can dress with sport or hobby motif

Tuesday, Feb 2nd – **Family Heritage Day**

Children can dress in attire depicting family heritage and share traditional food at snack

Wednesday, Feb 3rd – **Crazy Dress Day**

Let's see who can dress the craziest way!

Thursday, Feb 4th – **Crazy Hair Day**

I wonder what color I will choose?

Important dates to Remember:

Feb 2nd – Mrs. Denisse's Birthday

Feb 3rd – St. Blaise Feast Day

Feb 12th - No Friday Enrichment for staff trainings

Feb 15th – President's Day – No School

Feb 16th – Valentine Celebration

Feb 17th – Ash Wednesday – Family Mass

No Before Care

Valentine's Day Celebration

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day (and Fat Tuesday) with a "party" on Tuesday, February 16th. Invite your child to wear any Valentine themed/color attire they would like...they can still wear their uniform if they prefer. We will make jello jigglers at the beginning of the day, and then we will be "shaking the life" into vanilla instant pudding to enjoy with our jigglers and pizza at the end of the day. Please also have your child bring in 8 Valentine Cards that have his/her name on it as to whom it is from. **Do not label each card with a specific child's name.** Each child will place a card into each of their classmate's decorated bag, which we will be decorating on Tuesday. You may also bring in "Valentine" treats for each child.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent with Family Mass on Feb 17^h at 8:30. Since many parishioners attend this mass for the distribution of ashes, it is usually not over until 9:40ish, at which time our gates will be unlocked. Please pray about joining us! We will celebrate Fat Tuesday with a pizza party...just like Pete the cat...more to follow.