

March 7, 2017

Dear Parents,

The first day of March started us off with Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. Throughout Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday after recess when school is in session. During this time of reflection and prayer, we will also begin each morning with daily readings, psalms and intentions for those in need in our St. Columbanus Family and those who need our prayers throughout the world. If you have a free morning or Friday afternoon, please come and join us.

The Home School Association will be having a game night for grades 3-5 on March 31. Details will be following as the date gets closer. As Easter approaches, the HSA will be launching the World's Finest Chocolate Sale so everyone can purchase different items to fill Easter baskets. The HSA is also looking for volunteers with fresh, new ideas to head our Field Day in May. I have heard how much our students look forward to this, and we are hoping to expand on this and make it even better this year! Please let Janice Tota or the office know if you can offer any help with this event.

As a follow-up to the HSA Parent Night last week, everyone should have received their tuition schedule for the 2017-18 school year. Regarding our Eureka Math Program, grades 3-5 teachers will now be sending home a step-by-step example problem for any new concepts taught to help students with their homework. Beyond that, two extra methods of help are:

1. Create an account and login to GreatMinds.org. Choose the grade level, module number and lesson number for a video tutorial on the lesson.
2. On the top of the Eureka Math homework sheet is a grade level and module number; the lesson number is on the bottom of the worksheet. If you type in "Engage NY" plus the aforementioned information into youtube, a person will teach the lesson and show how to do the math problems.

If students are still struggling with the problems, they can come in the next day and go over them in class. For three days next week, several of our teachers will be going for another professional development day on the Eureka Math Program. The teachers sent for this training will bring back the information for turnkey training to the other teachers in their grade band. If you have any other suggestions that will help your children be successful in math or in any area in which you may have concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher or come and see me anytime.

A special thanks and congratulations goes out to Mrs. Haag, our Pre-K teacher, for the success of yesterday's Dr. Seuss Day success! There were many volunteers and "lots of good fun that was funny" in the gymnasium. Our school had not only Things 1 and 2, but also 3 and 4! Check out the pics that will be up on facebook tomorrow. For the final awesome news: Mrs. Trifone has volunteered to head our St. Patrick's Day Parade this Saturday. A letter on the details of this event is going home today. Thank you, Mrs. Trifone! Everyone get your green on, and I hope to see you all there!

God Bless, *Principal Frohm*