



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School Newsletter

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Our Mission: To Teach, Love, Live and Learn as Jesus Did

Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge

As a school community, during the month of February, we **Work from the Heart with Success**. This is a little different than the virtues we have highlighted in the past. A related virtue to fortitude which was described the last several weeks is industriousness or diligence. We can work from the heart with success for the Lord if we complete our duties as asked, if we diligently complete a task, setting small goals along the way.

"Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed." *Proverbs 16:3*

"He is like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season; its leaves never wither; whatever he does prospers."
Psalms 1:3

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for your children, and thank you for your understanding when the weather forecast promises great amounts of snow and then sputters just enough to tease us, but not close us. Safety first and common sense as much as possible after. I wish all a Happy St. Valentine's Day, and look forward to the beginning of Lent in a few weeks. Finally, all who have registered for Kindergarten have been accepted into the program. An individual letter will arrive to families Monday or Tuesday. Have a great week! -Rob S.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travellers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology. The legends attributed to the mysterious saint are as inconsistent as the actual identification of the man.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision. Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates.

St. Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II). According to the popular hagiographical identity, and what is believed to be the first representation of St. Valentine, the Nuremberg Chronicle, St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became raged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded.

St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. However, other tales of St. Valentine's life claim he was executed either in the year 269, 270, 273 or 280. Other depictions of St. Valentine's arrests tell that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

Pope Julius I is said to have built a church near Ponte Mole in his memory, which for a long time gave name to the gate now called Porta del Popolo, formerly, Porta Valetini.

The romantic nature of Valentine's Day may have derived during the Middle Ages, when it was believed that birds paired couples in mid-February. According to English 18th-century antiquarians Alban Butler and Francis Douce, Valentine's Day was most likely created to overpower the pagan holiday, Lupercalia.

Although the exact origin of the holiday is not widely agreed upon, it is widely recognized as a day for love, devotion and romance. Whoever he was, Valentine did really exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

Relics of St. Valentine can be found all over the world. A flower-crowned skull of St. Valentine can be found in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In 1836, other relics were exhumed from the catacombs of Saint Hippolytus on the Via Tiburtina and were identified as Valentine's. These were transported for a special Mass dedicated to those young and in love.

Fr. John Spratt received a gift from Pope Gregory XVI in 1836 containing a "small vessel tinged" with St. Valentine's blood. This gift now stands placed in Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland.

Other alleged relics were found in Prague in the Church of St Peter and Paul at Vysehrad; in the parish church of St. Mary's Assumption in Chelmno Poland; at the reliquary of Roquemaure in France; in the Stephansdom in Vienna; in Balzan in Malta and also in Blessed John Duns Scotus' church in the Gorbals area of Glasgow, Scotland.

CALENDAR UPDATE

February 14	Interim Reports go home
15	Robotics competition at Mississinewa
17	Presidents' Day - School IS in session
18	School Board meeting in Room C, 7:00 pm
20	New Server Training (grade 6+), part 1, 3:00-4:30 pm in church
21	New Server Training (grade 6+), part 2, 3:00-4:30 pm in church
26	Ash Wednesday - All-School Mass 8:15 am (and additional Mass at 12:30 pm)
27	Parish Lenten Series: Jeannie Ewing & Anna Nuzzo, Hession Center rooms C/D, 7:00 pm
March 2	Grade 2 celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday
5	Parish Lenten Series: Father Tom "Living With Church Scandals", Hession Center rooms C/D, 7:00 pm
6	3rd Quarter ends
6	Stations of the Cross, 2:15 pm
12	Father Tom "Popes On A Rope", Hession Center rooms C/D, 7:00 pm
23	Parish Lenten Penance Service, 7:00 pm

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Ellie Ley, Lucas Straessle, Ethan Chenowith, Anberlin Wilder, Franklin Danys, Austin Meyer, Xavier Trujillo, Zach Tippmann, Mitchell Bauermeister, Ava Maxwell, Emilee Vandever, Kennedy Heinze, Dominic Hughes, Angel Toto-Mixtega, Nathan Lesh, Kylie Tippmann, Emma Scott, Adelaide Wallace, John Morris, Jon Fink, Charlotte Cooper, Norah Purdy.

Congratulations, Students!!

Congratulations to our students who recently participated in their grade level **Spelling Bees!**



Grade 1: 1st - Luke Digan, 2nd - Arabella Troyer

Grade 2: 1st - Liam Shannon, 2nd - Benny Augustyniak

Grade 3: 1st - Layla Edwards, 2nd - Daphne Bouronis

Grade 4: 1st - Lizzy Tippmann, 2nd (tie) - Kyra Hartman & Ava Gallagher



Congratulations to our students who participated in the recent Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) competitions!

Brady Meyer, JP Meyer, and Gabby Villeneuve received a GOLD for their ensemble performance.

Rafael Cucueco received a GOLD for his violin solo.

Austin Linn received a GOLD for his trumpet solo.

AJ Linn received a GOLD for his saxophone solo.

Brady Meyer received a SILVER for his saxophone solo.

JP Meyer received a GOLD for his clarinet solo.

Lauren Galbraith received a GOLD for her piano solo.

Rafael Cucueco received a GOLD for his piano solo.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION SPRING CONTEST

The Fine Arts Boosters' Box Tops for Education spring contest began last week. Remaining turn-in dates are on Thursdays February 20th and 27th. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to the classrooms with the top turn-ins at the end of the contest. Please clip Box Tops and send them into the classroom in plastic ziplock bags in quantities of 50, with 50 marked clearly on the bag. If you do not have 50 Box Tops make sure the quantity is clearly marked, and they will be combined with other turn-ins from the same classroom. All bonus Box Tops should be turned in separately. Be sure to continue scanning your receipts into the app and recording the classroom number. Thank you for helping to make our Box Top collections so successful. The Fine Arts Boosters earned almost \$1,000 from Box Tops for Education during the fall contest. These proceeds support the enrichment assemblies for all the students. Contact Christina Wulpi at 246-2009 with any questions.



Father Daughter Dance

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 13th for the annual Father-Daughter Dance. The cost will be \$15 for dad, or grandpa, or uncle or special person and one daughter. Each additional daughter is \$5.00. The dance will be 7-9 pm, with 12 fun raffle baskets and light snacks. Varsity photo will be there taking pictures to remember the special night. A flier is attached to this newsletter.

National Junior Honor Society Bake Sale

The St. Charles NJHS will be having a Bake Sale on Friday, February 21, from 12:30-2:30 in Cafeteria for students to purchase cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. Prices will range from \$0.25 to \$0.50. Bring your quarters! The money raised will go towards purchasing two Buddy Benches for the playground. We have been collecting caps for two years and now have enough for two benches.



Little League Softball- Our Game, Our Passion, Our Girls

Register today to join Northeast Little League Softball. Accepting Girls from the Ages 4-16. Visit <http://www.Nellsb.org>. Register in-person on Saturday, February 15- 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Brookside Church, 6102 Evard Rd., Door #1. Registration for the 2020 Season Ends February 29. If you have questions, contact PlayerAgent@Nellsb.org.

SCRIP NEWS



Ash Wednesday –Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is just 10 days away; It’s a time of sacrifice and change. Whether you are planning to give something up or promising to “do something better,” it’s a wonderful opportunity to look at your life and make a small change for the better. Ash Wednesday, as well as all the Fridays in Lent, are meatless days; Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast. **SCRIP** has lots of gift cards for merchants that can help you survive meatless Fridays. If you are not using **SCRIP**, this might be a good time to try it. It’s definitely a good habit to adopt and

such a wonderful way to support the parish.

Congratulations – Lois Ewald was the winner of the **Nintendo Switch** game system that we gave away in celebration of Catholic Schools week. Lois is a wonderful supporter of the SCRIP program as both a customer and a volunteer.



Special Orders – In order to be prudent with our inventory, we try to not stock items that aren’t sold on a regular basis. Many items **are** available as special order items. **Pier One** is one of those merchants. Please plan ahead when wanting to purchase special order items. We place our orders for new inventory on Monday

mornings by 9am and it is available by noon the following Thursday.

VOLUNTEERS:

Feb. 21 – Sue Christle, Angela Bauer, Peggy Keefer, Judy Smith

Feb. 21 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Jen Eisaman

Feb. 22 – Lois Ewald, Maryann Quinn, Cindie Rosswurm

Feb. 23 – Mary Jo Amorini, Mary Rose Lorenc, Carolyn Tyndall

Feb. 24 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Laura Ijames

February 2020 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

17 Corn Dog Oven Fries Baked Beans Applesauce Milk	18 Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel Cheese Sauce Broccoli Pears Milk	19 Soft Taco w/Meat, Cheese, Lettuce Refried Beans Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	20 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Dinner roll Steamed Carrots Pineapple Milk	21 Cheese Omelette w/Salsa Pancake w/Syrup Hashbrowns Dragon Juice Banana Milk
24 Hot Dog Sweet Potato Fries Peas Peaches Scooby Snack Milk	25 Sloppy Joe Mac & Cheese Salad w/Ranch & Grape Tomatoes Applesauce Milk	26 Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Sun Chips Veggies & Dip Pears Milk	27 Scoops w/Taco Meat Lettuce, Cheese, Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk	28 Bread Sticks w/Cheese Broccoli Mixed Fruit Go Gurt Milk

Lunch Prices 2019-2020

Lunch/Milk \$2.80

Milk Only \$0.45

Extra Entrée \$1.50

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTING FORM

Parents can put money into the student's account through your MyPaymentsPlus (formerly MyMealsPlus) online account at www.mypaymentsplus.com or by calling 1-877-237-0946 for a small fee. Or, you may send a check with the Lunch Accounting Form below to the school cafeteria. For example, if you have 3 children, send a check for \$90 payable to St. Charles Cafeteria and designate \$30 to each child's account. Each child who will eat hot lunch needs to have money in their meal account. It is recommended to have a minimum of \$14.00 in this account which will pay for five meals. If the student may want additional portions of the main entree, then it is recommended to have a minimum of \$6.00 in the account as well. If you have questions regarding this, you may call the school cafeteria at 969-4028 on school days 8:00-12:30 or the school office at 484-3392.

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