Weekly Newsletter

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For the Week of February 20, 2017

Thought for the week: "In addition to learning reading, writing, and arithmetic, students also learn responsibility and how to become persons of character and integrity. America's Catholic schools produce graduates with the skills and integrity needed by our businesses, governments, and communities, emphasizing a well-rounded educational experience and instilling the values of giving back to the community and helping others. That is why 'service' is in this year's Catholic Schools Week theme. My own decision to pursue a career in public service was fostered, in part, by dedicated teachers throughout my formative years at Catholic schools."

~ Congressman Daniel Lipinski

This Week in Review:

- Hats off to the PTO for hosting the Father-Daughter Dance last weekend! The girls and their dads looked beautiful and had great fun in the festive atmosphere of Valentine's decorations and great music. Thanks to Mrs.
 Tammy Cook for coordinating this event; our parents who decorated, provided food and drinks, chaperoned, and cleaned up; and Patrick L. who was a fantastic DJ!
- Kudos to Anna G., Principal for the Day on Wednesday, for her hard work and fun activities for the students. She read to the preschoolers, answered the phone, sent an email, observed students in classrooms throughout the day, held a short hallway dance party in the afternoon, and announced that the students would have a NO HOMEWORK NIGHT on Wednesday so that all students could attend the PTO's Skating Party. She also announced that because the students and families worked so hard for us to have a very successful Rafflemania fundraiser, the school will have a Noon Dismissal on March 31st, the Friday before Spring Break!! The students are very excited about being able to start their break a few hours earlier.
- The Skating Party on Wednesday was a great success! We are glad so many families joined us.
- Thanks to our **3-5 Grade parents** for providing a wonderful meal for the staff on Thursday! We appreciated that each classroom had awesome **parent volunteers** who supervised children so the staff could enjoy their time together. Thanks to **Mrs. Kate Csabai** for coordinating the luncheon efforts!
- Thanks also to our families for taking time to attend conferences with your children and their teachers as well as visit the Book Fair in the library. Together we ensure the success of our students!
- S.T.A.R. STUDENTS: We are proud of all our S.T.A.R. ticket students! The following students were weekly winners: Tristan K., Ada K., Elise M., Nadia L., Frankie Y., Sterling C., Vince P., Alaina L., Grant C.

The Week Ahead

Monday, 2/20 Presidents Day, No School

Tuesday, 2/21

- Conservation Education Officer, Grades 4-6 Science
- Yearbook Club, 3:15-4:15
- Quick Recall Practice, 3:15-4:15
- Daisy Scouts, 5:30-6:30

Wednesday, 2/22

- Marshall Molar visits PreK and K, 11:00
- Book Bee, 3:15-4:15
- First Communion Parent Workshop, Library, 6:30 pm

Thursday, 2/23

Friday, 2/24 Trimester 2 Ends

Ms. Natalie LFPL reads to PreK-K, 9:30

Did you know??... We are so excited that Archbishop Kurtz will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on the following 8th Grade students during the 4:30 Saturday mass: Matthew B., Kobe B., Megan F., Savannah F., Patrick L., Ryan M., Anthony M., Rachel P., Alexander W., Matthew W., Meaghan W., Kiley Y. One adult parishioner, Mrs. Cynthia Dawn Link, will be receiving the sacrament with the students. Please keep all of them in your prayers



SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- We will be administering new Catholic Identity Defining Characteristics and Program Effectiveness surveys through AdvancED for the weeks of February 27-March 10th. Please watch for the emails about the surveys this week. Thanks!
- Join other St. Leonard Moms/Grandmoms/Parishioners for **Momarita**—a casual evening of adult conversation and companionship at **6:30 pm, Monday, February 20**th at **El Nopal on Zorn Avenue**. It's a great opportunity to meet with other St Leonard moms and build our school community.
- Our school will be having a special St. Leonard Fund Day at BoomBozz Craft Pizza and Taphouse in St. Matthews on Tuesday, February 28th. Download and bring the flyer attached to the newsletter email, and 15% of your dinner proceeds will be donated to the school! It's a great deal for all of us!
- Looking to improve your middle and/or high school student's study and test-taking skills? There will be a **Study Skills/ACT Prep Test class** offered on **Sunday mornings from 11:00-1:00** (following the 10:00 mass) in the **cafeteria**. The cost is \$10/hour. **The first class will be February 26**th. Please contact **Karen Morris** through email karen.morris2@jefferson.kyschools.us or call **(502) 432-9994** for more information or to register.
- Since November, our middle school students have been engaged in the scientific method as they have researched and planned their science fair projects. They have been hypothesizing, experimenting, collecting and analyzing data, drawing conclusions, and creating research reports on various topics. Their final projects (grades 5-8) will be exhibited in the Science Fair on Thursday, March 2nd at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. All school families and parishioners are invited to attend!
- Terra Nova testing will be held the weeks of March 6-17 for Grades 3, 5, and 7. Please refrain from scheduling any appointments for students being tested. Also, please ensure that children have a good breakfast, plenty of sleep through the week, a snack for testing breaks, and are reminded to give their best effort. Thanks!
- Saturday Morning **PILATES** in the library--The newest 6-week session of Pilates began Saturday, February 18th. The scheduled dates are **Saturday**, **February 18th—March 25th**. Pricing is \$8 per class for the regular drop-in rate or \$30 for the 6-week session (works out to \$5 per class). Please contact instructor **Pam Valdes at 816-914-5104** or pamvaldes@aol.com for information.
- Application for Tuition Assistance for K-8th Grade through the Catholic Education Foundation, Jochum Foundation, School Choice, the Archdiocese and Parish, Ulmer Foundation, and Community Catholic Center is now open online at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. The Jochum Scholarship has an additional paper application which can be downloaded here. Applications must be submitted online completely by March 15th. Parents will be notified of award amounts by June 1st. Call the school/parish office with questions.

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of February 20th

<u>AM</u>

Carpool Assist:

Hayden G.

Owen M.

Flag and Cones

Grace B.

Grant C.

PM

Flag and Cones:

Kenny D.

Kiley Y.

February/ March Calendar of Events Feb 20 Presidents' Day—No School

Feb 21 Conservation Education Officer, 4-6 Grade science

Feb 22 First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Feb 27 SAC Meeting

Feb 28 NO School Mass

Mar 1 Ash Wednesday, 8:30 am School Mass

Mar 2 8th Grade to Dare to Care

Mar 2 Science Fair

Mar 6-17 Terra Nova Testing, Grades 3,5,7

Mar 7 NO School Mass

Mar 10 LCM Mobile Museum, Grades PreK-5th

Mar 14 CEF Salute Dinner

Mar 16 4th Grade to Mt. Holly

Mar 16 1:00 Dismissal

Mar 21 Conservation Education Officer, 4-6 Grade science

Mar 29 Grades 1-2 to Oxmoor Farm

Mar 29 Grade 3 to James & Giant Peach

Mar 30 8th Grade to Dare to Care

Mar 31 Noon Dismissal

Apr 1-9 Spring Break

St. Leonard Catholic School, in partnership with families, educates children in a challenging, dynamic, and Christ-centered environment through personal, intentional, and innovative instruction.