

Dear Parents,

We made it through our first week of in-person/hybrid learning! It was great to have students in the classroom. We hope your child at home felt connected to their classmates as well. Our classrooms are not the same without the joyful personalities of your children.

Catholic Schools week kicks off this weekend with Masses this weekend. On **Monday**, we will celebrate parents and it's crazy hat day for Students. On **Tuesday**, wear your St. Luke spirit wear or gear representing a Catholic University or High School. On **Wednesday**, we will celebrate our community, with a virtual all school Mass so students will wear their formal uniform. On **Thursday**, it is crazy hair day! On Friday, students can celebrate at home in their free dress.

On the calendar you may have seen that Thursday, February 11th **was** scheduled for a half day. This is no longer happening because of our four day school week. So plan on your child being at school for a full day of teaching. Of course this will give us the opportunity to have a Valentine's Day "Party".

February 11th, we will be celebrating **Valentine's Day** with your help.

1. **Valentine Jamboards: No regular Valentine cards or gifts may be passed out.** We have decided to make Valentine Jamboards for the children. Each child will have their **own jamboard** and the other children will write their Valentine messages to them on these boards. The children can embed images, write on sticky notes, or choose a shape and fill it in with a message. The jamboards can be found on their homeroom google classroom. The children can start writing on these jamboards today.
2. **Valentine Special Treat:** With covid restrictions the way they are, we are asking each of you to pack a special treat and perhaps a drink for your child to enjoy during our party time. The treat can be anything you think they would enjoy!

**Summative Assessment--Topic Talk:** We are wrapping up our latest IB unit of inquiry. We completed Mystery 5 this week learning about the properties of magnets. Students should make sure to complete the Google Form linked on the Hyperdoc. We did not get a chance to do it in class. We also introduced their summative assessment project. Students are choosing two of the concepts we learned about and creating a project to teach us about them. Attached to this email is more information that explains the concepts that were taught, ideas for projects and when your child will be presenting theirs to the class. Students have a planning outline page to complete this weekend and turn in on Monday. Students were very excited to get started on this. The rubric for this project will be created with help from students on Monday and then sent home.

Thank you for your continued support,

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