

Dear Parents,

Wednesday was the start of Lent and the children have their plans in place for prayer, fasting and giving. Speaking of giving, we have a number of opportunities for giving going on at the school right now. Different advisor groups are collecting toiletries for the homeless, our Lenten food drive for the parish pantry, and collecting money for the rice bowl.

It was different going to the gym for church on Ash Wednesday. We kept reminding the children to think of the gym as church not the gym and we needed to be respectful. Know that every Friday that we are in school between now and Holy Week, we will be attending mass on Friday beginning at 8:45. Please have your children to school by 8:30 because we need to leave early to get to mass on time.

We are finishing up our unit on regions this coming week. Students have been hard at work in their groups completing their slideshows to present to the class next week. We have both added comments to the children's slides to advise them on how to improve their slides. We have noticed that a few have hit resolve on the comment instead of fixing. Hopefully this isn't your child but we wanted to make you aware. Sadly, a few are still working on completing their slides. They need to be completed by Monday. Along with their slideshow presentations, each student will present their state float or suitcase as well. These presentations begin on Monday.

Our next IB inquiry dovetails perfectly with our study of the regions of the United States. We will be looking at the Indigenous people of our country. The children will be introduced to the unit on Wednesday. The Central Idea for the unit is *Indigenous People Express their Culture based on the Resources Available to Them*.

Please check PowerSchool to see if your child has any missing assignments. The 2nd trimester ends in two weeks. Look for information coming soon about spring conferences that will be held Thursday March 24th and Friday March 25th.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday March 11th ~ No school
Friday March 18th ~ Mass 8:45
Thursday March 24th ~ No School Spring Conferences
Friday March 25th ~ No School Spring Conferences
Friday April 1st ~ Mass 8:45
Friday April 8th ~ Mass 8:45
Good Friday April 15th ~ noon dismissal
Spring Break April 18th - 22nd

Enjoy the sunny weather! Have a wonderful weekend.

Blessings,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan