

Dear Parents,

How can we only have a little more than a week left in February? This trimester is flying by, and Lent begins next Wednesday. The children are working on creating Lenten booklets to help them make a commitment to growing closer to God during our Lenten journey. They are looking for times to incorporate time/pray, talent/fasting, and treasure/almsgiving into their day. This is also a great time to work on being of service to others. One service project you can be involved with is a joint project with the parish to support the residents at the Josephinum. Fr. Brad will be explaining more about this project at weekend Masses.

The MYP is putting on its annual play production next month. This year's show is "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat. All students in the MYP are involved in this play's production, whether as actors, singers, crew members, set designers, or marketing. What a wonderful collaboration for all involved. The link went out in the Thursday WRAP for tickets. The ticket prices were initially listed incorrectly, but on the website, they are correct. If you are interested in buying tickets, use this [link](#). These are always great productions.

In reading, the students have begun their scavenger hunt for different text features. They use an EPIC collection, National Geographic Readers, to locate the features. While looking for text features in actual books, they will also create their nonfiction lap book about themselves using many of the same text features. The scavenger hunt and the book about themselves are broken into manageable sections, so they don't get overwhelmed. We do not have spelling words next week, so this gives us plenty of time to work on them in class to finish them by next Friday.

We are wrapping up our informational writing unit in the next week or so. Students will be bringing home their country books soon. This coming week, we will be revising and editing their informational books about a topic of their choice. Students will be writing their final drafts by the end of February. Final drafts are due by Tuesday, February 28th. No grammar practice next week due to a short week and the hope that students have the time to finish their projects.

Our Inquiry region unit has moved from looking at all of North America to studying Mexico and Canada's political regions. The children have taken notes and created a book comparing the two countries looking for similarities and differences. Next week we are moving to the United States and studying the five regions of our country. Each child will be divided up into one of these regions, where they first research and take notes about the region before choosing one state in their region to create a state float or suitcase. The research on the state will take place during reading time, but the float or suitcase will be constructed at home. More information will be coming home next week for this project, but it's a good idea to hold onto a large box (cereal, shoe box, or something just a little bit larger) for creating the float.

#### **Upcoming Events**

2/20 - Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL

2/22 - Ash Wednesday prayer service and ash distribution- 9:30 am

2/23 - Parents Club Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 pm

2/24 - St. Luke hosts Superintendent of Catholic Schools - **BEST UNIFORMS & NO FREE DRESS**

2/24 - All-School Spelling Bee in the auditorium - **1:00 pm**

2/28 - Safe Environment Training 6:30 (details below)

3/2-4 - MYP Performance - 7:30 pm

3/10 - Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL

Have a wonderful Presidents' Day weekend,  
Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith