

Dear Parents,

Next week begins Holy Week. We will be learning about and reflecting each day and completing different activities as we prepare for the Triduum. On Good Friday, the children will be attending Stations of the Cross, presented by our 8th graders at 9:45. To commemorate this most solemn day; we will be using a minimum or no electricity and completing activities that are quietly reflective and fitting. Also, as a school, we will be dismissed in silence at noon. Please help us with this and talk with your child.

There will be no spelling or grammar homework next week. It will resume after spring break. Our grammar topics are building on earlier topics, and many concepts are new. Students need to practice during the week and complete their grammar packet. We would appreciate your help in checking that your child has completed it. We have received homework that is not completed. Increasing your child's responsibility is a goal this trimester.

We are in the middle of our unit of inquiry about indigenous people. Students have learned about the types of shelters their tribe lived in and the clothing they wore. They will be learning about the tools that their tribes used next week. Our central idea is "indigenous people express their culture based on the resources available to them." As they research each of these areas, they are seeing what resources (hides, grasses, trees,...) were used to create them. After spring break, students will be going on a nature walk and will be creating a piece of art in class from the materials they gather from the walk. This art project is a prelude to their summative assessment, where they will be asked to create something from natural resources within certain guidelines.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/3 - Coffee & Curriculum: Recap Parenting Tools for Positive Mental Health

4/5 - All-school Mass - 8:45 am

4/6 - Holy Thursday - 7 pm Mass - Adoration until 10 pm

4/7 - Good Friday

4/7 - Stations of the Cross - 3-5 grade band at 9:45

4/7 - **Silent** NOON DISMISSAL

4/7 - 7 pm - Passion of the Lord

4/8 - Holy Saturday - 8 pm Easter Vigil

4/9 - Easter Sunday - 9 am and 11 am Mass

4/10-4/14 - NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK

4/19 - Mass Grades 2-8 - 8:45am

4/21 - FREE DRESS DAY!

4/22-4/30 - Book Fair

4/26 - Mass Grades 2-8 - 8:45am

4/27 & 4/28 - Student-led Conferences (No classes scheduled so that students and parents can attend in-person conferences.)

Praying for you and your family as we enter Holy Week,

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