



March 2012

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Lent is about embarking on the way of Jesus on that path of mortality and transformation that is at the very center of our Christian life. The five weeks of Lent in anticipation of that most sacred week, Holy Week, are a time to turn attention to our spiritual identity, our spiritual journey and our spiritual life. May our Lenten experience bring that internal transformation that will bring us all closer to God. On Monday, February 27 each student will receive a mission bank from the Sisters of Notre Dame. We ask that families do their best to help those who are in dire need of assistance. All proceeds will go to our missions in Africa and South America. In the spirit of faith and hope let us join together in prayer and practice to address the needs of the poor in the most abandoned places. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

We thank all the students and parents for their participation in the event of Catholic Schools Week. It is a time in which we can reflect on the mission of Catholic education: to give us a long-range view of faithful living and guidance for our faith journey on earth. As part of our week of celebration, we recognize one of our most valuable assets in our school community, our parent volunteers. A plaque in appreciation of outstanding volunteers is displayed outside of our main office. At our Mass on January 25, we honored this year's nominees: Eileen Zoldak, Andre Deschenes, Mary Intonti, Tara Silva, Lou Dinis, Jayne Botticelli and Nancy O'Donnell. The entire school community is grateful for their years of service and dedication to St. John's.

Congratulations to all our sports teams: girls and boys JV and varsity basketball and cheerleading for very successful seasons. Our sincere thanks to their dedicated coaches and the parents who made the arrangements and sacrifices to support our school teams.

The last day for the morning valet drop off will be on Friday, March 2 except during inclement weather. Please refer to the handbook to review the regular morning drop off procedure which will resume Monday, March 5.

The Musical Ad drive will begin on March 5. Our musical will be "Honk" this year. Ms. Bennett, Mr. Petrucci, and Mr. Colpitts will be merging their collective skills with our talented students to bring this popular show to a stage near you. Make plans now to join us for this year's production on May 3, 4 and 5 at Bishop Fenwick High School.

March 9 is Grandparents/Special Friends Day at St. John's. We hope all the special people in our children's lives are able to join us. A schedule of events will be sent home soon.

Stanford 10 testing will be administered from March 19-23. Please plan all your children's outside appointment for another time.

We hope you all plan on attending our annual Auction on Saturday, March 24 at 6:00 pm. More information will be available after February vacation.

We will have Family Math Night on April 25 from 6 pm until 7:30 pm. We ask all families to mark their calendar and plan to join us to participate in fun family math activities.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the mission of Catholic education and St. John's School.

Sincerely,
Maureen J. Kelleher