

“what comes out of the man, that is what defiles him.”

St. Ann Family,

February 12, 2017

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the start of Lent, a very special time in our religious calendar. For 40 days, we will be engaged in a focused mindset of prayer, fasting, and perseverance as the Easter season draws near. The transformative nature of Lent, with its Easter conclusion, is a truly holy one. We see the world itself transform from the bleak and grey winter to the greening of spring and beauty of new life. We find ourselves transformed as we fast and pray and push through the 40 long days of the season, leaving behind old habits and pursuing and celebrating the salvation that Christ has won for us.

The Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation's scholarship application window is now open. Don't hesitate to log on and apply for scholarships/financial assistance for the 2018-2019 school year.

**St. Ann's registration is now open for all returning families. Many families have already re-registered and claimed their spot for the 18-19 school year. We're handling all re-registration online through Educonnect this year. This should make it simple for families to access and submit their re-registrations through the same online account they use to check grades and attendance. Simply go to [sacs-stl.eduk12.net](http://sacs-stl.eduk12.net) and log in to your family's account. I have already emailed all families a reminder of their login information (User ID and Password). The online registration format allows you to enter/update all of your contact info, ensuring that your active and preferred email addresses and phone numbers are in use by our automated communication systems. I think this approach will be a timesaver for families and for the school!**

We'll be celebrating both Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 13th. Classroom parties will run from 2-3pm and every class will get a special king cake to celebrate as well.

February 14th is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Join us at our All School Mass to receive your ashes and start your Lenten season right.

February 16th will be our first Friday in Lent which means Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm. This session of Stations will be for the 5th through 8th grade classes.

February 16th will also be our first Fish Fry. Dinner will be served from 5-7pm. Stop in and feed the whole family with this fun and festive parish/school tradition.

Presidents Day is Monday February 19th. There will be NO SCHOOL.

There is NO SCHOOL on March 2nd. The teachers will have a staff meeting in the morning and PLT's in the afternoon.

The St. Ann Progressive Dinner has been postponed to Saturday, March 3rd. For more information about hosting and/or dining, contact Dana Valenti at [dana.valenti@sacs-stl.org](mailto:dana.valenti@sacs-stl.org).

***Registration for the St. Ann Track Team will begin soon. Please use the link on the school website under "Student Life/Athletics" to register. Registration is \$9 and will close February 28. The cost of a uniform t-shirt will be about \$12. All students K-8 attending St. Ann are welcome to join the Track Team. The preliminary meet will be on Saturday, April 28 at Trinity High School and the championship meet will be on Saturday, May 19 at St. Dominic High School. All parents will need to volunteer in some capacity to support the team. With questions, please contact [pierraj@gmail.com](mailto:pierraj@gmail.com).***

REMINDER: Adults who are entering or exiting the building at dismissal time should access the building through the school's front doors (green double doors) rather than the side doors. At dismissal time, students are to exit through the side doors and students should not be providing access to the building to anyone, even if it is only through their own exit.

Mark Your Calendar

2/13-Mardi Gras and Valentine parties 2-3pm  
2/14 Ash Wednesday (Valentine's Day)  
2/16 Stations of The Cross 2:30pm  
2/16 Fish Fry 5-7pm  
2/19 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day  
3/2 NO SCHOOL Teacher PLT's  
3/3 Progressive Dinner  
3/9 End of 3rdQuarter (Start of Spring Break)

Blessings,  
Jacob Reft