



Holy Spirit
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Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe we are already more than halfway through the month of March!

Please keep in mind that in just a couple of short weeks the 3rd quarter will end; Thursday, April 2nd to be exact. I would encourage students to check in with their teachers to be sure that all outstanding assignments have been completed as teachers will be finishing entering grades prior to the Easter break. With regard to the Parent Portal, the Office of Catholic Schools essentially “locks down” the portal from view prior to the end of the quarter so please know that this will be happening as of April 2nd. The portal will reopen once report cards are finished.

To be sure that everyone took note of the changes to the school calendar, I am repeating below those changes:

Thursday, April 2nd (Holy Thursday) will now be a full day of school; no afternoon extended day.

Friday, May 8th will now be a full day of school.

Friday, May 22nd will now be a full day of school; no afternoon extended day.

8th grade exams are moved to the week of June 1st.

The 8th grade class trip is moved to Monday, June 8th.

8th grade graduation is moved to June 10th.

6th & 7th grade exams are moved to the week of June 8th.

Kindergarten completion ceremony is moved to Friday, June 12th.

The last day for preschool is Friday, June 12th.

The last day for grades 1-8 is Tuesday, June 16th and this is a full day of school; no afternoon extended day.

In advance, I would like to thank all of those who have been involved with the planning of the Spring Talent Show and Basket Raffle most specifically Joe Terpenning and Pam Stevens Schulz. I hope to see many of you tomorrow evening and cannot wait to see everything the students have prepared to entertain us.

The 7th & 8th grade production of “Annie” will be Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm in the school gym. Although the students will have seen the dress rehearsal during the day, please be sure to attend and bring younger (or older) siblings and guests. The students and their teachers have put a tremendous amount of time and effort into the productive and would love the opportunity to share their talents with you.



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Please continue to check the electronic version of the Family Folder on the school website. Information regarding “Annie”, Spring pictures, and Field Day may be found there.

I encourage every family to participate with your children in the Easter Triduum as this is the pinnacle of our Liturgical Year. “Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ’s Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are: Mass of the Lord’s Supper; Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion; Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Since this is the last Family Folder before the break, I wish all of you a joyous Easter.

Blessings always,

Maureen Ashby
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“O Lord,

*How amazing is your love,
A love that overcomes, endures and redeems.*

*How astounding is your life,
A life that sustains, heals and creates.*

*How awesome is your hope,
A hope that promises, restores and inspires.*

*How absorbing is your truth,
A truth that releases, changes and rebuilds.*

*How we worship you, as we remember the moment when your love conquered.
When out of the cave of sorrow Jesus arose to release forgiveness to the world.
And each time we encounter this resurrection day we are again lifted to an eternal place.
Our sin, brokenness and darkness fall away and your light and peace flood our lives.
How we thank you for this incredible celebration we call Easter.*

*Amen.”
(Living Prayers)*