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From the desk of the principal...

Can you believe it is Spring Break already? This year is just flying by! How about beginning your day with either the 6:30 a.m. Prayer Service or the 8:00 a.m. Mass? Both are guaranteed to get your day started the right way!

St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day were celebrated at the school last week in many academic genres. Thank you to **Mrs. Parlier** and her team for providing the delicious St. Joseph's Day Sweet Table for all the students.

We have exciting news in the kindergarten domain! Mrs. Pratt is expecting her first baby. In fact, the first email I receive **after 3:00 today** with the correct sex of the baby will receive a Starbucks gift card. (Emails before 3:00 will not be accepted!) We wish Mrs. Pratt congratulations and the best of luck next year as a stay at home mom. We are so **blessed** and eager to welcome Ms. Meghan Falkenberg as the new kindergarten teacher. Ms. Falkenberg is working on her Master's Degree in elementary education. Mrs. Kerr and Ms. Klotz are delighted to welcome Ms. Falkenberg onto their team.

We still have a few **REGISTRATIONS** that are outstanding for next year. Can we get those back before spring break? We have 89% of the registrations in for next year. Welcome to the 14 new students who have registered already, with many more expected!

Did you see the information in this week's church bulletin regarding Christ Renews His Church? If you would like more information or would like to share any ideas please come to the next "Town Hall" meeting at 6:30 on Monday, April 16th in the church.

Have a safe and relaxing week with your children. God bless!



Upcoming Events

March 22

Preschool Easter Egg Hunt
10am-10:45am (playground)

March 23

Pizza Day

March 26-March 30

SPRING BREAK - No School



April 1

Easter Sunday

Save the Date(s)!

April 2

School **IN SESSION/NO BUS**

April 3-6

8th Grade DC trip

April 3

6:30pm-9pm First
Communion Retreat

April 8

2nd grade Craft sale after
9:30am Mass

April 14

First Communion 10am

April 12-15

School Musical

April 16-April 20

Aspire Testing

April 26

Spring Arts Fair, Book Fair, Ice
Cream Social

April 27

Grandparents Day –
10:30 Mass, 11:30 lunch

IMPORTANT

April 2 will be a school day and NO BUS SERVICE

Because of the snow day, we will be **IN SCHOOL** on Monday, April 2 (the day after Easter). There will also be **NO BUS SERVICE** that day, so please plan accordingly. Spring Break will be Monday, March 26- Friday, March 30.

Spirit Wear shop is open now!

Have you been enjoying all the new STV t-shirts and sweatshirts? Do you wish you had ordered? Maybe you want more? We have reopened the Spirit Wear shop **through Friday, April 4th**. Items should arrive by mid to late April. We will send a notice out when they arrive and where they can be picked up. **Visit the shop at <https://www.customink.com/g/aar0-00ba-vc19>**

Rice Bowls



Please return your Rice Bowls to the Rice Bowl display next to the Holy Family statue at Mass on Palm Sunday. If you will be away that weekend, please return them to the school office with your Family Envelope **tomorrow, March 22**.

Thank you for participating in this Lenten Archdiocesan Alms project in conjunction with the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31 at 10am—Meet in the RAC (Gym)

For children in 3rd Grade or younger



Bring your own Easter Basket so you can scoop up your eggs and bring them home! AND... meet the Easter Bunny! He'll be hoppin' around and eager to take pictures with you.

- Sponsored by the VOICES Youth Group



Grandparents Day

Spring is coming! That means so is Grandparents Day!

Save the date! Friday, April 27 - 10:30am.

- Invite your Grandparents or special guests to our annual Grandparents Day Mass and Luncheon to be held in the Church and the RAC.
- As usual, families will provide lunch for their children and guests.
- We will offer the option to order lunch through us.
- Look in the Family Envelope after Spring Break for RSVP and Lunch Order Forms!

Yankee Candle Fundraiser



This year's Yankee Candle fundraiser will run **through April 6**, giving us ample time to reach our fundraising goal. We will receive 40% profit on each item purchased. In addition to the fundraising envelope your family received last week, sales are available online at yankeecandlefundraising.com - our group number is **990012829**. Please return orders and money in the **April 5th** family envelope (online orders can be placed until April 6). Classic Jar Candles are now only \$20 and make a great gift!

Volunteer Points Update



A note on your progress towards meeting your volunteer requirements is in this week's family envelope. If you have any questions about your progress, please contact Rosey Fanone.

For those families who have not yet met their volunteering requirements, please see the list of open volunteering opportunities below. To sign up, please email Rosey Fanone at rfanone@gmail.com.

Any remaining points balances will be billed in mid-April and due 4/30/18.

Open Opportunities

- **Trivia Night (May 5th)** – This large fundraising event will take place in the Rowley Activity Center on Saturday, 5/5/18, from 6 – 11pm. There are multiple volunteer opportunities available, including setup, ticket sales, serving and clean up. 3 points each.
- **Alumni Outreach** – Work with School Board to gather and coordinate alumni contacts. 10 points.
- **Grandparents Day Lunch Committee Members** – Friday, April 27. Work with Chair to plan event theme, decorations, and shop for supplies. 8 points.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week Chairperson** – Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11, 2018. Coordinate the entire week's activities, including planning a lunch, decorating the building, and organizing appreciation activities. (FSA has prior examples to help.) 10 points.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week Helper** – Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11, 2018. Assist in various activities during the week. 4 points.
- **Summertime School Greenskeeping Chair** – Participate on and coordinate the team. Schedule team to pull weeds, trim bushes, and perform other basic upkeep of the school grounds during the summer months. 5 points.

Help Wanted: Grandparents Day Committee

The Grandparents Day Committee is looking for 1 or 2 more committee members to help plan and run Grandparents Day which is being held on Friday, April 27th. Contact Julie Hake at 847-848-5869 or jhake@ameritech.net for more information.

Next Dine-N-Share: Portillo's on April 18

Thank you for your continued support of the Dine-N-Share program!! In March, more than 120 people strapped on their skates for a fun family night at Orbit Skate Center. Join us for our next event on April 18 from 5-8 at Portillo's in Arlington Heights.



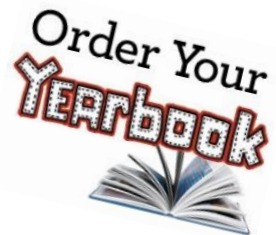
DSP changes for Easter week

Please see the green insert in today's family envelope for the changes to DSP for Easter week.

It is time to personalize and order your 2017-2018 STV yearbook!

Don't miss out on the chance to make this year's yearbook unique to your STV student(s). **If you have not yet ordered your yearbook you can go to <http://www.treering.com/> and enter the STV code 1013805776361169.**

Yearbooks are \$19.49 and include 2 full pages that are customizable to you and your family! **The deadline to customize pages is April 4, 2018**, so don't delay!



First Communion Craft Sale



Are you looking for a crafty way to show your love for the poor and for Jesus? Then please come to the Gathering Area **after the 9:30 Mass Sunday, April 8th** and support the STV School 2nd Graders in their First Communion Craft Sale! 100% of the money collected will help Catholic Relief Services provide poor families in need with safe, clean drinking water close to their

homes. Thank you in advance for supporting our 2nd graders as they experience what it means to be The Body of Christ in a big way before their big day! See you there!

Join in the fun at the 6th annual Trivia Night fundraiser event on Saturday, 5/5/18!



Gather together your teams of 8 people to compete for cash prizes. Enjoy bidding on exciting live auction items, take a chance on fantastic raffle prizes, and buy something from the Everybody Wins Wall. There's fun for everyone!

Ca\$h bar, including margaritas, to celebrate Cinco de Mayo! Bring your own food to feast on, and plan to bid on a delicious dessert at the Dessert Auction that you can share right at the table.

Advanced ticket sales - \$30/person; \$220/table of 8.

Stop in the School or Parish Office to sign up, or email stvtrivianight@gmail.com with questions or to request a registration form.

Altar Servers

Mar 24 & 25

Saturday 5:00 PM

George Leidolf
Evelyn Page
Victoria Ruetsche

Sunday 7:30 AM

Michael Nix
Johnny Pellettiere
Truman Sanchez

Sunday 9:30 AM

Jason Mayschak
Maura McGarvey
Ben Pribilski

Sunday 11:15 AM

Kathy Palmowski
Colin Regan
Ryan Regan



From Athletic Director Jenny Parlier:

We have lots going on in Sports as we will have 4 sports going on simultaneously!!!

Boys Volleyball - The seasons have gotten off to a great start with a tournament at St. Colette's that all 3 of our teams were in this past weekend. The boys should be so proud of themselves as they played hard and had some wins and very close games. Kudos to the 6th graders who made it to the semi-finals of the 7th grade level!!!

The STV 8th Grade Boys Tournament is April 21st. Watch for more info to come on that soon. We need help!!! April 23rd will be a Pack The Gym and 8th Grade Recognition. Details TBA

Track and Field - Practices have started and the Track Meets will start right after Spring Break. Please see website for the Full Schedule. April 14th will be "Pack The Field" 9AM Carmel High School and 8th Grade Recognition.

Softball Club - Practices will start for Girls Softball the first week of April. Details TBA. Softball please look for an email coming soon. The NWCC is going to let us play some scrimmage games at the JV level this year. As soon as I have it, that schedule will be sent to you. If you have not signed up for softball, you still have time. Please email me.

Jr Vikings Running Club – It's very exciting that we have brought back our Fall Running Club with Coach Lori Smithe. She will begin practices on Monday April 16th for 3rd and 4th Graders 2:30-3:15 at the STV track. The end race will be the Got2Run for Educations on Saturday May 19th. Please register for the race at www.got2run.org. A part of your registration fee comes back to STV. Please see the flyer that went home in last week's family envelope. If you are interested in joining our Running/Walking Club please email me for STV registration information.

Summer Sports Camp - A few envelopes back you got the information for the Summer Sports Camps that STV will hold June 4th-8th. Please let me know if you are interested, questions, etc. Joane Fesl Volleyball Camp will also be holding a second camp here at STV the week of June 11th for 5th-12th grade. Please see the flyer in today's envelope.

Dates To Remember:

- Spring Sports Banquet TBA soon.
- Sports Awards Night May 17th 6-9PM RAC

Happy Spring Break and Easter!!

