

LENT

Lent offers us a chance for transformation - a time to open ourselves to the power of God. During the season of Lent, we have the chance to re-center our lives, to check and see if we are living according to God's will. We have been given three ways of re-centering our lives: **fasting**, **prayer** and **almsgiving**. **Fasting** means letting go of the unnecessary to better concentrate on the necessary. Perhaps we need not just to fast from food, but perhaps from buying things, or from television or maybe the Internet! What should we let go of that we "want" to do, so that the things we "need" to do get done? This is our chance to re-order our life so that our day-to-day existence reflects what we say is important. This is the time to see what activities we can cut back on, as individuals and families, to have more time for God, for each other and for service. **Almsgiving** is making a gift of alms, which are physical gifts (money, food, or goods) intended to help those who are in need. Choosing to give alms makes a difference for those who give. It is an exercise in detachment, a reminder that money is not an ultimate good. Money can, in fact, be a distraction from things that are more important, so giving up some money helps to redirect our attention to what we really value. **Prayer**, of course, is the center of every Christian's life. Communal and individual prayer. During Lent, we take extra time to pray, to sit in God's presence and be still. Here is our chance to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God. The season of Lent is a wonderful time for families to reflect on their relationship with God. Before the season begins, it would be ideal for family members to talk about actions they wish to undertake, both individually and as a family, to strengthen their relationship with God. It certainly is not too early to begin thinking about your Lenten journey.



RICE BOWLS

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million. Each of our families received a Rice Bowl Bank in which sacrificial offerings can be made. All banks should be returned to school by **Thursday April 7th**.

PRINCIPAL'S READING CHALLENGE

During Catholic Schools Week, we had a special reading announcement to see how well we were doing as a school to reach Mrs. Coppola's Reading Challenge. Each class has read the following number of books:

TE	380	2ND	610
PK	330	3RD	130
KA	450	4TH	105
KB	970	5TH	220
1A	620	6A	80
1B	450	6B	120
MID POINT TOTAL:			4,465

Students have read a grand total of 4465 books added to last year's count of 8985 brings the total to **13,450** books read! We are so close to our goal of reading **15,000** books!!! Mrs. Coppola promised that if students reach this goal, she will dress up as a gorilla and the staff will dress as bananas and have a game of tag on the front lawn. I know I would certainly like to see that, so...**READ! READ! READ!**

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

Regan's Acts of Kindness is our service project for the month of March. We will be collecting donations for Hillside Children's Center and donating them in Regan's name. We will also have a Tag Day and all money collected will also go to Hillside. Here is a little information about Hillside and why we think



they are the perfect place for our March service project:

Hillside's Mission

Hillside provides community-based services, education, and residential treatment to positively impact lives, in partnership with youth and families who have experienced trauma.

Hillside's Vision

Youth and families overcoming challenges to heal and thrive in their communities.

Hillside's Philosophy of Service

Hillside is family-driven, youth-guided, trauma-informed, and culturally competent.

Hillside is committed to:

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Hillside creates an inclusive environment where they leverage diversity to build a strong, equitable community.

You should receive a flyer detailing what we will be collecting. As always, thank you for your support.

THANK YOU

Fennessey Fridays was an AMAZING success. We collected \$544.00 toward our Fennessey Scholarship with our Fennessey February Service Project. We also sent Valentines to the ALS chapter of Upstate New York, and they have assured us they families were so appreciative of all the well wishes. Our Year of Service Projects are so important to us, this one was very near and dear to us especially. Peter's family reached out to the school and were so grateful to the school for honoring Peter and his memory.



EAGLE EXTRAS

- 🦅 **Ash Wednesday-** School Liturgy is on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 9am.
- 🦅 **Fish Fry Begins-** Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, **4pm – 7pm** and every Friday March 4th – April 8th. Take-out ONLY. Please call **Bob James** at **315-399-2770** or **315-471-0818** if you want to help or for more details.
- 🦅 **\$1.00 Tag Day-** On March 3rd we will have a PINK THEMED Tag Day in honor of Regan's Birthday.
- 🦅 Virtual PTA meeting is on **March 10th at 7pm**. Please contact the main office if you do not receive the link by 2pm March 9th.
- 🦅 **NO SCHOOL-** March 11th, teacher in-service day
- 🦅 **FREE TAG DAY-** March 17th. Wear your **GREEN!** Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 🦅 **FREE TAG DAY-** March 18th. Wear your **RED** for the Feast of St. Joseph!
- 🦅 **RED RIBBON WEEK-** March 21st-March 24th Celebrating a healthy, drug free YOU
- 🦅 **BISHOP'S DAY-** THANK YOU to Bishop Lucia for the gift of **NO SCHOOL** on **MARCH 25th**. Enjoy the long weekend

EAGLE ART RIDDLING CONTEST

THE RIDDLE:

I am known as the king of the jungle.
I possess both beauty and strength.
I live in groups called prides.
My babies are known as cubs.
What am I?

THE RULES: You must **DRAW** and **COLOR** the correct answer to the riddle and turn it in to the main office by **March 21st** to earn a TAG DAY PASS. We will hang all entries in front of the main office. All entries will be voted on and the winner will receive ANOTHER Tag Day Pass. Remember what Mrs. Brown says: "NO NAME NO FAME".