



# THE INSIDE SCOOP



## FEBRUARY

### **6TH: NOON DISMISSAL & NO EDP**

What??? Noon dismissal...on a Wednesday? YES indeed. This one tends to sneak up on parents more than most, so mark your calendars and plan ahead since there is also NO EDP. This "winter conference" time is only if you or your teacher has requested a meeting to check in on your own cherub.

### **7TH & 8TH: KINDERGARTEN SCREENING**

Our current kindergarteners get a looong weekend with no classes on the 7th or 8th. Our staff uses these 2 days to screen potential incoming kindergartners for next year! For the rest of the grade levels, it is business as usual.

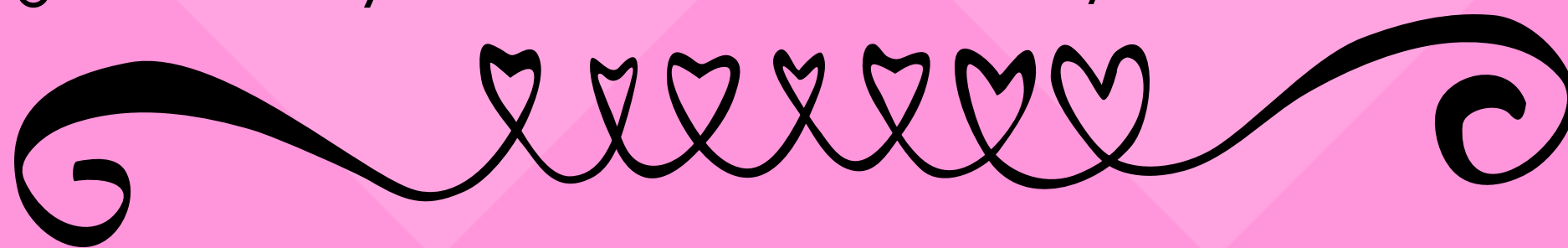
### **12TH: SCIENCE FAIR**

I wanted to share an informative and fascinating document I found recently from the US Bureau of Labor Statistic (<https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2014/spring/art01.pdf>). Did you know... "Employment in occupations related to STEM—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—is projected to grow to more than 9 million between 2012 and 2022. That's an increase of about 1 million jobs over 2012 employment levels." There is also an impressive list of future jobs listed as well and it was encouraging to see how STEM is embedded and intertwined across so many fields.

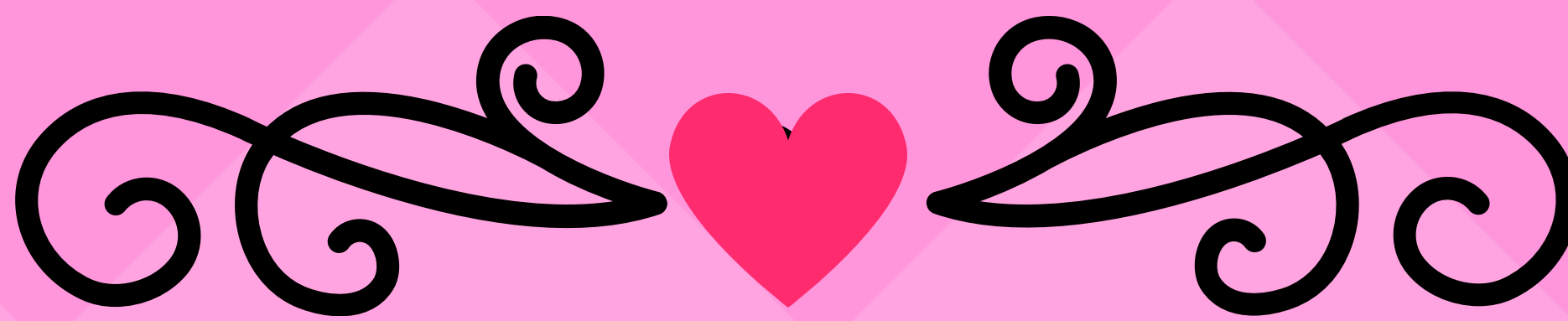
All that to say, I HIGHLY encourage your family, at any grade level, to attend and participate in our school Science Fair on February 12th from 6:30-8pm in the McClean Family Center & EDP. In addition to our own students' projects on display, this year we've planned hands-on activity stations and the Museum of Flight as special guests.

### **14TH: ALL SCHOOL MASS; ST VALENTINE'S DAY**

The Feast of Saint Valentine originated as a Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early saints named Valentinus. Today, it is perhaps better recognized as a celebration of love and romance. Whether by religious beliefs or Hallmark, please join us at Mass at 10:30am to share some love! Be on the lookout for information from your teachers and room parents in regards to any class celebrations and/or valentine exchanges.



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### **15TH- 18TH: PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND**

All praise to our founding forefathers (dating back to 1885) that just knew we needed a long weekend in February; there is NO SCHOOL Friday 2/15 nor Monday 2/18. You may chose to honor President George Washington as originally intend, OR... just enjoy the long weekend with your sweethearts!

### **20TH: GUEST SPEAKER**

Keeping our kids safe in the event of an emergency is at the forefront of our collective minds. If you'd like to learn more from a voice of experience, please join us at 7:00pm in the library for an informative evening with Eric Holdman. Eric has over 22 years of direct experience in emergency management and homeland security at all levels of government... and just happens to have some little people here at St. Francis that he holds dear to his heart.

Childcare will be provided in EDP. Please contact the Parents' Association at [paestfoa.org](http://paestfoa.org) for more information.

### **22ND & 23RD: SCHOOL PLAY: MULAN JR**

Another family friendly event you won't want to miss is our annual school play. It truly takes a village to bring this production to fruition, and at the end of it all you will be filled with PRIDE! Even our youngest students get to participate in the school choir sitting close to the front (children in our choir earn free admission; otherwise tickets are \$10). There are so many good life lessons wrapped up in the preparation and performance of our school play; please come and be part of the community! Leave early enough that you have time park and get situated before curtain call, bring your patience for the parking lot, exercise extreme caution with many pedestrians crossing the street in the dark, and bring a few spare dollars for concessions during intermission and the raffle in the lobby! We hope to see you @ 7pm at the Highline Performing Arts Center!

*Let all that you do be done in love.*

*1 Corinthians 16:14*



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