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Principal Newsletter

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Blessed are those who love You, O Lord, and love their friends in You and their enemies because of You. St. Augustine

"Lumberjack Bash" Fundraiser

On behalf of Father Doyle, our staff, and students I would like to thank Betsy Partington, Laura Ford, and Calli McClain for their outstanding leadership in organizing the Lumberjack Bash. We are very thankful and appreciative of their dedication to St. Anne School.

School Delayed Starts, Early Outs, Cancellations

Here is the text of the SchoolSpeak email that went out to all families today regarding school make up days.

"As of today, St. Anne students have missed 7 days of instruction due to severe weather in our area. This is almost unprecedented! We are required by the Illinois State Board of Education to make up 5 of those days. The other 2 days are considered to be "Act of God" days and do not have to be made up. Having said that, our faculty met yesterday after school to discuss several options for the 5 days we need to make up.

The consensus of the teachers, along with approval from Father Doyle and I, was to make up 2 of the 5 days on Presidents Day-Monday, February 18th, and also on Easter Monday-April 22nd. In other words, school will be in session on those days. That will leave us with only 3 more days to make up. We discussed using 2 days of the spring break week, as Newman Central Catholic High School is doing. However, we all felt that we did not want to impose on any pre-arranged family vacation time during the spring break week, and so we will not be using any of those days.

After making up 2 of the 5 days, we will use 3 of the emergency days already on the official school calendar on Monday-June 3rd, Tuesday-June 4th, and Wednesday-June 5th as make up days also. The online school calendar will reflect these changes.

To clarify, going forward, any further emergency days when school is cancelled are considered to be "Act of God" days also and will not be made up.

Please feel free to contact me or Father Doyle with questions and concerns. Thank you."

Additionally, let's hope that there are no more school cancellation days. Just a reminder that notifications for parents are through SchoolSpeak email, Sauk Valley text alerts (must sign up for this...go to saukvalley.com), school website, radio stations 94.3FM, 1240AM, 1460AM, 101.7FM, and TV stations WQAD (Ch. 8 Quad Cities), and WTVO (Ch. 17 Rockford)

High School Placement Test at Newman Central Catholic High School

The eighth grade students will be taking the Scholastic High School Placement test at St. Anne on Thursday, February 14th starting at 8:30am. All eighth graders will take this test.

Box Tops Information

The winner of the second quarter Box Tops contest was announced by the Home & School Association. The first grade class won and they will receive a pizza party. Keep clipping those Box Tops and send them to school before the printed expiration date. Thank you to all students and families who participated in the second quarter!

Catholic Schools Week-Activities Make-Up Schedule

Friday, Feb. 8th at 8:15am—Dixon Mayor Li Arellano Proclamation for Catholic Schools Week

Friday, Feb. 8th at 8:20am—All School Rosary

Thursday, Feb. 14th—School Spirit Dress Down Day—St. Anne or Newman Clothing

Thursday Feb. 14th at 12:15pm—Catholic Escape Room Activities

Thursday, Feb. 14th at 1:00pm—Classroom Saint Presentations

Thursday, Feb. 14th at 1:30—Saint Dramatizations from Confirmands

Thursday, Feb. 14th at 1:30pm—Concurrent with Saint Dramatizations—Valentine's parties

Valentine Parties

These parties will be on Thursday, Feb. 14th at 1:30pm.

Fire Safety Program

Many thanks to the Dixon Fire Department for their awareness program. They will be visiting first graders today at 2:00p and again on Feb 19th, 22nd, and 25th.

Math Counts

Congratulations to our team!

Team: Carson Palmer, Sam Neisewander, Claire Crisham, and Logan Palmer

Alternates: Kyle Wolfe and Max DeForest

The competition will take place at Sauk Valley Community College.

Upcoming Important Dates

Feb. 8th— Don't forget about the Junior High School Valentine Dance at the Holloway Center from 7:00-9:30pm on Friday, Feb. 8th. Only students in the Sterling Deanery Catholic School are invited. Cost is \$6.00 for admission and includes soda/water.

Feb. 8th—Hoops for Heart Junior High School Students will provide assistance at this event at Dixon Armory. Thank you to our parent drivers and volunteers.

Feb. 13th—Early Dismissal at 11:00am for Teacher In-Service/Professional Development—No AfterCare on this day.

Feb. 21st—Student Council Bake Sale and Dress Down Day

Sacrament Information and Reminders

1. Confirmation Retreat at St. Anne: Sunday, Feb. 10th from 1:00—7:00pm
2. Confirmation Practice: Sunday, Feb. 24th at 12:30pm
3. Confirmation Date: Tuesday, Feb. 26th at 5:30pm at St. Anne Church
4. First Reconciliation and First Communion Parent Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 17th at 9:45am
5. First Reconciliation Retreat and First Reconciliation: Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 10:00am-noon
6. First Holy Communion Retreat: Saturday, Apr. 27th from 10:00am—noon
7. First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 4th at 11:00am

Lee County Special Education

A FREE screening for Birth to 5 year old children will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019 at Washington School—Main Entrance from 8:00am-1:45pm You may call LCSEA at 815-284-6651 to schedule an appointment. The purpose of this screening is to ensure that children are reaching developmental milestones.