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Happy New Year 2019!

As of Friday, January 11th, we have completed 87 days of school. The number of school days in the second semester is 90. Our school calendar is set for 177 days of attendance. Because we are one day over the required 176 days, we will not have to make up the one weather emergency day/snow day that we were not in session (November 26, 2018). Any additional snow days will be made up. Cross your fingers that we have mild temperatures with little snow.

News from HSA:

HSA hopes your family had a peaceful Christmas break. Now that school is back in session, HSA will be busy working on our winter and spring events. Thank you to all of you for your continued hard work and dedication to helping HSA.

HSA will hold our monthly meeting tonight at 5:30 PM in the Father Callahan Room. Chairs for the Gala, SCRIP, Box Tops, and the St. Anne Cottage should be in attendance. We will also be discussing Family STREAM night, Catholic Schools Week, school open houses and a junior high social event. All parents are invited to attend. If you are a chair, but will not be able to make it, please send your event status update to Calli McClain today.

Please note in the school calendar that HSA will be cancelling Mommy & Me Tea on Saturday, February 23rd and replacing it with Family STREAM Night. The date for STREAM night will be announced in the next couple weeks. HSA is working with the Rockford Children's Discovery Museum for the family event.

St. Anne School's Gala and Auction will be held on **Saturday, February 2nd** at the Dixon Brandywine. Our theme is "Lumberjack Bash" and tickets are available in the school office. Tickets are \$70 and include live entertainment, dinner for 2, raffles and huge live and silent auctions. The Gala is our largest fundraiser, but even more than that, the Gala is an evening filled with laughter and entertainment. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow St. Anne School families and leave with new friendships. Reserve your table of 8, or 10, and bring your family and friends, or let the Gala committee put you at the perfect table with fellow St. Anne School families. You will also be receiving 50/50 raffle tickets this week. Please try to sell as many as possible. We profited over \$1200 on our 50/50 raffle last year!

Awards Assembly—Jan. 18th

The second quarter ends this **Friday, Jan. 11th**. The Awards Assembly will take place on Friday, Jan. 18th. The schedule for the AA will accommodate the Eighth Grade Day at Newman Central Catholic

High School. Our eighth grade students will receive their awards at 8:05am and then depart at 8:20am for their special day at NCCHS.

Awards for students in grades K-7 will begin immediately following Friday Mass.

St. Anne 2019 Auction Gala “Lumberjack Bash”

The “Lumberjack Bash” raffle tickets went home with students today. St. Anne School’s largest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner. This year’s gala, “The Lumberjack Bash” will be held on Feb. 2nd at Brandywine. Please support our excellent academic programs and help raise funds for our school by selling or buying 50/50 raffle tickets. Prices are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Each family has received 12 raffle tickets to sell before the Gala on Feb. 2nd. Please encourage your students to reach out to friends, relatives, and neighbors to sell the tickets. Parents please reach out to your co-workers. Checks may be made out to St. Anne School

Please return all sold ticket stubs and money, along with unsold tickets to the school office by Friday, Feb. 1st or sooner if you have sold all tickets. If you need more tickets, contact Laura Ford at 815-440-8766, or you may pick some up at the school office. Thank you to each of our families for selling your raffle tickets.

Eighth Grade Day at Newman Central Catholic HS

On January 18th, all Sterling Deanery 8th grade students will be visiting NCCHS. Students will board the Newman bus at 8:20am in the St. Anne parking lot. Students do not need to bring anything with them. Lunch will be provided. Students are allowed to be out of uniform on this day. They will be placed into small groups and will visit each department to learn about the academic offerings and all extracurricular activities such as clubs and athletics.

Students will return to St. Anne at approximately 1:30pm and will finish their school day here.

Permission forms were sent home yesterday.

Spelling Bee

It is that time of year. The St. Anne Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, Jan. 11th beginning at 1:00pm in the church. Students in 5th through 8th grades will participate. Families are welcome to join us.

Knights of Columbus

The Dixon KC will be hosting a Wine and Beer Tasting event on **Saturday, Jan. 19th** at the Dixon KC from 6:00-9:00pm that will feature the “Knight of Sweets for Kid’s Sake.” Tickets are \$15 each and include 10 tickets for samples plus hors d’oeuvres. Additional sample tickets may be purchased. There will be a Dessert Auction with item made by St. Anne and St. Mary Schools supporters. Door prizes will be awarded also. Come out and join the fun. Tickets are available in the St. Anne School office.

Illinois Invest in Kids Scholarship for Private School Students and State Tax Incentive

Illinois enacted the Invest In Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program in 2017. This program offers a 75 percent income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs). The SGOs then provide scholarships for students whose families meet the income requirements to attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois.

If you are interested in becoming a donor, Illinois taxpayers can begin applying for a Contribution Authorization Certificate (CAC) from the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Applications for the Invest in Kids scholarships will be open to families on January 15th at 7:00pm. The process is fairly simple—a two step process. **EVERYONE MUST REAPPLY EVEN IF THEY RECEIVED A**

SCHOLARSHIP THIS YEAR! It is very important that applicants have access to a working email account.

Coming Soon—Catholic Schools Week 2019—January 27—February 2



This logo represents the core values of Catholic schools. At St. Anne School we are proud to be educating our students to become future leaders and workers with a servant heart. Our faculty provides a faith-filled, first class education with Christ at the center.

Our faculty and staff are busy planning all of the activities for this special week. We will share this information at the HSA meeting tonight and in next week's Principal Newsletter and on the website.

Here is some interesting information from NCEA on Catholic Schools. Did you know that?...

- Total enrollment in Catholic Schools nationwide=1,835,376
- Professional Staff=153,289
- 6,352 Catholic Schools: 5,158 elementary schools and 1,194 secondary schools
- National Secondary School Graduation Rates: Catholic 99.2%/Public 84.1%

Sacrament Information

- Confirmation Retreat at St. Anne: Sunday, February 10th from 1:00-7:00pm
- Confirmation Practice: TBA
- Confirmation Date: Tuesday, February 26th at 5:30pm at St. Anne
- First Reconciliation and First Communion Parent Meeting: Sunday, February 17th at 9:45am (between Masses)
- First Reconciliation Retreat and First Reconciliation: Saturday, February 23rd, 10:00am-noon
- First Holy Communion Retreat: Saturday, April 27th at 10:00am-noon
- First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 4th at 11:00am

Girls Basketball Information

Ed Williams, Athletic Director for Dixon Catholic Schools, shared some information about 5/6 and 7/8 grade girls basketball. There will be an open gym for 5th/6th grade girls on Weds. Jan. 9th (today!) from 6:00-7:15pm at St. Mary School/Dixon. You can enter through the back door that leads into the gym.

There will be an open gym for 7th/8th grade girls on Thursday, Jan. 10th from 3:15-4:30pm Also, Ed needs a 7th/8th grade Head Coach. He has two young assistants but needs a leader. If you are interested, please call him at St. Mary School 815-284-6986.

Upcoming Dates

Jan. 17th—Student Council Bake Sale and Dress Down Day

Jan. 21st—NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Day

Kathy Howard-Principal