

February 26, 2020

Dear Parents,

The Holy Season of Lent has begun. The 40 Days of Lent give us opportunities to reflect on the choices we make and honestly discern if what we do and what we say are life-giving or damaging to our hearts and souls. Can we look “honestly” into our hearts and reflect on how we have lived the Gospel message of love? Are we willing to make changes where change is needed? Are we able to acknowledge when we have fallen short and allowed ourselves to give into temptations? Can we say we are sorry or offer forgiveness to another?

For some, Lent is about giving up candy, soda, watching TV..... All of those things are good and they help us to make sacrifices and focus our hearts on Jesus. Is there something we can DO during Lent? Can we be more caring..... more honest..... more helpful at home or in the classroom..... more reverent during prayer..... more like Jesus in all that we do and say?

There is a quote that says, “Let today be the day you give up who you’ve been for who you can become.” Each of us has to decide how we will journey these 40 days of Lent. As we do whatever it is we will do, let us pray for one another that we will be open to the many graces and blessings of this holy season.

St. Jane School Lenten Theme for 2020: “Everyone is committed in the matter of peace, to do everything that they can...Peace is the language we must speak.” Pope Francis

Peace is the most fundamental asset to community building, to personal growth, and to the very survival of our planet. This Lent our school community will practice one peacemaking tool each week.

Welcoming--We greet people with a smile to make them feel included, part of a community (2/26-3/1)

Respect--We show respect for each person by following school and class rules (3/2-3/8)

Caring--We demonstrate caring by using kind words (3/9-3/15)

Compassion--We offer compassion to others through our daily prayers (3/16-3/22)

Charity--We support those who need us instead of looking the other way (3/23-3/29)

Faith--We model Catholic values through our sincere participation in liturgical devotion (3/30-4/8)

HAWKWALK 2020! Letter writing day is TOMORROW! VOLUNTEERS PLEASE PARK IN THE LOTS ADJACENT TO SCHOOL AND FFH. PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON WASHINGTON

BLVD. We are in need of help from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in K-3 (must have all clearances on file.) Help is especially needed in 1A, 2B, and 3B, but help is also needed in the other rooms, as well. Please email Staci Burgess directly ASAP if you can help us@send2us.com.

To get started for HawkWalk, the children will be writing letters during school hours on Thursday, February 27 th asking friends and family to sponsor them for the HawkWalk which will take place on Friday, April 24 th.

In order to accomplish this, we need each student to fill in the names and addresses of 10 or more friends or family members on the enclosed sponsor sign-up sheet. (Think of your Christmas list: family, friends, neighbors, etc.) These addresses can be out of town, out of state, or anyone you feel will help your child

succeed in this fundraiser! (Please note : If you have 3 children, you do not need to have 30 different addresses. All 3 children may send a letter to the same person. For example, the same aunt can be listed on all 3 lists - BUT ALL CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE 10 NAMES AND ADDRESSES ON THEIR OWN LIST.)**

Also note that any student who brings 15 or more addresses to school will receive a NUT (No Uniform Today) card to be used any Friday for the rest of the year! Please support this fundraiser.

At St. Jane School, the HawkWalk is our ONLY fundraiser that assists the school with major projects -- this year we are earmarking the monies for the playground enhancements, school furniture for our primary grades and technology upgrades. Copies are available and are also included in the weekly e-communication on the website.

SAVE THE DATE! ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -- SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20TH - Rocky Railway the VBS online registration is live. Here is the link if anyone is interested in registering in a fun way to learn about Jesus' love for us:

<https://www.stjanesofeastonpa.com/rocky-railway-vacation-bible-school-online-registration-2020/>

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021 - If you know of anyone looking for a quality Catholic education, send them to St. Jane School. They will not be disappointed!

CYO BASKETBALL SEASON HIGHLIGHTS: The 2019-2020 basketball season has come to an end. This basketball season was a very successful season for St. Jane's.

- Both Varsity Girls and Boys A Teams made it to the playoffs. The Varsity Boys A Team went undefeated for a second year in a row and won the Championship for our District.**
- This year, our Varsity Girls B Team had to join District 2 this year, which has some stiff competition. They had a great year with a 5 – 4 record, closing out the season with 3 wins in a row. The Varsity Boys B Team also had a great year with a 7 – 3, and winning several crossover games against teams from District 2.**
- The JV Girls A Team won a couple crossover games and ended up with an even record. They also made it to the playoffs this year and they've continued to improve every week throughout the season. The JV Boys A Team had another successful season winning ALL their crossover games with District 2 and making it to the championship game and ended up taking 2nd place.**
- The JV Girls B Team had several “first-timers”, but that didn't stop them from having a great season. They were able to end with a 5 – 5 record. The JV Boys B team had 2 teams this year, B-1 and B-2. B-1 had an awesome season with only 1 loss this season, and JV Boys B-2 ended the season with a 3-wins in a row.**
- Lastly, the High School teams had a great season and all made the playoffs. Luck has it that the senior team made it to the finals; great end to their CYO basketball career.**

Congratulations to all! Great teamwork! Go Hawks!

CLASSROOM REQUEST POLICY: Teacher requests will NO longer be accepted via email. If you would like to make a request, you need to schedule a meeting with your child's current teacher and Mrs. Okula in order to discuss your concerns. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY* . . .

Thursday, February 27

HAWKWALK LETTER WRITING DAY!

2:10 p.m. Living Stations Rehearsals and Choir

Friday, February 28 **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. -- See flyer [here](#) .**

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH* . . .

Tuesday, March 3 **End of 2nd Trimester (tentatively)**
Only Tournament Cup Stacking club members

Thursday, March 5 **8:15 a.m. Mass (2A)**
Pretzel Day
2:10 p.m. Living Stations Rehearsals and Choir

Friday, March 6 **1:00 p.m. Prayer Form of Stations of Cross (with priest)**
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. -- See flyer [here](#) .

Sunday, March 8 **Confirmation Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. at Main Church**

Monday, March 9 **Snow Date: Confirmation Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. at Main Church**

Tuesday, March 10 **Only Tournament Cup Stacking club members**

Wednesday, March 11 **CoGATs in Grade 3, 5, 7 begin**
Kindergarten Parent - Teacher Conferences in CC
2nd Trimester Report Cards come home today (tentatively)

Thursday, March 12 **9:00 a.m. Confessions**
1st Grade Parent Teacher Conference in CC
Officer Phil Presentation Grades K-3
2:10 p.m. Living Stations Rehearsals and Choir

Friday, March 13 **1:00 p.m. Prayer Form of Stations of Cross (with priest)**
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. -- See flyer [here](#) .

Saturday, March 14 **St. Jane Parish St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. See flyer [here](#) .**

Tuesday, March 17 **8th Grade Confirmation 4:30 p.m. at Main Church**
½ day for 8th graders

Thursday, March 19 **8:15 a.m. Mass (2B)**
Pretzel Day
2:10 p.m. Living Stations Rehearsals and Choir

Friday, March 20 **8:00 a.m. Kindergarten Donuts for Dad**

Saturday, March 21 **Cup-Stacking Tournament at Palisades Middle School**

Monday, March 23 **ITBS begin in grades 2-7**

Tuesday, March 24 **6:00 p.m. Used Uniform Sale.**

Thursday, March 26 **2:10 p.m. Living Stations Rehearsals and Choir**

Friday, March 27 **1:00 p.m. Prayer Form of Stations of Cross (with priest)**
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. -- See flyer [here](#) .

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marybeth Okula