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## NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Benefactors,

St. Valentine's Day is just around the corner. The kids are already on the count down. We have been talking about Saints all this year. We even have Saint Teams of which Kindergarten through sixth grade are a part. The kids are reminded quite often by myself and other teachers, "Saints were ordinary people that did extraordinary things!" Saint Valentine was the same way. He was known for marrying young Christians at a time when it was not acceptable to be Christian.

We are trying to teach the students that they are valued for their Christian beliefs. That the way they behave and treat others is greatly appreciated. A program was developed from information that two of our teachers learned at Diocesan Fall In-service. As a staff, we also felt it went with our Life plan practice that Father Brian Lager brought us to teach the students.

Each student has the opportunity each day to earn points by their behaviors for their team. Students meet with their team and team teacher each Friday at lunch. They spend time getting to know each other and talking about what they did that week to earn points for the team. They also discuss if they lost points for the team and how they can improve their behaviors. Students are beginning to better understand that "our" choices can give opportunity or have consequences. We have had a different team each of the three weeks, score the most points for the week. We will let you know how the program progresses

\*Speaking of Saint Valentine's Day, it so happens to fall on Ash Wednesday this year. We would like to have our Valentine's Day class parties the day before. We will plan to have parties for the Kindergarten through Sixth Graders February 13, 2018 at 2:45 – 3:30 P.M. in each classroom. They will be hosted as in the past by the class captains. We will be sending home a special note to any parents whom signed up to be a class captain. Preschool parents will have a little different schedule due to the class times and notes will be coming home similarly. \*

The winter season has hit us a little more this school year than over the past few. I know that it can be difficult to make plans at the last minute when the weather strikes, and school is delayed or closed. I will try to get alerts out as soon as possible. We do have 3 teachers whom travel in from about 45 minutes to the East. At times I must be mindful of getting our staff, also to our building safely. If for any reason you did not receive an alert, please call the school at 785-434-2157 and ask Mrs. Dohe or myself to check the number/s we have in the computer for you. We want to make sure all our parents are informed. (Please remember to give us any new phone number changes.)

Sincerely in Christ,

Mrs. Laura Foss

## February Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			January 31 5:00-6:00 Science Fair for grades First – Sixth	1 6 <sup>th</sup> gr Confessions	2 **10:45 Special Mass for the intention of the selection of a new bishop  (Volunteer Recognition)	3
4	5	6	7  *12:30 Dismissal  *12:45 Teacher meeting	8 5 <sup>th</sup> gr Confessions  Lightening Jack to visit K & 3rd	9	10
11	12 Home & School 6:30	13 Valentine's Day  *2:45 Parties	14 Ash Wednesday Mass at	15  4 <sup>th</sup> gr Confessions  Kdg and 1 <sup>st</sup> to FHSU  Play	16  Dental Screenings	17
18	19  No School - Diocesan Teacher Renewal Day - With Father Brian	20	21	22  3 <sup>rd</sup> gr Confessions	23	24
25	26	27	28			