



Three men on a mountain, up on Calvary. The man in the middle was Jesus. He died for you and me.

April 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Benefactors,

We are slowly (quickly) finishing up the school year. It is already time to say hello to April. We have so many things happening in the school that is hard to contain it all in one newsletter. Our second graders are getting ready for their First Holy Communion and third graders are learning to serve for Mass. Teachers are making plans for the end of the year field trips. They are working on many new STEM and STREAM projects. We have kids involved in a learning to play bells and even selling tickets for the Carnival. Wow if that does not say it all in a nutshell, I do not know how to put it.

We may not say it loud enough or long enough, we do appreciate all that our parents do to help our school and our students.

We know as parents your lives are very busy. We know that you would do just about anything to help your student/s. Are you a parent whom helps or are you a parent that will give the answer to get the student to move on and quit complaining. I know that either way it is not easy. We did not get a manual on how to best raise these little beings. We know only what we have learned and what we think the experts on youtube are showing us.

We need to rely more on the good book. God only knows how their future will go.

Speaking of the Good Book – Easter is just a few short weeks away. We will be taking off Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. Sacred Heart Mass times for the holy days are as follows:

Holy Thursday 7:00PM, Good Friday 3:00PM, Saturday 9:00PM, Easter 10:30AM

Sincerely,

Laura Foss

Easter Triduum



Class Items of Interest

Miss Smith's First Grade Class is in the process of growing two rather large rectangular planters. One has been planted with green onions, the other is basil. Students are really excited to see how long it will take them to get some growth. It will be fascinating to see what happens.

Mrs. Cotterill's Second Grade Class is reading Hero Tales Vol. III – A Family Treasury of True Stories from the Lives of Christian Heroes. The students love to sit and discuss how the lives of Saints are so relevant to what we live today. It is amazing how well they understand what God is trying to say to us through the lives of saints.

Mrs. Johnson's Third Grade Class is working on learning and passing all of their multiplication facts. It was amazing to see her hand out a huge candy bar to a student whom had just finished their twelves. Way to go third graders.

Mrs. Van Degrift's Fourth Grade Class, Mrs. McCune's Fifth Grade Class and Miss Von Feldt's Sixth Grade Class have been on some great adventures with their Friday STEM/STREAM projects. Each of the activities that they have worked on are based on stories that they are all reading. Each story has multiple sections that lead them to the activity for the week or two weeks (from Great Big STEM Challenge.) They have completed some very interesting activities. They were creating some great safety features last Friday to protect a fragile egg. Many groups had success. Building students that are willing to think in different ways is what we want for the future of our world.

Simple strategies can help you encourage respectful behavior

There are days that parents and teachers feel like Aretha Franklin. All they're asking for is a little R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

But in today's society, where disrespect is common, it can be even more of a challenge to raise respectful children. Fortunately, there are still some things that work.

To encourage respect:

- Be a good role model. Respect, like most values, is caught, not taught. When your child sees you treating everyone with respect—from his teacher at school to the homeless person on the street—he'll learn that it's the proper way to behave.
- Name it when you see it. When you see other people behaving in respectful ways, make a positive comment. "Did you see how that man gave up his seat so that elderly woman could sit down? What a respectful thing to do." No lecture is necessary. Your child will get the message.
- Praise it when he demonstrates it. "Cole, I felt very proud of your respectful behavior when you held the door for Mrs. Jones. I know she appreciated that gesture."
- Correct it. If your child slips up, help him make a course correction. In private, say something like, "Remember when we talked about how to greet guests?"
- Report what you hear. If a teacher or neighbor tells you that your child greeted her politely, let your child know how proud you are of his respectful behavior.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	April Fool's Day 1	2 Respect the Rhythm at 2:35 provided by the Hays Arts Council	3 No School – Teachers to Ellis Catholic School Teacher Meetings	4	5 2:00 Stations of the Cross	6
7	8 Home & School 6:30	9	10	11	12 2:00 Stations of the Cross	13
Palm Sunday 14	15	16	17	Holy Thursday 18 *No School	Good Friday 19 * No School	20
Easter HE is Risen! 21	Easter Monday 22 *No School School Council 7:00	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

A very special thank you go out to all of you whom visited the Annual Book Fair in the Library during Parent Teacher Conferences. It was a hopping success. All of you giving your student/s an extra chance to read and hold a book in their hands have made our library blessed. * A Special Thank You to the moms that helped at the book fair when Mrs. Dohe was out ill.

Mrs. Dohe has already started a list of books she is wanting to get for the library.

