



Our Lenten Journey Begins

Each year the church sets aside 40 days as a special time we call LENT.

This year's Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We will have a distribution of ashes here at school at 10 AM. .

Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday afternoons

(2/16, 3/2, 3/9) in our multi-purpose room beginning at 2 PM. All are welcome.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for students in Grades 3 through 8 will also take place during the Lenten season.

Lenten boxes to help support Operation Rice Bowl are being sent home next week

for all our students.

Please emphasize with your children the importance of sacrificing for others. These boxes will be collected during Holy Week.

It is important for us to journey together with Jesus remembering the sacrifices He made for all of us.



Yet even now, says the Lord, Return to me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God?

Joel 2:12-14

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Mission Statement

Providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel Values in an environment that is caring, challenging, and respectful, striving to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance applications will all be **done online** this year. You may begin the application process starting on February 28, 2018. Families who are currently enrolled and seeking assistance must have these done by March 31. A few key points to keep in mind:

If you are seeking scholarship assistance, you must file these forms by the stated due date. Scholarship amounts will be

announced in April and each family applying for assistance will receive a letter announcing the amount of assistance our school is able to offer. FACTS has a toll free number if you need help filling out your application.

Families who believe they need financial aid are encouraged to take advantage of the assistance that is being offered. Grant Aid applications

assure fairness to all our families.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Estes and he will gladly answer your questions.



Catholic Schools Week 2018

Sunday—January 28

Catholic Schools: In Our Parish

Monday—January 29

Catholic Schools: In Our Community

Tuesday—January 30

Catholic Schools: In Our Students

Wednesday—January 31

Catholic Schools: In Our Nation

Thursday—February 1

Catholic Schools: In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers (Teacher Appreciation Day)

Friday—February 2

Catholic Schools: In Our Families



We are celebrating with other Catholic schools across the nation this week. So far, our activities have been a great success. We are certainly pleased to see so many people taking part in the festivities. Everyone seems to be having a great deal of fun celebrating the week. It is in the true spirit of Christ that we all rally together to show our faith in each other and in our school.

“Wintertastic” Auction Coming Soon

Join us for a fun evening with your friends and colleagues and help us raise funds that will benefit the educational programs at The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales.



DATE?

Saturday, March 3, 2018

TIME?

6 PM Hors d' oeuvres and Cash Bar
7 PM Live Auction

WHERE?

Mount Anthony Country Club
80 Country Club Drive
Bennington, Vermont

GREAT ITEMS!

CALENDAR NOTE

Public schools in Bennington will not be in session on Wednesday, February 7. We have an early release that day.

Since this is the case, students will eat at home. Dismissal will be at noon.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF GREAT FUN!

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is Wednesday, February 14. There are no actual parties scheduled for this holiday, but students in all grades will have the opportunity to exchange Valentines with their classmates and have light refreshments at the end of the day. Room Parents will be contacting you to help out once plans have been made.

Winter Break

Our school will be closed for “Winter Break” the week of February 19.

Enjoy this time with your family.







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From the Principal

Parents make a difference every day! Parents strengthen our school community by being responsible citizens, good parents, and generous volunteers. In the process, we teach our children a most valuable life lesson.

Each of us is blessed with different gifts and talents, beliefs and backgrounds, and that is something to celebrate. For it is through the combination of these countless very different gifts that we are able to create a rich and vibrant community.

The most important thing to remember is to remain true to yourself and, wherever you are, do what you can to be of service each and every day. Whatever your gifts, each small action or kindness has a ripple effect. If you make a difference in the life of just one person, you have made our community a better place in which to live.

There could be no more powerful gift for our children than learning from the shining example of their parents. We each have the power to make a difference for our children and in our community every single day. Let's be sure that no matter who we are and what gifts we bring, the difference we make is a positive one.

Together, we can make our school the amazing community we want it to be. Let's begin today!