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LENTEN MISSION

Our parish Lenten Mission, “Our Lenten Journey of Faith” began on Sunday, February 29th. Fr. William Broker, C.Ss.R. and Fr. Victor Karls, C.Ss.R. preached at all the masses this weekend. Our mission will continue on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening. They will also be preaching each morning at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this special time of prayer and renewal. Our older students are encouraged to attend.

SCHOOL MASS TOMORROW

We will have our whole school mass tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. Please note that this is a change in the time noted on the March calendar. Fr. Broker and Fr. Karls will celebrate this mass.

CO-OP NEWS

- Next Monday, March 8th is the next Co-Op meeting. All students with a parent in attendance will receive a tennis shoe pass.
- Please see the newsletter going home today.
- Fun Run – Saturday, April 17, 2004
- T-Shirt design contest is under way. Please submit all entries by March 19th. Remember to only use 3 colors or less. The winner will receive a free t-shirt, free race entry and their name will be printed on the shirt. Sponsors are needed for the t-shirts. Large logo is \$100.00, smaller logo is \$50.00. Please complete the information below and turn in to the Co-Op. The deadline is March 22nd. Thanks for your support!

 Name/Company Name to appear on t-shirt (please attach logo):

 Contact Name:

 Phone Number:

 Logo Size: Large Small

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Now that the Lenten season has begun, at school we are preparing our hearts for Easter in many ways. Our special Lenten prayers & reflection begin our day at morning assembly. We will also be attending the Way of the Cross on a weekly basis. Way of the Cross will be this Friday at 2:45 for grades 1-8 and will also be on Friday, March 19th. Classes will be able to have a more intimate experience with a class Way of the Cross during the weeks of March 8th and 22nd. These will be scheduled individually throughout those weeks.

I thought that you might enjoy the following information about Lent. It might serve as a “conversation-starter” at home as your family prepares for Lent at home. The word lent comes from an old English word that means “springtime.” Lent, forty days before Easter, is the springtime of our spiritual lives. In the spring the many changes we see in nature are signs that new life is coming to earth. The changes we make during Lent to become more like Jesus are signs that his life is growing in us. During Lent we let the warmth of God’s love touch us and fill our hearts. We open ourselves to the Lord through increased prayer and acts of self-denial. We change whatever is selfish in our lives. We think more about Jesus, who has taught us the meaning of true love: being willing to sacrifice even our lives for those we love. When Jesus gave up his life on the cross, he rose to a new and glorious life. He shares that life with us when we are baptized. This life grows as we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent gives us the chance to become more like Jesus. Our Lenten practices help us to become more unselfish and to share more fully in the life of Jesus.

Our Technology Improvement Fund is well underway. We have collected \$8825. to date! I will be posting an update in the bulletins on a bi-weekly basis. Keep those donations coming! See the website and the prior information sent home for more details. Eric Broadbridge and I will be talking more about the fund at the Coop meeting next week. This will be a good opportunity to learn more about it.

FAIR NEWS

- Thanks to all who supported our Fish Fry last Friday. Our next **FISH FRY is Friday, March 26th** – we will be in need of volunteers to help batter fish on Friday, March 26th at 11:30. Anyone interested in working that night please call Jill Martin or Sue Hocke.
- Please see pink flyer regarding “Booth Captain” sign up sheet for the 2004-05 fair. Please note return date!

CYO MEETING

The CYO will meet this Sunday, March 7th at 6:15 p.m. in the gym.

WORD POWER COMPETITION

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Reader's Digest Word Power Challenge vocabulary competition. Only the top 100 4th – 8th grade scorers were invited to the statewide competition and we were thrilled to have 4 of our students qualify out of that 100. They were Veronica C., Emily C., Justin P., and Katie W. And (if that isn't gratifying enough) the winner of this statewide competition was our own former student, Aimee P. Aimee will go to Disney World next month for the national competition. We wish her luck. We are very proud of the representation that St. Angela had at this competition. Special thanks to Ms. Rovira for all of her work!

EXAM SCHEDULE – GRADES 6-8

- Monday, March 8 – Science/English
- Tuesday, March 9 – Math
- Wednesday, March 10 – Social Studies
- Thursday, March 11 – Reading/Religion

EARLY DISMISSAL – NEXT FRIDAY

Next Friday is the end of the 3rd nine weeks. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. There will be no afternoon bus service. Please note there will be afternoon care. A flier is being sent home with today's bulletin with more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Marina Cutaia for being chosen for her outstanding reading effort in conjunction with the Read to Achieve program sponsored by the Hornets. She will be recognized this Friday, March 5th at the Hornets' game.

SCOUT TROOP LEADERS

Wednesday is the deadline to send in pictures of your troop for the yearbook. Please send in marked "Attention Yearbook". Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

Once again this year our fourth grade classes will be coordinating our school St. Joseph's Altar. Fourth grade parents will be getting a letter in the near future. However, if anyone else would like to make something for the altar, please leave a message in the office for Ms. Ulmer or Mrs. O'Sullivan.

PACK 30 CUB SCOUT NEWS

- Thursday, March 4th, 7:30 p.m. in the annex – Cub Scout parents' meeting. Please have one parent from each den attend.
- Sunday, March 14th, 9:30 a.m. – Scout Mass – Families are invited to sit with their scouts.
- Friday-Sunday, March 19-21, Percy Quinn Campout, Pack Meeting and Sailboat Regatta, McComb, Mississippi.
- Look for more information in the Cub Scout newsletter to go home with scouts on Tuesday.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB

The Young Scientists – Einstein group meets on Thursday, March 4th.

HORNETS BOOKS AND BUGS

All Hornets Books and Bugs reading tabulations must be turned in to homeroom teachers by tomorrow, March 2nd.

CHOIR NEWS

Practice this Wednesday, 3:30-4:30.

BAND NEWS

- The "Solo and Ensemble" Festival is scheduled for March 18th at St. Angela Merici. Participants will perform between 8:30 a.m. and noon.
- Saturday, March 6th, at St. Christopher – 10:00-11:00 Beginner Class; 11:00-Noon Advanced Jazz Band; Noon-1:30 Festival Band Brass.

SPORTS NEWS

Cheerleading

There will be no practice Tuesday, March 2nd. Cheerleading try-outs will be held March 23rd, 24th, and 25th from 3:30-5:00. All interested 2nd – 7th graders are welcome to attend.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Where you're going is more important than where you stand.

KID'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

I can always tell when we have company, mom laughs at dad's jokes.

WAYS TO PRAISE KIDS

You're unique!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ACCELERATED READER

Where can I find the list of quizzes that are available for earning points at St. Angela?

A list of quizzes can be found on the school website @ www.stangelaschool.org. Check the list regularly if you are looking for new books because it is updated as new quizzes are purchased.

When and where do I take the quizzes?

At this time quizzes are taken in the Computer Lab. Students may take them during computer class or can be sent during the school day when a computer is available. Students may also take quizzes between 7:30 and 8:00 before school on every weekday except Tuesday.

Are tests available for books that SAM does not have in the library?

Some additional quizzes are available. Many of the quizzes are for books that are housed in the individual classroom libraries. So it is best to check out the quiz list on the school website to get a more comprehensive look at what is available.

Is it ok to give my password to another student?

Your password is confidential and it is strictly against the rules to log on someone else's password. Violation of this rule or any other dishonest behavior related to Accelerated Reader could result in loss of points and/or removal from the program for the rest of the year.

Each book is assigned a point value based on the difficulty level. Points are earned for reading books in your reading zone and passing the quiz. A report of accumulated points will be given to your reading teacher on a regular basis and she will give you tickets corresponding to your points.

Where can I find information about the incentives available at the Incentive booth?

The information about incentives can be found on the school website.

How will I know when the Incentive Booth is open?

*Watch the school bulletin on Mondays and the website for a schedule. The booth will be open on designated Fridays during both upper grade and lower grade recesses. **Incentive booth will be open this Friday, March 5th.***

Can I take quizzes outside of my reading zone?

You cannot earn points for taking quizzes that are below your designated reading zone.

When do I redeem the special passes that I purchase from the incentive booth?

A special AR Incentive Day is scheduled each month. The next one is March 26th followed by April 30th. The final incentive day in May is to be announced at a later date.

How do I earn tickets to be redeemed at the AR Incentive booth?