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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

This week, at Mass, we recognized one of the more famous feast days of a saint—St. Patrick's Day!

Fr. Bob noted that the students were dressed well for the occasion—lots of green. It was appropriate not only because the German-born Patrick spent most his life and ministry in Ireland, the Emerald Isle, but also because of his favorite image for God—the clover.

There are many symbols and images present in a clover that call to mind aspects and facets of God. As St. Patrick was teaching the people of Ireland about God and how to begin to understand Him, he would start with a clover. It is one plant, coming from one stem—just like our God, who is the one, true God. But, the one clover plant has three leaves, just as our one God is made up of three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In

addition, if you look closely, the shape of each of those three leaves is reminiscent of the shape of a heart, which often represents love. Since God is Love, it is a wonderful image or symbol of His love for us.

So, as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, let's make sure to remember, through all things green and Irish, the "man of the hour," St. Patrick, who brought the love of God to the Emerald Isle!

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

March 24—planned by 6th Grade

March 31—planned by 5th Grade

We would like to invite you to celebrate the Mass with your child and his or her class on Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Grandparents, other relatives, and friends are also welcome. Hope to see you there!



Cathedral Library Day

We will have library time for students in our library on Tuesday, March 23 and Tuesday, April 6. Be sure to have any old books ready to return or renew on that day. Thank you!

Public Library Schedule

March 30—Grades 3 & 4

March 16—Grades 5 & 6

Schedule Change

Our last day of school and

the 6th Grade Graduation has been changed to Wednesday, June 2. We have made this change in order to accommodate the Diocesan Synod which will begin the next day. If you have any questions, please give us a call!

Fish Fry

Tomorrow, on Friday, March 19, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry in the Cathedral Dining Room. The KCs support many wonderful causes, including our own Cathedral School! They are

planning on donating a portion of their proceeds to the school. In addition, PACE will be selling desserts at the dinner. So, please consider coming out tomorrow evening and supporting our school through the KC fish fry!

Track and Field Day

We would like to announce the date for our annual Track and Field Day. It will be held on Thursday, May 13. Our back-up day will be Friday, May 14. Please watch for more announcements regarding Track and

Field Day as we draw closer to it!

Spring Program

We would like to announce our annual spring music program. The program will start at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18. Hope to see you there!

Learning Fair Date Change

We have changed the date of the Learning Fair to Thursday, April 22. In this way, it won't conflict with the Month of the Young Child exhibition event which has been set for Tuesday of that same week. If you have any questions, please call the school. Thank you!

National Reading Month

March has been designated as National Reading Month. We are excited to join with many other schools in the nation who are recognizing that essential skill that we celebrate and encourage—reading. To that end, we have planned several fun activities, in addition to the Happy Joe's Reading Incentive, where students earn a free Little Joe's pizza for completing their reading goals for the month. Our last special activity day will be on Thursday, March 25—Book Share Day. Students can bring a book to school that we will donate to a charity, giving other children a chance to enjoy a good story

Thank you very much for helping us celebrate your child's developing reading skills. If you have any questions, please give the school a call!

School Advisory Council Update

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m., in the Library. The members include: Co-chairs Paul Bissonette and Nate Lubarski, Secretary Mike Swenson, Bryan Boll, Brian Dingmann, Sis Eickhof, Kris MacGregor, Colleen MacRae, and Stephanie Olson. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Quarters for Haiti

We will be doing something new this year, during Lent. With the recent devastation that the citizens of Haiti have experienced, the school staff has decided to dedicate our Lenten almsgiving to the people of Haiti. So, on every Friday in Lent, during our morning prayer time, we will collect "Quarters for Haiti." This can actually include any type of coin, cash, or check, as you wish. We will be measuring the totals each week, so the students can see how we are doing, in our efforts to help the people of Haiti.

Here are our totals, so far:

- 2-19-10—\$34.82
- 3-5-10—\$131.93
- 3-12-10—\$114.70
- Total—\$281.45

Thank you for your assistance with this Lenten almsgiving project!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the 1st Grade class for winning an extra 15 minutes of recess from PACE last week. By percentage, they had the most parents in attendance at the PACE meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14. Come on out and have a chance at winning your child some extra recess time in our beautiful spring weather!

Volunteers Needed for MOYC!

In April, Crookston will celebrate the Month of the Young Child (MOYC). We are planning on having a booth at the main event on Tuesday, April 20.

To prepare for this booth, we need a few volunteers who are willing to develop a fun activity for the children who will be moving throughout the exhibits. Please call the school if you're interested, or if you have any ideas to share. Thank you for your help!

Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a

different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at a new program this year—Scrips.

Scrips are gift cards, both for local and national businesses. It's simple and easy. You purchase a gift card at face value. That is, if you buy a \$50 card for \$50, you can purchase \$50 worth of goods or services. The business that provided the gift card then donates a percentage of that card back to the school. It's that easy! So, you only purchase things that you normally would, except that you buy them through the school. We will be placing our next order this coming Monday. Please call the office if you're interested!

We thank you for your support. God bless!

Here are some other fundraisers that help Cathedral School:

- Campbell's Soup Labels
- Box Tops for Education
- Ink Doctor
- Our Family Labels
- Tyson Project A+
- Target Card
- Happy Joe's
- Giving Tree
- Pop Tops
- Scrips

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