



Cathedral School News—2/19/2020

A Message from Mrs. Gallagher-Kosmatka

February is certainly flying by at Cathedral School. The winter snow has made recess very enjoyable with snow caves and mountains spreading along the 13th Street fence. Students also had fun with the Valentine's Day exchanges in their homerooms. Congratulations to all students, teachers and Ms. Selberg for their efforts in helping Cathedral Elementary School become a Kindness Certified School through our "Great Kindness Challenge" last week. What a great accomplishment!!! Kind habits are what we are trying to build in our students. This program made that a visible focus. Great job everyone!!!

Mrs. Annette Flottmeyer, grade 1 teacher, will be having knee replacement surgery and will be on medical leave for up to twelve weeks beginning Monday, February 24. Mrs. Tara Key, Cathedral librarian and computer/media teacher, will be stepping into the grade 1 classroom. I thank Mrs. Key for her willingness to do this - the grade 1 classroom will be in great hands!!! With Mrs. Key's move, we welcome Mrs. Mary Tierney to Cathedral as the 5K, grade 1 and grade 2 computer teacher. Mrs. Tierney retired from Aquinas Middle School last year. Prior to her time at Aquinas Middle School she taught at St. Patrick's School. She brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to the classroom and I appreciate her stepping into this role. The library will be managed by Mrs. Natalie Schwinn, Cathedral School para-professional and supported by guest librarians and on-staff educators. I appreciate everyone's willingness to provide a quality and exciting experience for students in all areas that are affected.

We will begin our Lenten journey with our Ash Wednesday Mass next week. Teachers will be guiding students through this faith journey as they teach about Lent and prepare for Easter. As a school, we have committed to praying Stations of the Cross together six times during Lent. Those dates are on our calendar. In addition, we have scheduled "Mondays for Mischell" as our school Work of Mercy to support Mischell at Casa Hogar. On Mondays during Lent, students may be out of dress code for \$1 or more with all funds going to Mischell. We will also have our Easter basket raffle March 25-April 3 with proceeds going towards Mischell. Our goal is to collect \$1,000 for her yearly adoption needs at Casa Hogar. Students are also receiving their Mite Boxes which is a Diocesan Mission Office effort that we support during Lent. We encourage children to fill their boxes with change and we will collect those the last week of Lent. Thank you in advance for your generosity in our Lenten journey.

Please take note of the upcoming events that I have listed in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing families at our Parent-Teacher conferences in early March.



In service of your children,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs. Gallagher-Kosmatka".

Mrs. Gallagher-Kosmatka
Principal, Cathedral Elementary School

Lunch Menu CHANGE

Please note the change in our lunch menu:

Wednesday, February 26 (Ash Wednesday)

1. Spaghetti w/Sauce
2. Pasta Alfredo

Breadstick, Broccoli, Applesauce

Thursday, February 27

1. Mini Corn Dogs
2. Meatball Sub

Baked Beans, Pears



RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE is February 28

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

All current families are reminded that Friday, February 28 is the deadline for early re-enrollment for the 2020-21 school year. Families who have registered by this date will have their \$100 registration fee credited toward tuition. Please help us make accurate plans for next year by completing your registration early. We look forward to planning for the new year and continuing in our service to you and your child(ren). It has been a great year at Cathedral, and I appreciate you entrusting your child(ren) to us.

Wisconsin Choice Program

I would like to remind you as well that the Wisconsin Choice Program application window is OPEN now. Eligible families must apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications> and turn in required documentation to the Aquinas Catholic Schools Central Office by April 16, 2020 at 4:00 PM in order for your application to be in the Wisconsin DPI drawing.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Pederson, ACS Enrollment & Tuition coordinator, at (608) 784-8585 or email Nancy.Pederson@Aquinasschools.org.

Parent-Teacher Conferences- March 3 & March 5



Parent-Teacher Conferences for mid-third quarter are scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 and Thursday, March 5 from 3:15 - 7:15 p.m. Parents of all students, 3 year old Preschool through Grade 2, will have an opportunity to meet with their child's homeroom teacher for a 15 minute scheduled conference. Parents are asked to go to the Cathedral website to sign up for your preferred 15 minute conference time. The website is: www.aquinascatholicschools.org/ces-home

Please know that your child's teachers for Art, Computers/Library, Music, International Language and Guidance (at Cathedral on Tuesday, March 3 only) will also be available for parents to meet with. While appointments are not necessary for these meetings. I encourage you to stop and see them.

Book Fair



Our Cathedral **BOOK FAIR** is open from 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. and 2:50 - 3:30 p.m. Friday, February 28 - Thursday, March 5. It is also open on Tuesday, March 3 and Thursday, March 5 until 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with our Conferences so please enjoy the displays and book options, hopefully adding a new book or two to your family library. Mrs. Key will be available to assist in purchases and answer questions.

PTO Reminders



Dress Code Clothing Resale: PTO will be hosting a clothing resale area at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Parents will be able to sell or donate lightly worn dress code clothing as well as purchase, for a nominal amount, lightly worn dress code clothing. Dress code donation and resale clothing can be dropped off in the Cathedral multi-purpose room before or after school this week and next. PTO will prepare and display clothing during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Teacher Conference Meals: The PTO is providing dinner meals for teachers the nights of Parent-Teacher Conferences (Tuesday, March 3 and Thursday, March 5). As conferences start at 3:15 p.m. the meals provided allow teachers a quick sandwich, salad or hot food break at their 4:30 p.m. dinner time. Parents wishing to provide a food or beverage item can go to the Cathedral School website www.aquinasatholicschools.org/ces-home and sign up for a specific item to bring. Thank you to our PTO for your efforts and generosity in this regard.

Wednesday, March 4 = Fiesta Mexicana dine-out fundraiser. They will donate 20% of ALL sales ALL day to the Cathedral PTO!!!

March Meeting = Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Cathedral

Camp Cathedral

Summer plans are in the works for **Camp Cathedral 2020**. Camp information will be sent home with each family at Cathedral School, Blessed Sacrament School, and St. Patrick's School next week. We will begin accepting registrations on March 2, 2020. Registration, with activity fee payment, will be accepted until the camp is full. Please note that we were at capacity last year so it is critical that you register early to secure your child's spot at camp. Be looking for the information next week and feel free to call Cathedral (608-782-5998) if you have any questions.



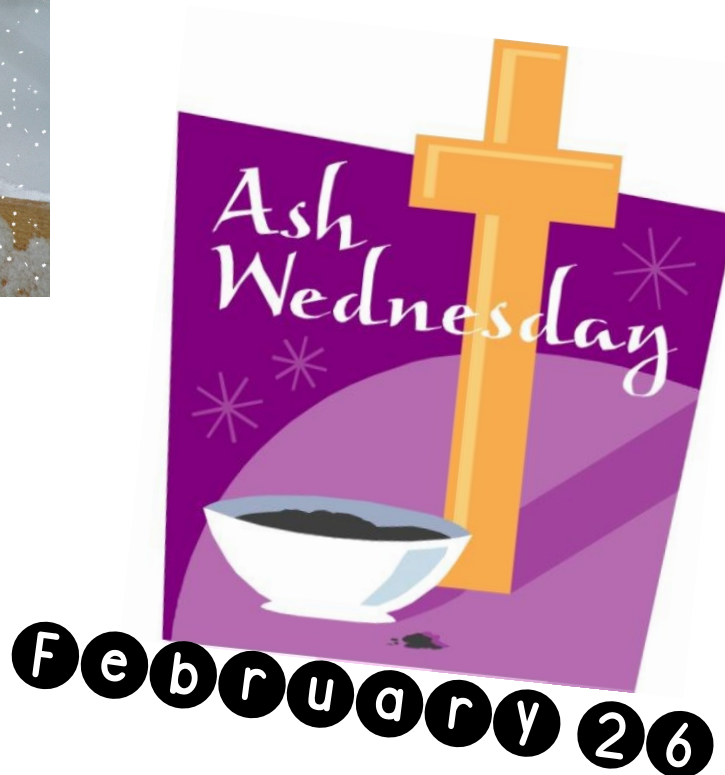
Diocese & Parish News



Mardi Gras: The Mardi Gras crews will be visiting Cathedral on Friday, February 21 at 8:05 - 8:45 a.m. That is also a Crayola Box Top Dress Down Day so colorful tops to share in the celebration of Mardi Gras will make it a fun visit as well. Thank you to the many parish and community members who support our Mardi Gras events.

Diocesan newsletter: The monthly *Teaching the Way of Love* publication is available on our school website.

Blessed Sacrament Women's Club: Blessed Sacrament Women's Club invites you to sell your handiwork at their March Market! The March Market will be Saturday, March 7th, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Monsignor Wagener Parish Center, 130 Losey Blvd South. Attendance is free. There is a \$25 table fee for vendors/crafters to display and sell their items. More info is available in the Narthex of Church, at the Parish Office, on the Web site www.bsplacrosse.org or call Barb at 784-6974.



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AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a
Christ-centered family
devoted to nurturing students of all faiths
through educational excellence
in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

CORE VALUES

FAITH—Serving Jesus and His Church
INTEGRITY—Cultivating moral character
EXCELLENCE—Pursuing daily improvement
through life-long learning
LEADERSHIP—Inspiring achievement
and stewardship
DIGNITY—Respecting God, others and self

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School Calendar Reminders

Friday, February 21	Crayola Box Top Dress Down Day . Students do not need to be in dress code. Any appropriate clothing can be worn. Mardi Gras visit 8:05 a.m.
Monday, February 24	February/August Birthday Lunch 11:00 a.m. 3P/4K Field Trip to Viterbo 9:30 a.m. Grade 1 Field Trip Viterbo Play 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 26	Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs. Dobbins' class
Friday, February 28	Book Fair begins Stations of the Cross 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs. Johanns' class
Monday, March 2	Monday for Mischell—Students may be out of dress code for a \$1.00 donation
Tuesday, March 3	Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.)
Wednesday, March 4	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs. Dickinson
Thursday, March 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.) Book Fair Ends
Friday, March 6	NO SCHOOL
Monday, March 9	Monday for Mischell—Students may be out of dress code for a \$1.00 donation
Wednesday, March 11	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs. Flottmeyer's class CES PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 12	Station of the Cross 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs.. Dobbins' class
Friday, March 13	NO SCHOOL- Diocese In-Service