

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 11, 2010

Dear Aquin Preschool and Elementary parent, grandparents, and guardians:

In looking at the calendar, we are quickly approaching the halfway point of March with about only two weeks of school remaining before we leave for Easter break. The students will be receiving their third quarter report cards right before we dismiss, and with the extra free time that we have, we are certainly able to experience Christ more fully as we walk along with Him on His road to Calvary during Holy Week.

There are several special days in March that we want to highlight, making certain not to overlook the incredible work and dedication that has been invested by so many. Please mark your calendars so as to attend the Leprechaun Luncheon to be held on March 17 from 10:30AM-1:00PM at O'Neill Center. The next evening (March 18) we will share in the students' projects to be presented at the Research Fair from 6:30-7:30PM; the Aquin High School Musical will be performed on the weekend of March 19-21. The annual Seder Meal planned, prepared, and hosted by our 6th grade students is a most special evening scheduled for the evening of Thursday, March 25th. These events celebrate and serve to bring all of us closer to the Lord and one another, as we witness fellowship and share as a community in celebrating His love.

Another way to participate in school-planned Lenten activities is to join the school students for Stations of the Cross held in St. Joseph's Church on the Fridays at 2:30PM. On March 26, the Stations will conclude with Benediction, beginning at 2PM at St. Joseph Church.

This is a wonderful and quiet way in which to focus upon the Lord as He suffered through His passion and death. If you are able to join us, please know that you are always invited and welcome.

The Diocese of Rockford's *Formation in Christian Chastity* (for Gr.1-8) and *Safe Environment Program* (for Gr. 1,3,5,8) grade-level Instruction began this week. Please be sure to work with your children in covering the parent-child lessons at home prior to the corresponding lesson to be offered in class by the teacher. The yellow booklet was sent home last Thursday in the Family Envelope. When the lessons are completed (as determined by the teacher's schedule), please return the booklet(s) to school. We are so grateful to you for investing such time in your children. As the month of March so quickly passes, remember to concentrate on the Lord and His love for us. Many times we overlook this most special Lenten Season replacing such focus with the regular and routine. Let that be our sacrifice—redirect our attention to where it should be placed.



Reminder: Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend—DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT!

Please turn over



NEWS AND REMINDERS:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: On Friday, March 12th, Mrs. Johnson's fifth grade class will lead the K-6 students in praying the Stations of the Cross. All are invited to come to St. Joseph Church at 2:30 p.m. for this Lenten devotion.



LENTEN MISSION UPDATE: As of Wednesday, March 10, the 2-day through sixth grade students have donated **\$420.34** toward our Lenten cause "Help Feed the Poor". The last day for the collection is Friday, March 26. Thank you



NO BUSING HOME: FSD#145 has a three hour day on Friday, March 12, 2010; therefore, busing is only available TO school in the morning and there will be **NO BUSING HOME** from school on this day.

PROTECTING GODS' CHILDREN SESSION: Louise Klopping will facilitate a Protecting God's Children Session on Monday, March 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Lena. Please call 815-369-2810 if you would like to register.

TUITION DUE: March tuition payments are due by Monday, March 15, 2009.

LEPRECHAUN LUNCHEON TICKETS: Parents are reminded to turn in any sold or unsold Leprechaun Luncheon and Leprechaun Luncheon raffle tickets so they can be utilized the day of the Luncheon. The Leprechaun Luncheon is the PTC's main fundraiser. The money raised goes to the PTC budget, which in turn goes directly to purchase items for the Preschool and Elementary classrooms. Thank you to everyone for your efforts!



LEPRECHAUN LUNCHEON: It's not too late to get your ticket for the Leprechaun Salad Luncheon! The luncheon will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in the O'Neill Center, on Wednesday, March 17th, 2010, serving is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call the office at 815-232-6416.

"ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL" and JEAN DAY with a GREEN TOP: Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Lutz have been busy in the Discovery Room planning for a fun day with an "Irish theme" for Wednesday, March 17th. Also, on this day the students will be allowed to wear jeans as long as they wear a top that is green or has green on it. We are all anxiously looking forward to the "St. Patrick's Day Festival".

3rd QUARTER ENDS: The 3rd quarter ends on Thursday, March 18. Reports cards will go home on Thursday, March 25.

RESEARCH FAIR: The Research Fair will held on Thursday, March 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The kindergarten through fourth grade projects will be displayed in Berg Hall, while the fifth and sixth grade projects will be displayed in the gym. Plus, (if desired), each fifth and sixth grade student is invited to stand by his/her project from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and answer questions about his/her project and research.

At 7:20 p.m. a short ring of the school bell will sound. This will be your signal that you may take your child(ren)'s projects(s) home. (Please do not take a project home before this time.) If you are unable to take your family's projects at that time, please make arrangements with another family to do so. Or, you may pick up your family's project(s) on Friday morning between 6:45 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Students are reminded to use proper etiquette for this occasion. They should not run in Berg Hall, or in the gym, nor play in the bathrooms and hallways.

Don't miss out in viewing your child's project and those of other students! Their creativity and knowledge learned is exhilarating!

As always, God's peace...

Mrs. Diane Potts
Principal

