



April 10 – 14, 2017

“Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” ~ James 1:2-4

Today we begin the most solemn of weeks in the Catholic Church. Please know that you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers as we journey the way of the cross with our Lord during Holy Week.

MONDAY - NO H.U.G.S. Program

There will be a Uniform Exchange today from 2:30 – 4:30 and from 5:30 – 6:30 in Room 2.

TUESDAY - NO H.U.G.S. Program

WEDNESDAY - NO H.U.G.S. Program

FULL DAY OF SCHOOL

Please join us today at 2:00 as our 8th grade class presents “Living Stations of the Cross” – all are welcome. The students have been working very hard on this and I am proud that they have chosen such a beautiful way to depict our Lord’s final journey. Thank you to Mrs. Honan and Mrs. Hoover for coordinating this blessed event. I hope many of you are able to join us for this presentation this afternoon in the church.

HOLY THURSDAY – NO SCHOOL

GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL

LENTEN GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE:

For healthy people from the ages of 18 through 60, the traditions of fasting apply, and for people the ages of 14-60, abstinence applies on certain days in Lent. On Good Friday, we fast and abstain from meat. The rest of the Fridays throughout Lent, we abstain from meat. Fasting means having two very small meals, that if added together, would make one modest meal, and then having another modest meal with no snacking throughout the day, and drinking water instead of juices and soft drinks.

The purpose of fast and abstinence is to make physical sacrifices that lead us to an awareness of the spiritual sacrifices we could be making. They are reminders to us to pray for the less fortunate and to offer the money we save through our fasting and abstinence to the poor. It is an opportunity to look beyond ourselves to the suffering of others and to take action to alleviate their suffering. It is also helpful for giving us a chance to reflect on our excesses—physical, emotional, whatever—and root them out to make more room for Christ in our hearts.

EASTER SUNDAY

Glory and praise to You, Risen Savior,
for You bring light to our darkness,
joy to our sorrow, and the fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.

Once and for all You have conquered sin and evil.

In the glory of Your Resurrection we have been set free
from all that keeps us from following You.

In this Easter season,
fill our hearts with Your Light and Grace
that we might joyfully echo the words of Your Holy Angels:

He is not here in the tomb:

He is risen!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen.

Taken from <http://www.disciplesnow.com>

EASTER BREAK

Our Easter break begins Thursday, April 13 and classes resume Monday, April 24. Enjoy a lovely break with family and friends and I hope to see everyone well rested and *healthy* on April 24.

WARM WEATHER UNIFORMS

Please be prepared to switch over to warm weather uniforms by Monday, May 1. Many students seem to be straying from the white or black sneakers. I see many neon and other colored sneakers. Our uniform is white or black. Also, beginning May 1 sweatshirts may not be worn during the school day. If students are chilly during the day they may wear our uniform red sweater vest or red cardigan.

ATHLETICS FUNDRAISER

On Friday April 21 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM our Athletic Department will be having a Paint & Sip Fundraiser at Pinot's Palette in Wall Township. The cost is \$45 per painter with all proceeds to benefit our Athletic program. The painting will be "We Are Family" where you can personalize your own family tree adding as many families / names as you would like. Please register [online](#).

P.T.A. NEWS

Thanks to Jen Taras & Anne Marie Marzigliano for running the Old Monmouth Easter Candy sale. And a *very special thank you* to all those who stepped up to help sell the extra candy: Terri Johnson, Laurie Pfremer, Diane Digiovanni, Melanie McCarthy, Debbie Van Wieren, Kate Scalzo and Sarah Tritini. Your time and effort is much appreciated - we had a very successful sale!

TODAY!

Uniform Exchange – Monday April 10th 2-4:30pm & 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Upcoming Events:

Scholastic Book Fair – April 25th-27th

Dining To Donate – April 26, 2017 at Chipotle in Howell 5pm to 9pm. [Voucher needed](#).

SAVE THE DATE – Family Fun Night May 5, 2017

Have a great GATOR week!

Peace,
Ms. O'Connor