

Mrs. Schwamborn's Third Grade News

Week of March 4th



What's Happening This Week:

I would like to start off by saying how incredibly proud I am of the whole class. They did an amazing job at mass on Friday. They really hit it out of the park. They have also been doing a great job every afternoon praying the rosary and reflecting in their Lent journal. In addition, we have begun the Catholic Health Academic Challenge and they are doing a wonderful job - working hard and completing the activities. Way to go third graders!

This week in third grade, we will be very busy completing various St. Patrick's Day activities as well as Easter activities. There is so much to do in only three weeks! We will also be working on our next unit in Journeys, **The Albertosaurus Mystery**. This is an informational text that will focus on drawing conclusions. Readers can use clues, or evidence, in the text to understand a topic.

Readers can then use this text evidence, along with their own ideas, to draw conclusions about the topic. When readers draw conclusions, it means they make smart guesses about things the author hasn't directly stated. Our spelling words this week focus on the soft "c" and soft "g" sounds.

We are just about finished Topic 8. The test for this Topic will be on Thursday. It will cover rounding numbers to the nearest 10 as well as to the nearest 100. It will also cover estimating sums and differences. Our next topic will focus on addition and subtraction fluency within 1000. After East break we will begin Fractions. Many children are still working on passing their facts tests. Most of the class is working on their 12 facts or taking their "All Facts" test. We still have a few working their 8's, and 9's as well. I really hope to be able to have the Ice Cream Sundae celebration before we leave for Easter Break.

I have started to look over the Explorer reports that were turned in and they are FANTASTIC! I can't wait for them to share their reports with the class. I am so proud of them for working hard and completing the assignment. I hope they enjoyed learning about their explorer. Our next project will be sometime mid to late April. That will be the last one and usually the class favorite. We are still

learning about weather. We have a few more lessons to go. We will also be completing the first of two required NYS Science Investigations.

Parent Social and Mixer

Save the Date March 15th at 5:30pm

Please join us for our first Parent Social and Mixer at Alize Brewing Company 10560 Main Road Mattituck. 21 and older \$75pp includes dinner, dancing, Chinese Auction, 50/50, photo booth and a night of EXCITEMENT!



Please see the flyer below. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Walter in the Main Office.

[Parent Social and Mixer \(3\).jpg](#)

Golf Outing



This is a reminder there will be a Golf Outing Committee Meeting Monday 6:30pm on Zoom.

Abbey Swiatkowski is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Abbey Swiatkowski's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7170649250>

Meeting ID: 717 064 9250

Communion Information

Just a reminder that the Communion Retreat will be this Saturday, March 9th. It will be held at St. Isidore Church from 10:00 to 1:00.

Children will be making their banners, having a pizza lunch and going over the Communion Mass. This is a drop off and pick up event. Please be punctual. We will be meeting in the basement of the church.



The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent help us understand that we must follow God's commandments and truly live them in our hearts to find life. The first reading gives us the ten commandments. The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is not like human wisdom. The gospel tells of Jesus cleansing the temple of the money changers who put their own desires



We are in the season of Lent. To help prepare our hearts during this season, the third grade has been praying a decade of the Rosary everyday and participating in 10 minutes of silent prayer and reflection. During this time, the children write in their Lent Journal and listen to songs of praise and worship. There is NO TALKING during this time as they are encourage to reflect on the

journal prompt and the music they are listening to. I also sent home a 40 days of Crosses challenge. Children are strongly encouraged to participate in this activity.

SJP2 Stuff

STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS

Join us Wednesday March 6th at 6:30 pm for our Annual State of the School Address.

The annual State of the School address is an opportunity for constituents and stakeholders to hear directly from SJPII Regional School administration on the recent accomplishments, continuing challenges, and big-picture priorities of the faculty, staff and school.



The Catholic Faith Network will be here Thursday March 7th filming a Lenten Project with our students.

As you all know, Jesus Christ and the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church is central in all we do! We create disciples of Christ and faithful Catholic moral teachings. Please make sure you send in your RE-ENROLLMENT packet for the 24-25 school year! **In order to save your spot for next year AND receive early bird pricing, please return your packets with registration fee by Friday March 15th.**

A copy of the school calendar for next year has been shared. Please note that this calendar is subject to change but does provide an advance look into next year.

Clubs have started. Please be sure to update PUP if your child is staying. Extra help is on Mondays 2:30-3:00. Please update PUP if your child is staying for extra help. Remember to return your registration packets as soon as possible. Be sure to label your child's belongings. Sweatshirts have begun to accumulate, it's hard to tell whose is whose if they are not labeled. **Remember music folders and recorders every Friday.**

Is your child sick? Please do not send them into school. We understand a sick child staying home can be a huge inconvenience, but please keep them home if they are sick. We do not want to get our teachers or other students sick. As a reminder, your child must be FEVER free, VOMIT free and DIARRHEA free WITHOUT medication for 24 hours in order to return to school.



Important Dates

Saturday, March 9th - Communion Retreat @ St. Isidore Church 10-1

Friday, March 15th - Parent Social at Alize

Wednesday, March 27th - Early Dismissal at 11:00

Thursday, March 28th - Holy Thursday **NO SCHOOL**

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, April 1st - No School Easter Break begins.

Monday, April 8th - School Resumes



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