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# ASH WEDNESDAY

By Isabella Gayoma and Mary Grace Leach



Ash Wednesday is when the season of Lent begins.

On March 5,
Father Peter of
the OLG church
put ashes on
staff, teachers,
and students. He
made a small
cross on their
foreheads with
the ashes,
symbolizing
God's
forgiveness.

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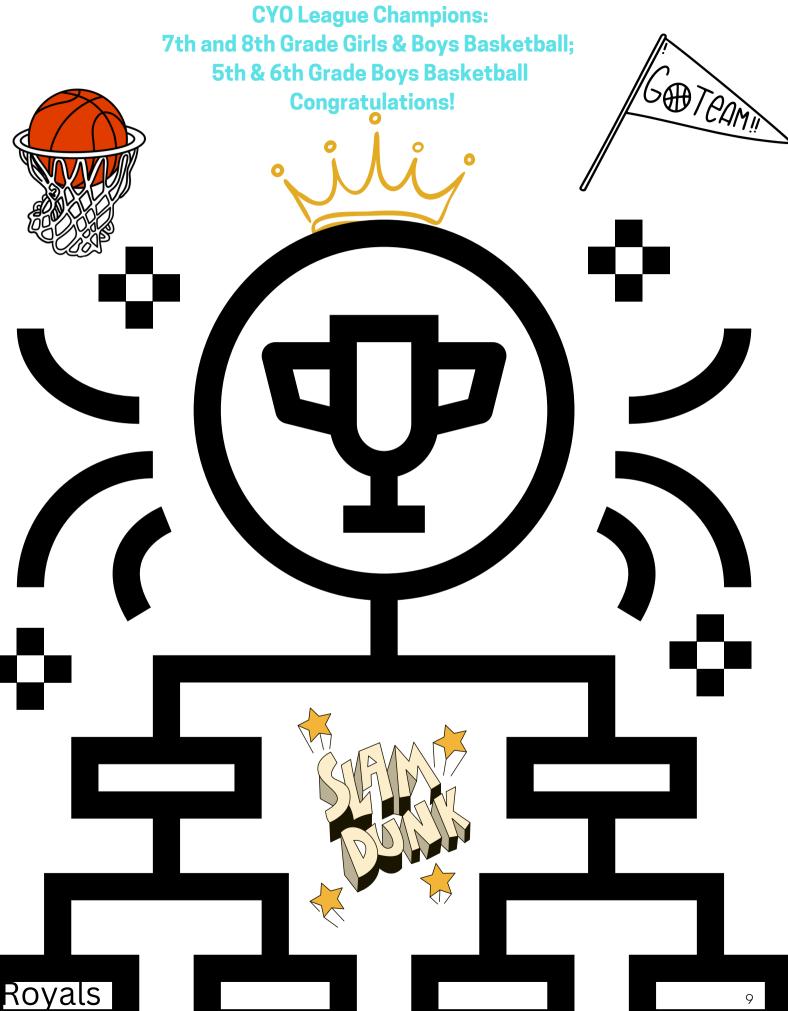


**OLG CHURCH** 

Where do the ashes come from?

The ashes come from last year's Palm Sunday's palms. The palms are burned and turn into ash. Instead of the palms becoming their original beige color, the palm ashes turn into a dark, black color.





### **Leading Self and Leading Others**

By; Andrea Chucaralao

#### Saint Dominic Academy and Saint Peter's Prep Leading Self and Leading **Others Program**

In today's world of rapid pace, leadership skills are more crucial than ever before. That is why institutions such as Saint Dominic Academy and Saint Peter's Prep have established progressive programs to equip students with leadership skills.

#### What is the Leading Self and Leading Others Program?

The Leading Self and Leading Others program aims at developing students' skills for success in personal and professional settings. The program focuses on self-knowledge, emotional intelligence, communication, and team building, in order to mentor students to become effective leaders.

#### Why is Leadership Development Important?

Leadership is the most important aspect of succeeding at anything one does. Whether one leads a class project in school or looks for a promotion in a future career, the ability to lead is essential. Through activities like Leading Self and Leading Others, students can become self-assured and competent enough to be successful in any role.

#### What Makes Saint Dominic Academy and Saint Peter's Prep Special?

Saint Dominic Academy and Saint Peter's Prep are both highly respected for their commitment to academic excellence. Their Leading Self and Leading Others program is just one example of the innovative programs they offer to help their students reach their greatest potential. With academics supported by the development of skills in the real world, these schools are preparing their students for greatness in the world.

#### How Can Students Get Benefits from the Leading Self and Leading Others Program?

Participation in the Leading Self and Leading Others program has the potential to make a permanent impact on the lives of the students. Improved leadership skills make the students even better communicators, improve relations, and give them increased levels of confidence. These skills can prove to be beneficial for students in both personal and professional spheres, setting them apart from the rest of the students.

In short, the Leading Self and Leading Others program offered by Saint Dominic Academy and Saint Peter's Prep is an excellent opportunity for students to acquire essential leadership skills. Through this program, students can improve their communication, teamwork, and self-awareness, setting them up for success in the future. By participating in programs like the Leading Self and Leading Others program at Saint Dominic Academy and Saint Peter's Prep, students can prepare for a lifetime of achievements.



Saint Dominic Academy



Saint Peter's Prep





4th grade



3rd grade



Ind grade







BY: ANDREA CHUCARALAO

#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day (IWD) is a day to celebrate women's achievements and advocate for gender equality. It is celebrated annually on March 8.

Why is IWD important? IWD honors women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements. Also, it advocates for gender equality and calls for action to address the barriers women face. Additionally, IWD highlights the progress made in women's rights and the ongoing efforts needed to ensure full participation in society. Furthermore, IWD celebrates the acts of courage and determination by women who have played an extraordinary role in history.

How is IWD celebrated? IWD is celebrated through: campaigns, events, rallies, lobbying, performances, festivals, parties, fun runs, and donating to womenfocused charities. The IWD originated in the labor movement and has roots in the Russian Revolution. The United Nations officially recognized IWD in 1977.

"Each time a woman stands up for herself she stands up for all women." MAYA ANGELOU







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# GUEST READER DAY

By: Alana Mederos

Read Across America was celebrated at AOLG on March 7. The Guest Reader Day was a great opportunity for parent volunteers to read stories to students. Each parent chose which classroom they would read in.

The Guest Readers read lots of books, such as: "Desks on Strike," "Elmer," and many more.

All of the children had fun and enjoyed all of the treats that the Guest Readers brought to their classrooms.



Raphael (4I) and his mom





**Parent Volunteers** 



My mom and I

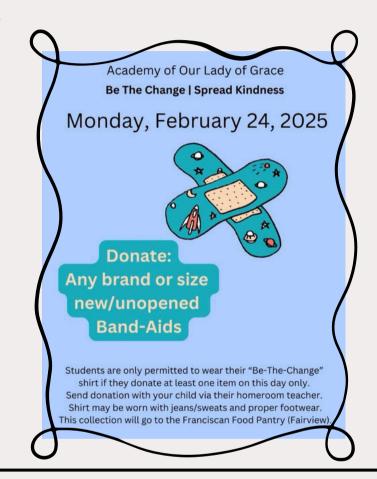
### BE THE CHANGE | T-SHIRT DAV

By Isabella Gayoma

### What is the "Be the Change" day?

"Be the Change Day" at AOLG is a day where students are permitted to wear their "Be-The-Change" t-shirts if they donate one specific item. It reminds everyone to always help and be kind to others.

Last February 24, the students donated new or unopened Band-Aids to AOLG, and the school donated them to the Franciscan Food Pantry in Fairview.





Allison Wainstein and Althea Gayoma show their Band-Aids.



41 shows the Band-Aids they donated.



Royal Times members work on articles and pictures for the paper.

# What Has the "Royal Times Club" Been Doing? Signora O.

The "Royal Times Club" members continue to produce articles and photo pages through Canva. [Canva is a graphic design platform which allows the students to create their own layout pages for the paper.]

The students are also learning the importance of deadlines and preparing for the next Royal Times issue. Sometimes they seem a little surprised at how quickly the turn-around time is from one paper to the next. It almost seems as if they have just finished articles and pages for one issue, and already, they need to choose a new topic for the next paper.

Thus, the students are continually challenged to bring articles and photos to completion, as they then continue to prepare for the next deadline.