

Happy Friday Everyone!

This has been a very hectic week! It always seems that way when we get back from break! There is a lot coming up and it is all coming up quickly. Make sure you have your calendars marked!! Each week in Lent, I will share with you a weekly justice challenge to reflect upon for the season. At the very least, I hope it can open dialogue and make us think for just a moment how we are showing we are God's children. I will end the email with the challenge.

- Fish N'Chips for Field Trips: This past Wednesday was Ash Wednesday and our very first fish fry! Though we got "snagged" on a couple things, overall it was incredibly successful! Next year will be even better! We raised almost \$1000! Thank you to our little "school" of dedicated parent helpers and especially to our two students, Aiden Wright and Ben Pratt who worked their fins off all night!! It was a delicious fish (or shrimp) fry! Thank you to all who supported us and helped to make it a success.

- First Reconciliation: We would like to congratulate our 2nd graders on making their 1st Reconciliation tomorrow at noon. We are with you in spirit and praying for you!!

- Father/Daughter Dance: Also Saturday is our Father-Daughter Dance from 5-7:30 in the gymnasium. If any moms would like to volunteer to help (code for peeking in on the good time ;) the sign up link is: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA4A623A1F58-fatherdaughter1> It is sure to be a wonderful evening!!

- Book Fair and Family Fun Night: We are in need of volunteers the week of March 27th for the Book Fair & Family fun night please contact: Sabrina.braunstein@standrewscds.net We will be sending something home next week!

- 5K RACE UPDATE: Great news...We were able to get our 5k route as a certified course!!!! Still waiting for the date approval (coming soon) hoping for September 9, 2017. Don't forget we will hold a meeting on March 6th @ 6:00pm and then every other Monday after that please join us if you can we need all of the support we can get to make this event a great success! Feel free to email us with any ideas, questions or concerns. Sabrina.braunstein@standrewscds.net

Important Reminders:

1. The deadline to register for next year is coming up quickly. Remember if you are re-registering for next year and wait until after April 1st, you will be paying a \$200 late fee on top of your \$50 registration fee. Register by March 31st!!!! We have one PK4 full time class full already and only 8 spots remain in our second PK4 full time program! There are 15 spots in our PK4 MWF program. Our PK3 is also filling up fast with only 8 spots remaining in our full time program! Don't wait! Let your friends know too that we are filling up fast! We are on track for over 200! Be a part of our growth!

2. This week we sent out an interest letter to try to see what interest there was in the summer Starcast program and a summer academic and activity program. These letters are due back by Monday. If we do not have enough children signed up for the summer Starcast program, then we cannot run it. Right now I only have 8 students that have shown interest in the program and we do need to have more to run it. Please make sure that you return the sheets. Our summer academic program also cannot run without enough students, so make sure you get your letters in!!

3. Today was supposed to be the last day for Platter's chocolate orders, however, we will be able to hand in the orders until MONDAY!! We have already made a wonderful profit! Keep it up everyone!!

This Week's Justice Challenge:

The Gospel recounts Jesus' experience of being tempted by the devil after 40 days of retreat in the desert. Jesus was tempted to indulge in physical satisfaction (eating bread), ego satisfaction (throwing himself off the temple to be saved by angels), and the satisfaction of power (having the world at his feet if he worshipped the devil). Your challenge this week is to take a serious look at the power you hold over other people - your children or parents, your colleagues at work or school, your friends. Do you use your power in a holy way? Do you ever abuse your power? Pray this week that you always remember that only God really has the power. Remind yourself that you are called to use the power entrusted to you to serve others in the same way Jesus did.

Lenten Prayer:

Loving God, this is quite a comparison! I know that you have breathed life into all of us creatures. I know that both humankind and our planet were created by and are held in your love. Now I hear Pope Francis tell me in direct, unmistakable words of a new and startling equation: the reverence and tenderness I evidence in my relationships with the Earth is no different from the reverence and tenderness with which I treat the other. May I see both as expressions of your divine artistry and may I give my attention over to tending to the wholeness of our one community, sustained by your care. Amen

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Peace,

Mrs. P