



OLA Newsletter

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Our Mission

As a people of *faith*, we join together; students, parents and faculty, to build *community* in the presence of Christ.

As a people of *hope*, we work together to instill the *knowledge* that allows students to seek justice, peace and tolerance.

As a people of *love*, we come together to promote *stewardship* and to encourage compassion for all God's people.

Lenten Reflection

Life so easily carries us away! We get distracted from our relationship with Jesus; we turn away from God's love and do wrong. Lent is the time we try with all our hearts to turn back to God. That turning back is called repenting (turning again). After a time of distraction or willful turning away we feel great sorrow that we have neglected or damaged our relationship with God and we do penance. Repentance and penance are two important works of Lent. Also during Lent we come closer to God by spending more time praying, either with others or when we're alone, by fasting, which means eating less or giving up something that distracts us from knowing God, and by giving alms, which means giving money, time, or possessions to help people in need.

PTO Corner

Candy Sale

Our Gertrude Hawk fundraiser packets went home this week. Order delicious candies for Easter and support the PTO at the same time! 50% of all sales are given back to our school. Orders and money are due on Friday, March 12.

Reconciliation during the season of Lent. However, we will make this occasion a family event by requiring that parents take their children to their own parishes for this essential undertaking. Students will then complete a reflection page, signed by the parent, to be submitted on their return after the Easter break. More details will be sent home via the weekly class folders.

St. Jude Math-a-thon

All money must be turned in by Friday, March 5, 2010. If your child raised money online and has no checks to turn in, please write on the envelope, "Online". Every student should turn in a Mathathon Money Envelope. Students do not need to turn in fun books or certificates from online funbooks. Thank you for all of your support for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!

Closings Due to Inclement Weather:

If school operates on a delayed schedule, is closed early or is not in session, it will be announced on the following television stations: WSOC, WCNC, WBTV, NEWS14 & WCCB FoxTV. It will also be announced on various radio stations and posted on the OLA website @ www.olainfo.com. Listen for "All Mecklenburg County Catholic Schools". If school operates on a delayed schedule, there will be no before school care and no lunches ordered. Children

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Health Alert

If your child is displaying symptoms of a cold, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, please ensure that he/ she stays away from classes at least 24 hours. We must all be considerate of others, especially with regard to spreading germs and viruses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This year, students of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will be prepared at school to receive the sacrament of

must come to school with packed lunches. If school is on a delayed schedule, before school care will be delayed until that time as well. It will not be available at the normal time of 7:00 am.



Thanks to Father Stan and Grades 4 & 5 for serving at today's Mass

IMPORTANT DATES

- *March 5- Stations of the Cross*
- *March 12-Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale Ends*
- *March 15- 17- SACS Accreditation Team Visits the Diocese of Charlotte Schools*
- *March 19- NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service Day*
- *March 25- Report Cards Issued*
- *March 25- Diocesan School Board Meets at OLA*

INCLUDED IN PACKET

- *Lunch Order Form(s)*
- *Firm Fair and Consistent Newsletter*
- *April Book Fair Volunteers Flyer*