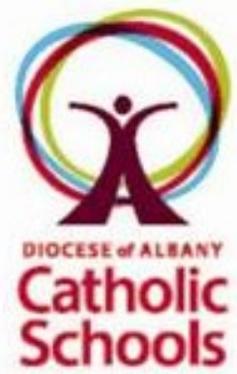




St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish School

March 2017 Newsletter

Message from Mrs. Grimmer



March Schedule At A Glance

Wednesday, March 1: Ash
Wednesday Mass at 9:00 am.

Thursday, March 2: Read Across
America Day! Come join us be-
tween 9:00 and 9:30 to read a fa-
vorite book!

**Fridays: Stations of the Cross
at 2:00 pm led by our students
throughout Lent.**

Monday, March 6: Krause's
Candy orders due!

Wednesday, March 8: Ronald
McDonald Read-A-Thon ends

Friday, March 10: Spirit Day to
benefit Ronald McDonald House.
Crazy Socks, spirit shirts and \$1

Tuesday, March 14: Ronald
McDonald Read-A-Thon money
due.

Friday, March 17: Wear Green
Day to celebrate St. Patrick!

Monday, March 20: No School—
Professional Day. No childcare.

Tuesday, March 21: Moving up
Day! More details to follow.

**Tuesday, March 28—Thursday,
March 30:** New York State testing
for grades 3—5 in English Language
Arts.



Dear St. Kateri Families,

The days are getting longer! Lent is beginning which is a sure sign of spring. St. Kateri School is busy with all kinds of learning. This is the time of year when children really blossom. Skills are sharp and children's understandings are becoming more complex.

Lent is the season where we prepare for the greatness of Easter, where Jesus makes the ultimate sacrifice and dies for our sins so that we too may partake in the joys and riches of heaven. There are three pillars of Lent: penance, prayer, and almsgiving. During Lent our students participate in all three pillars:

- **Penance:** Daily we say the "Our Father" where we ask for forgiveness. In addition, students in grades 3—5 will participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- **Prayer:** We say prayers daily as a school and every Friday during Lent our older students lead us in the Stations of the Cross. Please join us any Friday at 2:00 in the Church.
- **Almsgiving:** Our St. Kateri family is so good at this! We are participating in the Ronald McDonald Read-A-Thon. Our March Spirit Day will benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. Our April Spirit Day will benefit Emmaus House also located in Albany.

We have two challenges during Lent. As a school, classrooms will be issuing "I act like Jesus" tickets to students. The class that earns the most by Holy Thursday will win a pizza party from Fr. Bob. Our other challenge is a family one: to pray the Rosary once per week during Lent. If you need help with the prayers, please let us know and we will get you a copy of them. Fr. Pat will be checking our results after Holy Week is over.

We have exciting news to share! Four of our Early Childhood Classrooms will be moving to our new early childhood center this month. Stay tuned for details.

Let us all enjoy these lengthening hours of daylight. Blessings and peace to your family.

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Our Mission

“We are an Evangelizing Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples that Welcomes All, Prays Joyfully, Grows in Faith and Knowledge, Proclaims God’s Kingdom, Acts Justly.” This is our mission.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

March 1—Aneice

March 5—Zamir

March 6—Faith

March 11—Ny’Ariyah

March 12—Mya

March 14—Sydney,
Emanuel, and Na’Liyah

March 16—Dorothy

March 25—Gabriella and
Sela

March 26—Owen



It’s financial aid time!

Please complete a request for financial aid with FACTS Grant and Aid by **April 1, 2017**. Financial Aid is available for students in grades K–5. There is a limited amount of financial aid available. Please contact Jenny Kraus if you have any questions.

Open Registration!

Please send your “Intent to Return” forms to the office and then we will send you the Orange Registration packet. Some classes are close to full, so please submit these forms as soon as possible to secure your spot for 2017-18.

Bus forms for 2017-18

Please contact your home school district! Bus forms for 2017-18 are due by **April 1, 2017**



Trivia Questions

Grades 4 and 5: Alex bought 2 printer cartridges for \$28 each and a printer for \$85. He gave the cashier \$150. How much change should Alex have received from the cashier? Show your work.

Grades 2 and 3: Jerome had 23 farm animal stickers and 17 sea animal stickers. Jerome used all of the stickers to fill an 8-page scrapbook. He put the same number of stickers on each page. How many stickers did he put on each page? Show your work.

Grade 1: Maria had 17 friends at her party. Some of them went outside to see the piñata. There were 4 friends remaining in the room. How many friends went outside?

Grades Pre K and Kindergarten: Sam has 8 toy cars. His grandma gives him 2 more. How many toy cars does Sam have? Show your work.

Reward: Dress down coupon!

Due date: March 13

Free Money!

Don’t forget: If you refer a family, and they enroll for the 2017-18 year, you get a **\$200** rebate on your 2016-17 tuition. Keep those referrals coming!

Did you know...?

Many companies offer a donation match to a non-profit entity. St. Kateri Parish School receives funding from these companies. Please check with your employer to see if they offer matches. **You can save on your fundraising balance.**