



# CONN-AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## “Centered in Christ”

February 2024

***As parents, we are charged with great responsibilities in raising our children. What comes to mind are such tasks as keeping them safe, helping them to meet the milestones that come with the stages of development, supporting their academic studies, addressing their health needs, keeping them fed and well-cared for, to name a few. But what tops all of our responsibilities is our duty to instill in our children the ways of achieving a path to Heaven. No other responsibility is more important. If that is our most crucial responsibility, it only makes sense that we would always put God first and foremost in our daily lives. Our children will follow our lead, which is why it is so important that they see the value we put on our faith-life. Are we truly living the faith? During the Lenten season, let us consider if our best efforts are being provided, for our children, in getting them to Heaven.***

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday will begin our season of Lent on February 14. Our entire student body will be attending Mass at Immaculate Conception Church at 10:00 a.m. We hope that you will join us as we begin this forty-day journey together.



## Re-Enrollment



Hopefully, you have already re-enrolled your child into our school for next year. We are excited to have everyone back again. Providing you with this 'head-start' allows you to secure your child's seat before we open the application process to new families. New families will have access on February 4. If you have any questions, please contact us and we will be happy to assist you.



Do you know anyone who may be interested in a Catholic education? Our Open House for new families is Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. They can register for the event by going to our website and clicking on the link in the green banner at the bottom of the screen. Please share the great news of a school 'Centered in Christ'.

## PTG Meeting

On Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have our third PTG meeting. It will be held in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. Our kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be conducting the prayer service. We ask families of our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to donate one dozen cookies. We hope you will join us.



## Teacher In-Service Day

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> is a teacher in-service day. Students will not have school that day.



The middle of the third nine weeks is on February 15. Any students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> who may be experiencing difficulties, will be receiving a Progress Report, which will be mailed to the parents. This notification affords them the time to redirect their efforts to better meet the goals for success.



Our Performing Arts Club will be performing “Dear Edwina, Jr.” on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Edwin S. Porter Theatre in the Connellsville Community Center. While our school is in its 18<sup>th</sup> year of performing musicals, this is Director Edwin Robbins’ first Conn-Area Catholic production. We are grateful for his gifts and talents. Supporting him through this process is volunteer coordinator Jennifer Gray, choreographer Mary Sampey, costumer Mrs. Schnorr, set and lighting designer Bill Colvin, sound ‘guy’ Jeff Hutchinson, program designer Mrs. Baker, marketing and incidentals Mrs. Zimmermann, and so many of our volunteers who assisted at the rehearsals. This is truly a group effort. The show is FREE however we do ask that donations for the food bank be brought to the theatre which will be given to those in need. I especially want to thank our cast and crew for using their gifts and talents to share with others. They have been doing a remarkable job.



Our first graders learn about the dangers of poisons through the Mr. Yuk program provided to our school by Penn State. We are grateful for those who are proactive about safety for our students.



Due to Ash Wednesday being on February 14<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Valentine’s Day on February 13<sup>th</sup> with parties beginning at 2:00. However, our preschoolers will be celebrating their Valentine’s Day party on Monday, February 12. Preschoolers who do not normally attend on Mondays are invited to attend. Please see Mrs. Spotts’s information notification for details.



### **Geibel Catholic Junior/Senior High School Open House**

If you are a parent of a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader, you should consider attending Geibel Catholic’s Open House on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> to learn what their school has to offer. Do not make any decisions regarding your child’s next level of education without speaking with Mr. Fetter, their principal. To register for their Open House, go to [geibelcatholic.org](http://geibelcatholic.org).



There will be no school on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in honor of Presidents' Day. Enjoy the time with your children.

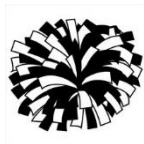


Once again, we will be selling Colebrook Chocolates during the Lenten season in time for your Easter celebrations. If you plan to order any chocolates, orders are due by February 20. Ten percent of your order will be applied to your child's tuition. Candy will be ready for pick up on March 19.



### **Boys Basketball Tournament**

The boys' season has been very good. Each team has more wins than we have had in previous years. The JV team will be competing in the tournament on February 17. Good luck, boys! Thank you to the coaches: Matt and Lindsy Yoders, Eric Deal and Justin Stevenson. They all did an amazing job with the boys.



### **Cheerleading**

The cheerleading season is coming to an end. We believe the success of our boys' teams has been in part due to the great job of our cheerleaders. They are a motivating machine! Great job, girls! Thank you to their coaches: Renee Davis and Megan Patsch.

*Conn-Area Catholic School – A great place to be.*

*Share it with others!*

