



CONN-AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

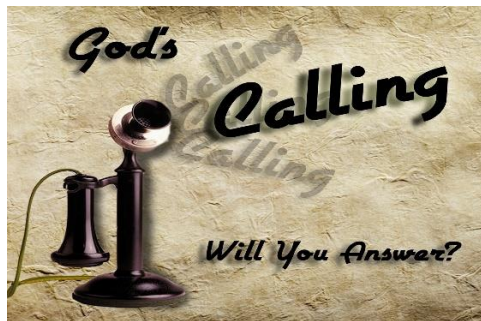
“Centered in Christ”

April 2024

Being my age, I have watched the telephone transform immensely. When I was a young child, my family’s landline was shared with another family. It was called a party line. We had to pay attention to the ring, to decide whether the call was for our family or the other family. Around the age of nine, we received our own landline. When I learned to drive, I had to have a dime, in case I had car issues and needed to call my dad at a pay phone, which was located at most gas stations and stores. When I went to college you could pay ‘extra’ to have a phone in your room, but most of us used the pay phone in the hallway. After college I saw my first car phone which was wired into the dashboard somehow, and ‘important’ people began carrying pagers in case they were needed. Shortly thereafter the flip phone came into being. It was basically a mobile phone, although some were ‘fancy’ with a texting capability. Then came the smart phones which contain everything you want to know and everything you don’t want to know. You can now be reached at anytime, anywhere, through various means.

What a transformation! So over the past sixty years we have become so very connected to the entire world through this device. Yet in this same period, can we say that we have become deeply connected to our religion? As we grow, are we seeing the importance of attending church? Are we understanding the value of the sacraments? Are we praying as we should be? Are we living our life for Christ? Hopefully, we have made serious transformations that have brought us more connected to our Lord.

If not, give Him a call! 😊





Family Liturgy/Sixth Grade Recognition

On Wednesday, April 17th, our entire school community will gather at St. John the Evangelist in Connellsville to celebrate Jesus in our lives. The Mass is at 7:00 p.m. so that your family can be present. Our sixth graders will be recognized, as they will be nearing the end of their years at Conn-Area Catholic School. In addition to this presentation, we will be recognizing a few of our staff for their years of service: Mrs. Garsteck for ten years at Conn-Area Catholic, Mrs. Zimmermann for ten years, and Mrs. Forsythe (Miss Judy) for ten years. As you know, each of these ladies plays a very important part in the success of our school. We hope you will join us in honoring them.

Immediately following the Mass, you are all invited to the reception hall under the church for food and fellowship. The PTG will be providing cheese and fruit trays and we ask that each family from grades PK thru 5th grade bring a plate of cookies or some type of sweets. A form with more details can be found in this packet. This event counts as one of our five PTG meetings.



Benefactors Appreciation Mass

Each year we invite our benefactors to a special Mass to show our appreciation for their generosity. Their donations to our school afford us the ability to keep tuition at an affordable cost. They show their support of our mission and want to see the school community grow. If you would like to be a benefactor, please contact our office to see how you can make a donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated. It is a great way to show God your gratitude for the good fortunes of which you are blessed. On Friday, April 12th, at 10:00, we will gather at I.C. church for this special Mass. As always, we hope you will join us for any of our Masses.



Wax Museum

Our fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are creating a Wax Museum on Thursday, April 4th from 9:00 to 11:30. You are invited to attend. Walk around the museum, press a button, and learn about some historical figures. The students have been working very hard. We know you will learn some things you never knew before. Thank you to Mrs. Schnorr, our social studies teacher, for organizing this event.



Re-Registration

If you have not re-enrolled your child for next year, it is not too late. If you have any questions that have held you back from completing this process, please call me. We are happy to help.

IOWA Testing Week



Our third through sixth grade students will be taking the IOWA standardized tests during the week of April 22. Please avoid any doctor appointments during this time. We want them to be present for each of the tests, to evaluate their progress, our curriculum, and our instruction. This is a good tool to use for those purposes.



Progress Reports

April 25th marks the mid-way point for our final nine weeks. If your child is not working to potential, you will receive notification so they may step up their game.



Sixth Grade Leadership Team

Our sixth graders have been busy this second half of the school year. They spent some time after school bagging up the wonderful items you all brought in (socks, puzzle books, colored pencils, and mints) which has been given to the Sisters of Charity. We ended up with 72 bags. The leadership team has also organized a 'planting event' in the greenhouse with the preschoolers and the kindergarten students. Each sixth grader was assigned to four or five kids. They assisted them in planting flowers in a cup, which they will keep in the greenhouse until they are ready to brighten up your homes. During this process, the sixth graders will teach the kids a few things about growing plants. We hope they share what they learn with you. Finally, the sixth graders will be helping the preschool kids to plant an acorn in a pot which will be nurtured over the next eight years of their time at Conn-Area Catholic School. When those preschoolers graduate from the sixth grade, they will transplant their tree on the property. This will be the first year of this new tradition.



Student treasures

Students in grades kindergarten thru sixth grade have been working on a book to have published. It is a classroom book with samples of work from each of the students in the class. Written and illustrated by your children, this book is an excellent keepsake of your child's 2023-2024 school year. If you would like to order a book, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.



Incubator Eggs Coming Soon

Our science classes enjoy learning about the process of incubating chick eggs. This program is through Penn State. We will be receiving the eggs on April 16. Mrs. Kostley will have the students do candling. They will learn about the stages of the development, and hopefully see the hatching process, as well. We will be sure to post on Facebook, so check it out!



Marathon

Our Marathon is fast approaching. We thank you for getting sponsors and raising money for the school. Our goal is \$10,000, as it has been for many years. If we meet our goal, the students will receive an extra hour of recess on a beautiful day in May. God bless you for your goodness and support. A long time tradition is to kick off Marathon week with a Crazy Hat Day. The students get creative in making fun hats to be judged by their classmates. The winner from each grade will receive a certificate for a free treat to be redeemed on the day of the Marathon.



Volleyball

Volleyball is well underway with some great games and happy wins. The JV girls will compete in a tournament on April 27th at Greensburg Central Catholic. We wish them well. Go Crusaders! Thank you to their coaches for giving of their time and talent: Brooke Allen, Jenn Gray, and Matt Schnorr.

As you move from the Lenten season into the Easter season, may God bless you with His goodness and grace.

***Have a very spiritual Holy Week and
a very blessed Easter season!***

Easter Triduum

