FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our school children and staff have been busy this Lent focusing on the Year of Mercy. As part of the parish’s Day of Mercy, students sat with their Spirit Pals and sung the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Chaplet is intended primarily as a prayer of intercession, a way of opening the floodgates to the Father's mercy, so that He can pour out His merciful love upon the world through His Son. Additionally, we have been ‘multiplying love’ by “enlightening” each other with prayers delivered in a special way to each classroom. Grade levels worked to make our annual Stations of the Cross throughout the building. Students and staff have been walking to and from Mass in complete silence to show reverence. Additional grade level projects included focusing on a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy:

- **K** - “Feed the Hungry” praying all 5 Sorrowful Mysteries together, a food drive for the St Vincent de Paul Society
- **1st** - “Feed the Hungry” Lenten prayers and journals and are doing "Cans and Coins for the Hungry" where the students bring in a canned good for the St. Vincent Food Pantry and a quarter for classroom Rice Bowls.
- **2nd** - “Shelter the Homeless” collecting items for the Rescue Mission, Lenten wreaths and chalk drawings of the crucifixion
- **3rd** - “Instructing the Ignorant” made cards for the residents at St. Anne’s Home explaining the new way we learned to pray in the Divine Mercy Chaplet. They will include handouts that explain the prayer.
- **4th** - “Feed the Hungry” collecting money for a field trip to Kroger to purchase food for the St Vincent Pantry. They also sent adult coloring pages and cards to Kingston Nursing Homes for the sick and elderly. “Counseling the doubtful” They wrote letters to the 2nd graders explaining what the Eucharist means to them. They will read the letters to a 2nd grader & talk with them about their First Holy Communion.
- **5th** - “Forgiving all Injuries & Bear Wrongs Patiently” continuing to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, assisting...
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the Franciscan Center with their sack lunch ministry and an ongoing service project straightening the books in church on Mondays after Mass.

- 6th - “Caring for the Imprisoned” collecting money to purchase under garments for those imprisoned. They are also having a paper back book drive for inspirational books to be delivered to the imprisoned. Students are bettering themselves by making donations to the Rice Bowl whenever they find themselves falling short of classroom standards.

- 7th and 8th - “Praying for the Living and the Dead” prayed in a special way for all of the deceased members of our parish (and their families) from this past year. They also are lifting in prayer all of the seminarians and sending notes to Spencer St. Louis over in Rome.

Mrs. Kathleen Mulligan 😊

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*Spring Band and Choir concert is changed from May 10 to MAY 18

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL

August 10 – Orientation Day
August 17 – School Starts
October 28 – No School
October 31 – No School
November 23 – No School
December 22–January 4 - No School
March 31–April 7 – Spring Break
April 10 – School is back in session
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WHO TO CALL

Tuition/Registration/Administrative Appointments
Kathy Palmer x 212

Attendance/Student Appts.
Ellen Ryan x 214

Receptionists
Mary Tess Roof/Janice Bobay x 213

School Nurse x 232
Cecilia Manning

SCRIP NEWS

Have you gotten your SCRIP for...

EASTER? We carry SCRIP for All Saints and Cathedral Bookstore for sacramental gifts. Also use SCRIP for all of your other Easter needs...new outfits & shoes, candy (DeBrands?), gift cards, Easter dinner (special order your Honey Baked Ham SCRIP right away!), and more. SPRING BREAK? Gas cards/fast food/hotels/even Disney can be ordered ahead of time and earn extra tuition credit for your family. Be sure to check our "back page" and also www.showithscrip.com for SCRIP that you could use on your trip. If you’re staying in town, how about Regal, Crazy Pinz, Roller Dome or a special restaurant?

SCRIP Sales Schedule!
Don’t forget...there are a few changes in our schedule over the next few weeks due to upcoming holidays...please mark your calendar:
Monday, March 21 – regular school sales (also last chance to purchase any special order SCRIP before Easter)
THURSDAY, March 24 – school sales (instead of Friday due to Good Friday)
TUESDAY, March 29 – school sales (school closed on Monday, March 28...also last chance to purchase any special order SCRIP before Spring Break)

SCHOOL NEWS

Author Trudy Ludwig Visits
Trudy is a renowned author who collaborates with leading research experts. Her books are award winning and help children navigate the world of social relationships. The teachers had their very own session with the author after school and learned a few tips of their own to help students.

Great News!
The new lift to the music room is now in working order! Look for pictures next week of our classmate, Jacob, visiting the music room for the first time!
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Missoula Children’s Theatre
It’s that time again! Auditions for Missoula Children’s Theatre production of RUMPELSTILTSKIN will be held on Monday, April 25 in the cafeteria at 3:00 p.m. Auditions are open for students in grades 1-8. See the school website for more details and a permission form.

Literacy Night Grades K-2
Save the Date Thursday, April 21 for Literacy Night. The Theme this year is God’s Beautiful Earth. Teachers will be sharing books about God’s Beautiful Earth and Earth Day. Registration will be online starting April 12 using the Saint Vincent’s website. There will even be a speaker to begin our night from the Little River Wetlands! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us this year for Literacy Night.

Spring Break Reminder
Please be sure and send in a note if your child/children will be leaving before April 1 or returning after April 12. Since Spring Break has been extended, no make-up work will be accepted in the case that a student missed school due to a planned vacation immediately prior to April 1 or extending beyond April 11. Note that next year’s (2017) Spring Break, we will have school Monday, April 10, 2017. It is Monday of Holy Week. Please plan your vacation to be at school that day. Thank you! Our school is evaluated on its attendance rate by the state!

Catch the Spirit Day
The next Catch the Spirit Day is Wednesday, March 23. Students may wear their Catch the Spirit shirt with uniform bottoms.

Art Club Meeting
There is a 2 hour Art Club meeting on Tuesday, March 22 after school from 2:45-4:45 p.m. Bring a snack.

Save The Date: 2nd Annual Mother/Son Olympics
The 2nd Annual Mother/Son Olympics will take place on Sunday, May 15, in the school gym. Look for invitations for this event to be sent home with your son/sons the week after Spring Break.

You Can Lend A Hand News
Get $ Turned In
The coupon book fundraiser ended February 29. There are some families with coupon books who haven’t sent in their $33 payment, or have only made a partial payment. Please send in cash or a check made payable to St. Vincent asap. Thank you!

Extra Coupon Books Available
If you need more coupon books, we still have some available to sell for $3/each. Just send in a note to the office and a check or cash for the amount of books you would like. Also include the name and homeroom of your youngest child and we will send them home.

Sundaes & Dress Down Day
As a reward for reaching the school sales goal, everyone will be treated to ice cream sundaes on Thursday, March 31. That’s also a special dress down day. You can wear p.j.’s, jogger-pants, or sportswear. Please see the school handbook for rules about out-of-uniform days.
Totus Tuus Rosaries
There will be an Open House on Sunday, March 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 26 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 8507 Summerset Place. Just in time for the Sacrament Season, you can shop from already created or custom design your child’s First Communion or Confirmation Rosary. There will also be other religious jewelry available. 15% of the sales will be returned to the school. Any questions, contact Kim Loxton at Kim@Loxton.us or 260-580-0350.

Sports Uniforms
There are still 55 outstanding basketball uniforms. Soccer uniforms will not be assigned until basketball uniforms are returned. Basketball uniforms must be returned by Thursday, March 24.

FACTS Easy Payment
Summary for Tax Season
With tax season nearly upon us, if you use FACTS payment plan for your tuition payment, you can quickly get a payment summary. Go into your FACTS account and simply click on “View Printable Payments Summary” on the Payments tab. You can retrieve and print a summary of payments for 2015 or any other specified time frame. Each payment summary contains the date range, family name, and our school Federal Tax ID number. If you have questions, call FACTS at 1-866-412-4637 and they will be happy to assist you.