



St. Ephrem Catholic Academy

100 Years Where Faith and Tradition Meet Progress in Education!

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February 17th, 2023

Dear Families,

It was quite a busy week here at the academy! Between the 100th Day of School, Valentine's Day, Spirit Day, and other activities, the passion and enthusiasm of everyone have not only been inspirational, but infectious too. This spirit permeates our academy daily and makes us such a special place.

Ash Wednesday: During the Midwinter Recess, the Church will begin the sacred season of Lent. Each year, the Church gives us the season of Lent to prepare ourselves for the joyful celebration of Easter. Over the centuries, the themes of this forty-day period have remained amazingly consistent: renewal, change, turning to Christ, and starting over. The very term, Lent, comes from an Old English word meaning spring, which clearly indicates the newness to which we are called during this annual observance. The season of Lent gives us, as Catholics, the time to reflect on the great sacrifice of Jesus Christ and how His resurrection provides us with the belief in eternal life. Let our next few weeks be a time of renewal and growing closer to Jesus Christ and his cross.

St. Ephrem Church will have numerous masses and services for Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Please check the St. Ephrem Church website for more details. I strongly recommend that you partake in these opportunities with your child in St. Ephrem Church or in your home parish. As families, you are the first teachers of your children in the ways of the faith!

At this time, I would like to provide you with a few reminders:

Pino's Palette Paint Night Fundraiser - RSVP by February 22nd: Please RSVP by Wednesday, 2/22, and send payment via Venmo@stephrem or by check directed to the HAA, along with the names of attendees, whether you will be attending in person or virtually, and an email address where you can be reached.

Mobile Library Survey - PLEASE COMPLETE BY February 27th: Two of our students are working on their Girl Scout Silver Awards and would like to create a mobile library for their fellow students at St. Ephrem. They would like to know the books they can include in the library. They need your support! Please complete the [survey](#) with your child by February 27th to let them know what books they should put in the mobile library.

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Monday, February 27th - Classes Resume:

- The academy will reopen at 7:45 AM.

Tuesday, February 28th:

- ***Chicken Tender Day:*** If you ordered chicken tenders for your child, they will receive them on this day.
- ***\$2 Dress Down for Congenital Heart Disease:*** Students may Dress Down and wear red or purple. **However, they must pay \$2.** Proceeds will go to the Children's Heart Foundation, an organization dedicated to funding congenital heart defect (CHD) research.
- ***Reregistration Fee Due:*** If you are re-registering your child for the 2023-2024 school year, the non-refundable \$100.00 re-registration fee and a non-refundable \$200.00 tuition deposit are due!

I wish you a restful break filled with opportunities to rest and recharge with your dear children!

In Christ,

Mr. Estevez

Principal

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