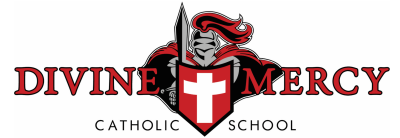


School Newsletter



January 31, 2018

Dear Parents,

On Saturday, it is the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and martyr of the Church. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles. For refusing to deny his faith, he was beaten and ultimately martyred.



For the feast of Saint Blaise, Father will be blessing throats during Friday's school Mass. **Everyone is welcome to come forward after the homily for the blessing. If your student is not Catholic, please talk to them and decide whether or not they will be coming forward for the blessing.**

The annual Virtus touching safety class will take place on Monday, Feb 5th. Mrs. Conley will be teaching the class to grades K-2, and I will teach the class to grades 3-6. Please read through the program overview to familiarize yourself with it. This program is not mandatory for students, and if you do not want your child to be in the class please fill out the attached opt-out form and return it to the office before Monday.

We wish Jasmine Mattson good luck as she prepares to compete in the county Spelling Bee next week. The county Spelling Bee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Antwerp Local School Auditoria. Good luck Jasmine!



God bless,

Mr. Linder

Important Dates:

February

Fri. 2nd – Mass @ 9:15 & food pantry

Mon. 5th – PTA meeting @ 6:30

Tues. 6th - County Spelling Bee @ Antwerp school 7 p.m.

Thur. 8th – Mass @ 9:15

Fri. 9th – 2 hr delay for teacher in-service & Mardi Gras @ 1:30

Wed. 14th - Mass @ 9:15 - Ash Wednesday

Fri. 16th - Stations of the Cross in church @ 1:00

Mon. 19th - No school - Presidents' Day

Fri. 23rd - Mass @ 9:15 & Stations of the Cross @ 1:00

Papers Coming Home:

- Virtus opt-out form
- Virtus Touching Safety Program outline (email)
- CYO basketball tournament schedule



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Mardi Gras will be held on Friday, February 9th, from 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm. Along with the many games to play, there will be a raffle table where students can buy chances on items. We are asking all families to donate prizes and/or food items. All proceeds from this event are donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. **Please bring all prize/candy donations into the office by Friday, February 2nd.**



New tax law brings big changes to 529 plans

If you have a 529 savings plan, please visit the following link to read how those funds can be applied toward private school elementary tuition:

<http://www.savingforcollege.com/articles/coming-soon-big-changes-to-529-plans>

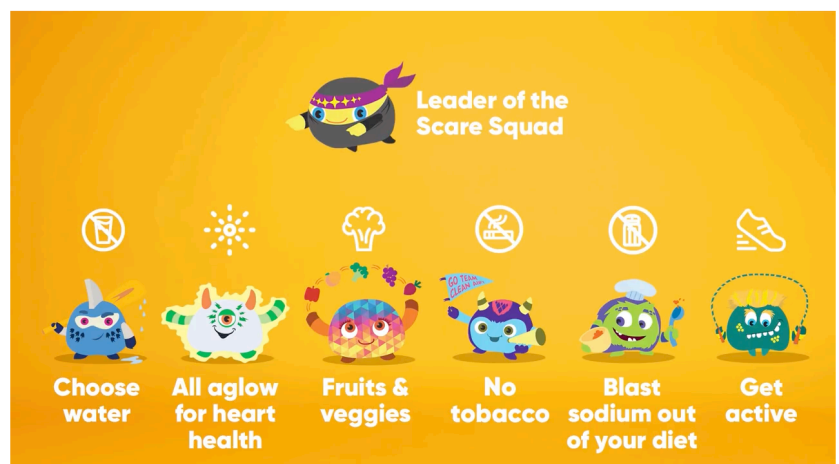
Just a quick reminder that the window to start applying for **EdChoice opens tomorrow**. If you are a renewal applicant, an application was sent home last week for you to complete. Please return this to the school office. Please check the **attached Federal Poverty Guidelines** to see if you qualify for an EdChoice Scholarship.

Go to the following link to see if you qualify for a **Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF)** scholarship. **The online application must be submitted by Friday, April 27, 2018.**

<https://tinyurl.com/NOSF18AP>



In February we'll kickoff the "Jump for Heart" fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association. Students will have a chance to earn Scare Squad keychain figurines, and study healthy living habits. More information will be coming home soon.



Classroom Spotlight - Preschool

The Pre-School is so excited about their new series of activity books. Each child was thrilled to receive their very own book. They will be using these books in the weeks to come. Each book contains letters, matching pages, sequencing, sight words, colors, numbers, and other various activities. The students were also introduced to EETCHY, a learning tool for expanding expression. What great fun to tell stories with this wonderful tool.

