



ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES

News and Notes

Mrs. Lelia Pappas



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Dear St. James Families:

Happy Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras or Pancake Tuesday!

In ancient times the early Christians ate pancakes or something like them to bulk up for Ash Wednesday and Lent. There are so many traditions associated with Lent, hopefully every family will follow a few of them...offering alms to those in need, sacrifice, prayer...whatever suits your family needs. I let you know about the Parish retreat with Fr. Berry, that would be terrific if you could put that in your Lenten program. **March 11, 12 and 13th** at 7:00 PM in the Church are the days of the **Retreat**. Lent is a time of healing for the Parish and the School.

ASH WEDNESDAY:

There will be no gym as we are testing so all **children should wear their regular uniform** tomorrow. Mass will begin at **9 AM** and ashes will be distributed. **IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE ASHES**, please send in a note to the teacher. Ashes is a Christian ritual which reminds us "to dust we shall return" it is a symbol of our mortality. Every child could receive them but if a family does not wish that tradition followed please let us know. There will be envelopes that your children decorated, please send in a few coins that their earned to offer alms. As usual, the rice bowls went home with your children today. You put your saved changed in them all during Lent. Again, another way to give to those less fortunate.

THANK YOU:

To the 7th Grade, their parents and Mr. Slotter for a great Mardi Gras on Friday night. The children loved dancing and so did some of the teachers....Miss Nunno...Mrs. Martino... Mrs. Battaglia perhaps? A good time was had by all! Mrs. Munson had the 5th grade sing a song from their Assembly on acceptance at Mass on Sunday. It was a super fun song. **THANK YOU** to all families who attended the 10:15 AM Mass. The social hour was enjoyable too!

IOWA TESTING:

Began testing today and will add one test each day so we finish this week. Children do not like coming back on Monday and testing. This schedule will work out and everyone appeared to do their best today. This day is the hardest as it is spacial, mathematical and challenging. Kudos to them...they worked hard!

REGISTRATION:

Early registration is being rewarded this year by a lower registration fee. It is very helpful to the school if you indicate your return as soon as possible. Please send in those registration forms. You can pay the fee in installments **AS LONG AS IT IS PAID IN FULL BY THE DATE YOU CHOOSE**. Let your friends and neighbors know.....ASJM is a great school and getting better each year! Register now!



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Families that utilize Before and After Care, we will be sending home forms to complete as the state is starting the process of monitoring us. We have made changes and will continue to strengthen our B/A Care program. Be on the lookout for those materials.

Have a blessed night, stay warm and as we say at the Stations of the Cross all during Lent: **"We adore thee oh Christ and we bless thee. for by thy Holy Cross you have Redeemed the World."**

Peace:

Lelia