

March News

Saint Elizabeth Regional School

March 2010

Dear Parents,

As you receive this newsletter we are celebrating the first week of Lent. Let us remember that Jesus desires us to grow closer to him during these sacred days of Lent. Students in seventh grade will lead us in praying the Stations of the Cross on the following Fridays: February 26th, March 12th, 19th, 26th during Lent. Join us on these Fridays at 1:45 pm in the Church if the dates are convenient for you. The seventh and eighth grade students will present *The Living Stations* on Palm Sunday, March 28th at 6:30 pm and again on Wednesday, March 31st at 1:30 pm. Mark your calendar and share these special days with us.

I'm happy to inform you that our "Forward with Christ" money for this year has made it possible to purchase our last needed interactive whiteboard. This gives us a total of eight well used interactive whiteboards in Saint Elizabeth Regional School. The last board is waiting to be installed in the eighth grade classroom. The teachers and students are enjoying this exciting new technology. Hopefully during Catholic Schools Week you were able to see these interactive boards being used.

A reminder that we have a *Computer Acceptable Use Policy* in school that each child and parent signed in the past year. By placing your signature on the policy you have agreed to follow the policy as did your children. I ask that you please take a few minutes to speak as a family concerning what is entailed in this policy. Proper use of computers is becoming a major concern. In school we do not permit the use of many sites that you probably allow your children to use at home. The reason being that individual supervision is not possible in the computer lab. Please make certain you are checking how the computer is being used by your children. Simple "Facebook" activity and other sites used without thought can become dangerous. In these areas supervision is extremely important and not an invasion of privacy at the age I am addressing.

Volunteer background checks are being done for free by the Diocese of Allentown until the end of March. If you intend to volunteer in school and have not had this check completed please request the paperwork so your name can be put into the system to be processed. Our faithful volunteers that had checks completed a few years ago need to resubmit forms (these have been sent to you) so the process can be completed again free before the deadline. After March anyone that desires to volunteer will need to pay the \$10 fee to be verified by HireRight, the Diocesan Background Check System.

During these days of Lent let us pray for each other and offer a prayer intention for all those people in need of our prayers.

God bless you!

Sister Bonita



SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

The following students were named to the Honor Roll for the Second marking period. Great job everyone and congratulations!

EIGHTH GRADE

Distinguished Honors: Logan Koval, Jonathan Nicklas, Hannah Pruzinsky
First Honors: Alyssa Aviles, Ryan Gutshall
Second Honors: Alyssa Hertel

SEVENTH GRADE

Distinguished Honors: Brett Mathews, Melinda Rother, Tiffany Tran
Second Honors: Bryce Maley, Garrett Pruzinsky, Ryan Susko

SIXTH GRADE

Distinguished Honors: Kayla Sponsel, Jillian Sverha
First Honors: Cassandra Hoff, Winnifred Kern, Calvin Mendoza
Second Honors: Devon Fogel, Gretchen Johnson, Charisma Perry, Timothy Susko

FIFTH GRADE

Distinguished Honors: Mark Garger, Dillon West
First Honors: Maria Tran
Second Honors: Kamilah Aviles, Andrea Potylycki, Casey Scheuren, Megan Stewart

ACCHS MUSIC COMPETITION

The following students participated in the Music Competition held recently at Allentown Central Catholic High School.

Vocal: Carly Sponsel, Gretchen Johnson, Kayla Sponsel, Jaisy Omollo, Hannah Pruzinsky & Natalie Schrantz

Piano: Ryan Gutshall, Alyssa Hertel & David Mascari

Winners will be announced at a later date.

IOWA TESTING

IOWA tests are a battery of nationally standardized achievement tests designed to measure a student's aptitude in the areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, science and

social studies. The tests are administered in order to evaluate the ability of our students in relation to the ability of students across the United States.

Students in grades 3, 5 & 7 will take the Iowa Cognitive Tests March 3rd through the 5th and students in Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 will complete the Iowa Tests March 16th through the 19th.

Although there is no studying to be done for these tests, please make sure everyone gets a good night sleep and is ready for testing.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from March 8th through March 12th in the school library. Family night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9th from 3 – 6 pm. Come in that afternoon/early evening to see the variety of books available for sale.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The following 8th grade students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, March 11th.

Alyssa Aviles	Brian Plucinsky
Ryan Gutshall	Hannah Pruzinsky
Alyssa Hertel	Kelsey Reifinger
David Mascari	

Jonathan Nicklas and Zane Sebesta will be confirmed at Saint Mary Church on April 13th.



Please keep them all in your prayers as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. Congratulations to all and God bless you!

Note: The 8th grade class will release at noon on that day so they can prepare for the occasion. Those not receiving Confirmation may stay for the rest of the afternoon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7th Grade students will present the Stations of the Cross on the following Fridays – March 12th, 19th, and 26th at 1:45 pm. All are welcome to attend

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14th at 2 am. Don't forget to set your clock one hour ahead. Spring is just around the corner – Hooray!





SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Everyone's Irish on St. Patty's Day so on Wednesday, March 17th we'll be "Wearin' the Green". Students are asked to wear nice street clothes in **shades of green**.

Bring a canned good or two (corn, beans, meal in a can, i.e., chili, soup, stew, etc.) so you can dress down. Our donations will help St. Mary's Food Bank. Thank you for your support!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The 8th grade class will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on Friday, March 19th. For \$1.50 you can have 2 pancakes and a cup of Apple or Orange Juice. Extras are 50 cents each. More information and an order form will be sent home on March 12th.

LIVING STATIONS

The 8th grade class will present "Living Stations" on Palm Sunday (March 28th) at 6:30 pm and again on Wednesday, March 31st at 1:30 pm in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church. All are welcome to attend this beautiful presentation as we follow Christ in his last few hours of life.

KMART GIFT CARDS

We have a couple of \$25 Kmart gift cards available for purchase. If you're interested, please send your money/check into the school office, marked KMART Gift Card.

EPSF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Scholarship grants will be available again through the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation (EPSF) for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- ✓ Single parent with one child – income should not exceed \$50K;
- ✓ Household with two parents, and one child – combined income of \$60K
- ✓ Household of two parents and two children – combined income of \$70K

How to Apply

- ✓ Application Forms are available for all families who wish to apply for a scholarship grant.
- ✓ Completed forms must be accompanied by a copy of the 2009 PA 40 Tax Return of every family member of the student's household who files the form.
- ✓ *Applications must be turned in to the school office by April 16th.*

Each student who is awarded a scholarship will receive a notification letter from the Diocese of Allentown announcing the scholarship amount.

If you feel you meet the criteria to receive this scholarship, please contact the school office so we can send you an application form.

LOST AND FOUND

Come in or call the office if your child lost a pair of sunglasses or a Nintendo DS game.

YEARBOOK

LAST CHANCE FOR YEARBOOKS! If you haven't ordered your Saint Elizabeth Regional School yearbook yet, please do it as soon as possible. The cost is only \$21.00 for a full color book full of your child's school memories. We need to have a final count to the company by March 15. Please make your check payable to St. Elizabeth Regional School.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Sincere thanks to all who supported the **Spaghetti Dinner** in January! It was a great success and a wonderful way to kick off the celebration of Catholic Schools Week! And thanks to all of you wonderful women who supported the Designer Clothing Sale.

On your mark...get set...GO!!!...to our **Night at the Races** on Saturday, March 13th. Doors open at 5:30 pm and horse races begin at 7. Tickets are \$15 per person and include food and beverages. If you are interested in "purchasing" your own horse, the cost is \$10. Tickets and horses are on sale after all weekend Masses and via the order sheet sent home in mid-February. Come cheer on the horses, enjoy the company of friends, and support our school!



Plan to come out for the wearin' of the green at the Allentown **Saint Patrick's Day Parade** on Sunday, March 21st! Anyone interested can march! This is a great way to show your school spirit and to exhibit your support of Catholic education.

Our **School Walk-a-thon** is scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd. Mark your calendars now! We will be seeking sponsors soon.

HASA NEWS

Our Basket Social will be held on Saturday, April 17th and Sunday, April 18th. Last year we had over 100 spectacular prizes! *Check your student's weekly folder for information on how you can sponsor a basket.* Please consider a donation - either as a family, or as part of a group. Donation slips should be returned to the school office by April 1st addressed to **HASA**. Information will be sent home mid-March with volunteer opportunities. *Please consider how you can participate - every little bit helps to make this a success for our students!* Any questions - please call Tina Stoudt at (610) 442-5084 or email at tinastoudt@rcn.com.

Our Family Bingo will be held on Friday, May 14th. Please plan to attend our final function for the year.

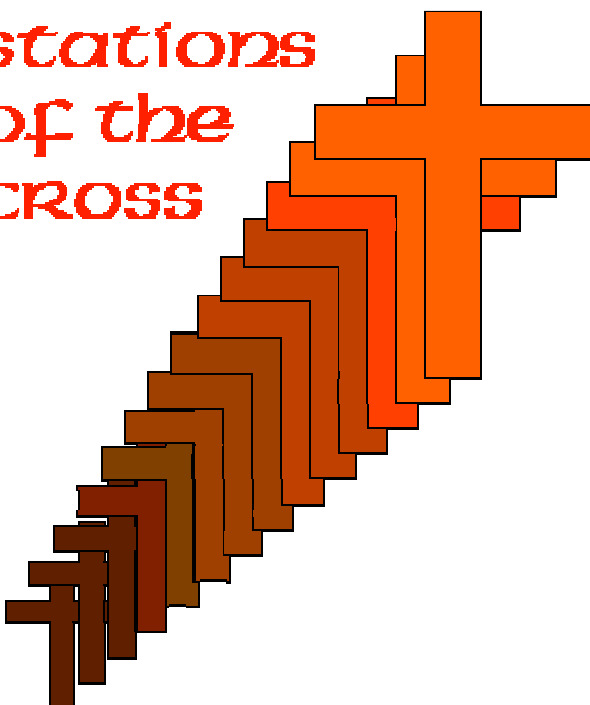
SAINT ELIZABETH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Thanks to those who supported the SEAA and attended the Valentine's Day Social. The night was a great success and raised money that will allow us to continue to update uniforms and equipment.

For the first time Saint Elizabeth will be fielding a Boys Volleyball Team. Good luck boys.

Look for softball and baseball practices to begin toward the end of the month.

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SAINT MARY NEWS

Once again we will conduct our Lenten Fish Fry on the first three Fridays of March (March 5th, 12th, and 19th) from 4:30 – 7 pm. A real deal for only \$7 per person: a nice piece of fried fish, corn, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes (optional), roll and beverage. Since we are in our sacrificial season of Lent, dessert will not be offered. This year we've made a great change....you will also have a choice of a baked potato, macaroni and cheese, or haluski (cabbage and noodles). We've changed the menu around this year; more options but still a great price. Kids 4 – 8 only pay \$5. Take out is also available.

Bingo will be held on Sunday, March 14th in the Parish Center starting at 1 pm. The kitchen will be open and take out is available.

Our Basket Social/Tricky Tray will be held on Saturday, March 27th from 10 am to 7 pm and Sunday, March 28th from 9 am – 1 pm. Tickets are \$5 – available at the door. Please call the rectory for more information – 610-264-0332.

MAKE AN OFFER

Through the generosity of GE Oil & Gas, we were able to get quite a few gently used desks, chairs and file cabinets for our classrooms. We now have three desks available to anyone. All we're asking for is a donation. If interested, please call the school office @ 610-264-0143 or email us school@sercc.org.

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## **Prayer of Saint Patrick**



*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.*

*Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, and in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and strange*