

ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TEACH US *wisdom* TEACH US *love*

CRS Rice Bowls

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million. The iconic CRS Rice Bowl included in today's packet is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories. We will collect these back during Holy Week in April.



SMS Kindergarten students enjoy Lent together on Ash Wednesday.

Lent '20 ~ Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Yesterday we entered into the season of Lent, a journey towards Easter that allows for us to experience prayer, share in fasting and participate in almsgiving. Included in today's packet is information about Lenten service projects, CRS, 30 pieces of Silver collection and more. "Lent opens with a piercing sound, that of a trumpet that does not please the ears, but instead proclaims a fast. It is a loud sound that seeks to slow down our life, which is so fast-paced, yet often directionless. It is a summons to stop—a "halt!", to focus on what is essential, to fast from the unnecessary things that distract us. It is a wake-up call for the soul" - Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday 2019.

Registration 2020-2021

Registration continues for new and returning families for the 2020-2021 school year, the registration fee is \$425. You should have received a personalized email from SchoolAdmin with your personal family information. **Many families have started their enrollment, but not all have finished - please check with Mrs. Morrissey if you have any questions!**



Global Reading Challenge Round Two

The second round of the Global Reading Challenge is this Friday in the Koinonia Room at 1:00 pm; come cheer on the "SIXbookateers" Team!

Important Dates:

- Friday February 28
Global Reading Challenge
- Monday March 2
5th Avenue Theatre
Presentation for students "The Day Baseball Saved Us"
- **Friday March 13**
NO SCHOOL
Regional curriculum day
- Tuesday March 17
St. Patrick's Day Non-Uniform
Free Dress
- Sunday April 5
Palm Sunday
- Thursday April 9
Holy Thursday
- Friday April 10
Good Friday
12 Noon Stations of the Cross
- Saturday April 12
Easter

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Health and Wellness:

At front and center of current news today is information regarding the arrival of Coronavirus, a respiratory virus. As a staff we have reviewed CDC procedures and Archdiocesan protocol and will communicate with you should more information become available. In short, there is no need to panic or worry but, please review the following health and wellness tips with your children:

- The best way to prevent the spread of germs is by thoroughly washing hands with soap and warm water, **FREQUENTLY**.
- When you cough or sneeze **ALWAYS** cover your mouth with your elbow.
- If your child has a temperature, has vomited or is otherwise not feeling healthy, please keep them at home.
- Have hand-sanitizer, and use Clorox wipes, or normal cleaning materials to clean off frequently used surfaces and toys that are shared.

Lunch Reminders:

We encourage everyone to send healthy, nutritious snacks and lunches for your children each day. Please remember that microwaves are not accessible for students in the lunch room, and utensils should be sent with students as much as possible. Please talk with your child about ordering hot lunch, do you want them to have two servings or one? Thank you for helping!

Dress Code:

Please remember that students must follow dress code everyday, unless otherwise noted. If your student comes to school in jeans, on a uniform day, we will be calling home for an appropriate change of clothes. Tights under jumpers need to be in appropriate school colors and shoes should follow parent handbook regulations. If you have any questions, please let us know! We hope to encourage students to follow dress code and look and feel their best at school to focus on their academic work.

