

Eagles' Edge Family Fact Sheet

St. John Paul II Catholic School

April 1, 2020

“Soaring Ever Higher”

“Christ, my hope, has risen. Alleluia!” (Easter Sequence)

Dear Families,

We continue our journeys through Lent and through the corona virus pandemic. Thank you for all your effort and diligence with distance teaching and learning. The Governor's Executive Order No. 121 designates private and public schools as “Essential Businesses and Organizations” to remain open to employees for the purposes of facilitating remote learning. The employees have been given the option to work remotely or onsite; both options are in accordance with this order. Students will continue to learn remotely until permitted to return to campus. The school building remains open to employees for this purpose. All visitors to the building will follow “Building Entry Protocols” as described and conducted in the main entrance to the school.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the day that commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem prior to his passion and death. This day initiates Holy Week, the most important week of the Church calendar. Our bishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday which commemorates the priesthood and at which time the holy oils are blessed and distributed. Spy Wednesday recalls the day that Judas began to carry out his betrayal of Jesus. Holy Thursday honors the day of the Last Supper. On Good Friday we recall the day of the Crucifixion and venerate the cross. Saturday remains somber until the Easter Vigil Mass that evening. A week from Palm Sunday we celebrate Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead, the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. During these times of “social distancing,” the Domestic Church, our homes, become the center for all these activities in a very special way because we will be unable to gather together in Church. You will be able to follow Holy Week online with Bishop Zarama, from the Cathedral. Take this opportunity to live out Holy Week in your Domestic Church and savor the abundance of graces to be poured out on the marriages and families of our school community.

~Caritas in veritate, John Donohue

Positivity Project Trait for the week of April 6: Identifying and Appreciating the Good in Others

Daily Announcements-we will be placing daily announcements on the school Facebook page (St. John Paul II Catholic School). There is also updated information under announcements on RenWeb. Please log in to your family account to view the most up to date information.

PTO- Please see the attached flyer for the new PTO Fundraiser “Virtual Tricky Tray” Help support local businesses and our little but mighty school. You can also find details on the SJP II Catholic School-PTO FaceBook page.

Holy Week 2020- Please see the Holy Week attachment full of ideas and suggestions to help prepare and worship during Holy week this year.

Family Seder Meal- Please see the attached instructions for commemorating the Sedar as a family.

Report Cards- Report Cards for grades 3-8 were emailed to parents Wednesday, March 18th. If you did not receive your child(ren)'s report card(s) please contact the main office.

Uniforms- Educational Outfitters have gone out of business. They were purchased by a new company, Flynn O'Hara. We are working with Flynn O'Hara to get our uniforms in stock but they are not up and running yet. In the meantime, Lands End will be used for all of our SJPII uniform needs. Once Flynn O'Hara is up and running we will send all that information out to parents.

RenWeb- Please continue to login and check RenWeb for updated grades(3-8), assignments, and/or links to class work..

SCRIP - Earn money for our school **AND** toward your tuition by purchasing scrip! It's not too late to start earning money toward your 2020-21 tuition! For your convenience, orders for scrip can be processed online *at any time*. For information on how to participate or questions please contact Erica Brower at ericabrower@gmail.com.

Derby Gala- has been rescheduled for May 1, 2021. Please see the attachment letter for more information. Many thanks to our chairs, Tiffany Bailey and Julie Cosmello for all of their hard work on this annual event.

Positivity Project- Please see the weekly Positivity Project attachment. [Click here to view the slides](#) Feel free to use this information with your student(s) to discuss the weekly topic.

“How can we help?”- We have received a lot of communication about helping in the community at this time of need. An email went out last week containing information on a food drive for the St. Anthony Food Pantry spearheaded by our own Jenny Maczko. The school is continuing to accept donations and is delivering regularly, as needed. If your family is in need during these uncertain times feel free to reach out to the school for help. We are always happy to do what we can. We are in this together!