



January 10, 2019

Greetings, Parents and Guardians!

Winter has returned! The first couple days this week felt like spring, but now we are back to the normal winter weather. School is slated to open at 7:15 **for breakfast**, and 7:30 for classrooms. If not going to breakfast, students should be outside until then. But I'm a softie, and don't like to have children outside alone in the dark and cold, so I have been letting them come inside if they HAVE to get here earlier. But please, the time before 7:30 is for staff to prepare for the day.

And the stack of "lost" or should we say "left" clothing is growing! There are hats, gloves, sweaters, jackets – even a sock! PLEASE mark your child's clothing in some way; all St. B sweatshirts (etc.) look alike! And do have your child account for his/her items – you KNOW she had a hat; where is it? Responsibility starts here!

This week we received the results of the IOWA reading test our third graders took in December to fulfill the state's **Third Grade Reading Guarantee**. You may recall that all third graders are required to meet a promotion score to enable them to go on to grade four. We are happy and proud to announce that EVERY ONE OF OUR THIRD GRADERS PASSED! Congratulations to the primary teachers who prepared them, and you who help support reading at home! All our efforts are paying off!

We held the second quarter **Awards Assembly** yesterday, and once again we had a record number of academic honors awarded. Way to go, students! See the back of this newsletter for a list of honorees.

The **Smile program** (mobile dentists) did a great job for all who signed up. This coming week we will be starting **hearing screening**. Our school nurse will be doing those. And some students who need further vision testing will be getting that as well. Keeping our children healthy is a priority for all of us!

Wednesday grades 2 and 3 will be going to **Green Acres** for a special (inside!) art program. Watch for the field trip permission slips! And **Crystal Clear** will be doing another great science presentation for grades 4-8 that day.

Meanwhile, we are gearing up for **National Catholic Schools Week**, the last week in January. Be on the lookout for more information, but mark your calendar for Breakfast with your student(s) on Thursday, January 31. And while your marking calendars, be sure to save Tuesday, April 2 at 7 PM for the 5-8 presentation of **LION KING!** It's sure to be a roaring success!

Monday, January 21, Dr. Martin L. King Day, NO SCHOOL!

Coming Events:

Friday, Jan. 11 – All School Liturgy in church, 8:30.

All Welcome!

Tuesday, Jan. 15 – Big Brothers to 4:15

Wednesday, Jan 16 – Kids in Action to 4PM;

Beginners Band to 3:30; Advanced Band to 4:15

Thursday, Jan. 17 – Big/Little Sisters to 4:30;

Boys Basketball till 5.

Friday, Jan. 18 – Gr. 3-5 Liturgy in church, 8:30.

Stay warm!

Sister Miriam

