

St. Aloysius Catholic School

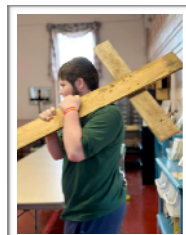
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Thanks again to the Hardwick / New Braintree Cultural Council and Country Bank for funding our field trip last month to the N.E. Aquarium. Kindergarten through Grade 8 students got to experience a fun day learning about all kinds of marine life, and enjoy a bus ride, albeit a bit on the long side!



The "almost spring" family dance went off without a hitch this time around. Students had a lot of fun dancing and posing in the photo booth! Special thanks go to DJ Brian LaRoche for spinning the tunes at this and so many of our events.



Last Friday our Whole School Assembly focused on Holy Week. Grades 4/5 and grades 6-8 helped reenact Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday to help younger students understand what happened to Jesus on those days. This was a wonderful, faith filled assembly. Thank you to Mrs. McNally for organizing it and thank you to Mr. Menard and Mrs. Strogoff for working with their students and rehearsing the scenes! What a wonderful prelude to this very important time in our liturgical calendar.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Scholarship Drive! We raised \$10,123 from donations and we are applying \$28,000 of a grant from the Flatley Foundation towards the drive! That means, \$38,123 will be matched, dollar for dollar. From the total amount scholarship monies will be allocated towards both our general fund and our most deserving fund. Tuition forms for the 2024/2025 school year will be ready soon and sent home with your youngest child.

Award notifications from the Diocese of Worcester will be sent in April. We are blessed to be the recipient of the annual technology grant from the Diocese, totaling \$3500. It's wonderful that we are supported in our technology upgrades.

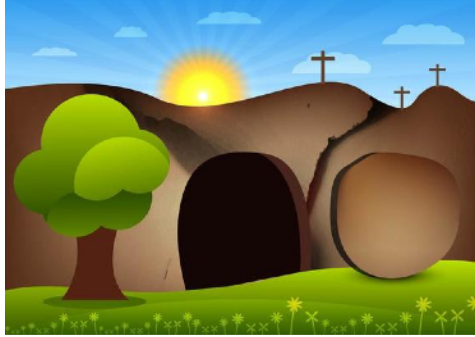


If you have younger children who will be attending St. A's next year, please fill out the necessary paperwork so that we can reserve a spot for them. Likewise, please encourage friends or family members to reach out to Roberta for a tour. Space is filling up quickly in some of our classrooms.

Faith Formation *with Ms. DiPietro*

HE IS RISEN !

This time of year speaks of God's creation. We look around and we see and sense that what appeared dead and lifeless is coming to life. The tree branch is beginning to show life with the little bump on its limb which we will be a bud, and from it a new leaf, a new green. The hills in the area are becoming brighter, and soon they will be showing several shades of new green. What a wonderful time to celebrate Jesus's rising. The empty tomb means that Jesus' words ring true. He fulfilled the promises of Scripture and conquered sin and death. It is God's greatest act of love to redeem mankind and bring salvation to all. Alleluia!



Happy April Birthdays!

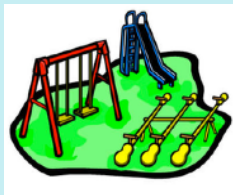
Thea - Pre-K Lachlan - Gr. 2 Jackson - Gr. 4

Nicholas - Gr. 4 Victoria - Gr. 1 Gabriel - Gr. 1 Loretta - Pre-K

May God Bless You on your birthday and always!

From the Desk of Nurse Maxine

Playgrounds provide important opportunities for children to learn about explore their environments, develop skills for play, and to gain confidence. They are also exciting places for children to be outdoors and active, and to make friends.



Despite these great benefits, playgrounds are also common places where kids get hurt. Each year, more than 220,000 children under age 14 are treated in hospital emergency rooms across the United States for injuries occurring on playgrounds. There are several things that parents and caregivers can do to help make the playground safer for children. This includes providing strong supervision, ensuring that equipment is free of potential hazards, and steering kids to age-appropriate play areas.

Art

This month we are delving into a haiku and illustration mix in honor of Poetry Month! Color names will be our inspiration.

Music

Hurray for Spring! Weather permitting, we'll head outside for music activities. We've been reviewing Bach facts, so ask your child about some fun Bach stories.

French

Pre-K- Review physical description, numbers & introduce colors. **K**- Review physical description and numbers. **Gr 2&3** -Learn to describe hair and eyes. The verb AVOIR will be introduced. **4&5** - Unit 2 -La Famille - Reading comprehension. **6** - Unit 3 - La Ville - Writing and listening activities. **7&8** - Unit 4 - Les Maisons et les Appartements - Writing and listening activities.

Science Exploration

We'll be exploring spring plants waking up from the long winter sleep, looking for creatures in the leaves and listening for the spring sounds of frogs and birds. Soil and water testing will keep our young scientists busy during the month.

Gym

Gym continues outside. **Please remember to wear your sneakers.** We will be playing kickball and badminton. Games inside when weather is not so great.