Dear Parents,

Peace! Hello to the month of March. May it come in and go out like a lamb. As our Lenten days continue may you find yourself **ANCHORED IN HOPE**. Check your child’s calendar for a review of the Lenten words and a countdown to Holy Week. Some of our Lenten projects include, but not limited to:

- Collection of new socks
- Making of cards, placemats for nursing homes.
- Making welcome to our parish cards for RCIA candidates.
- Mission collection
- Participation in St. Joan of Arc Parish food collection

We will begin the month with celebrating Dr. Seuss. We arranged a schedule that will allow both groups to participate in the activities:

- **Monday, March 1 – Crazy Socks Day**
  Children may wear school appropriate clothing with crazy socks.
- **Tuesday, March 2 – Crazy Hair/Hat Day**
  Again children may wear school appropriate clothing with crazy hair and hats.
- **Wednesday, March 3 – Wacky Wednesday**
  We look forward to seeing some wacky school appropriate outfits.
- **Thursday, March 4 – Crazy Socks Day**
  Our Group 2 students may wear school appropriate clothes with crazy socks.

We are asking if possible you donate a pair of new socks that can be given to those in need. Hopefully we will all be able to enjoy some of the wisdom in Dr. Seuss books. *Oh the Places We Will Go* if we can live in and stay anchored in hope.

National Brain Week will be celebrated the week of March 8-12. Albert Einstein’s official birthday is March 14. Children may come to school dressed as Albert Einstein on Thursday, March 11 (Group 2) or Monday, March 15 (Group 1). Different brain activities will be part of our curriculum during this week. We continue to want our children to know the importance of their brains and how to care for them.

Congratulations to our second grade children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 6 and Saturday, March 13. May they experience God’s unconditional love and mercy. Certainly seems like an ideal time for all of us to reflect on the gift of God’s forgiveness.

Report cards will be available online Friday, March 12 after 3:00 PM. Congratulations to all of our students who are doing their very best to balance in person and/or remote learning. Your hard work is evident. Keep it up as we begin our third trimester. Special thanks to all of our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, neighbors and of course our teachers who have been doing a magnificent job every step of the way. Your support, assistance and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

We will celebrate the Wearing of the Green on Tuesday, March 16 for Group 1 and Wednesday, March 17 for Group 2. May the faith of St. Patrick fill our hearts and homes.

As many of you may know Pope Francis has declared the year of 2021, the year of St. Joseph. May we incorporate Joseph’s simplicity, faithfulness and hope into our daily lives. We pray for all carpenters and those who work with their hands to make the world a better place. The Sisters of St. Joseph will celebrate their feast day on Friday,
March 19. Please pray with us as we renew our commitment to God and God’s people at the 9:00 AM live streamed liturgy.

Our original schedule had Friday, March 19 as a Staff Development Day. That date has been changed. Friday, March 19 will be a regular Friday remote day. We will do our Staff Development after school ends to allow for an extra school day in March that will then effect our closing date.

The two timed postponed Spaghetti Dinner Drive thru will held on Thursday, March 25. We will notify you of a specific time for pick up. Again, our thanks to all who make this event possible!

Many thanks to all the families who have returned the Parish-Family Partnership Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. As stated before, we are blessed to have parishioners, pastor and a finance committee that support St. Joan of Arc School. Through our parish subsidy every child will receive a scholarship of $3,340 toward the yearly cost per child ($7,440). Reminder that we have asked all families to return the Parish-Family Partnership Agreement and Registration papers (Transportation and Textbook forms – one per child) by Monday, March 1. If you haven’t done so, please do so at this time. Many thanks.

We know this has been difficult year financially for some of our families, we appreciate your faithfulness to your tuition commitment. We are also grateful to those families who were able to make a donation to help defray tuition costs. We are blessed that St. Joan of Arc School continues to be alive and well. Registration for new families is open. Please know that with the encouraging and positive news regarding COVID-19, we continue on a daily basis to plan for a 5 day opening.

Special thanks to all who participated in the PTA Stock’s Pound Cake fundraiser. It sold out very quickly. Information will be coming regarding Race for Education. We are hopeful that this fundraiser is as successful as it has been in the past. Many thanks for your support.

There is an old song sung by Frank Sinatra called “High Hopes” (I am dating myself 😊). The opening lyrics go like this:

“Next time you are found with your chin on the ground there is a lot to be learned, so look around. Just what makes that little old ant Think he’ll move that rubber tree plant Anyone knows an ant, can’t Move a rubber tree plant.”

But he’s got high hopes, he’s got high hopes He’s got high apple pie, in the sky hopes”

With Spring approaching and Easter being 5 weeks away, may our hearts be filled with High Hopes.


God’s Blessings,

Sister Pat