



February 13, 2020

Dear Saint Kateri School families ~

We are still celebrating an amazing Catholic Schools Week. There are still highlights that I wanted to be sure to recognize and our amazing volunteers to thank! At Monday Morning Prayer Service, the students talked about Season Swap Day being one of their favorite days ~ but it was very hard to pick just one!

To recap some of the Catholic Schools Week events that ended our celebration:

We had the Bishops Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Fifth, Fourth and First grade were able to attend and represent Saint Kateri School. Thank you to Michael Martell for processing in with our school banner. Great job!

This was the first year we held a Literacy Day and Day of Service during Catholic Schools Week. Thank you to the families that brought in new and gently used books to be donated. These books were brought to Monday Morning Prayer Service, where Sr. Carolyn gave a special blessing for the many children that will be impacted by this donation. Students also created beautiful watercolor bookmarks to be included with the books ~ God is good!

Literacy Day brought many Guest Readers throughout the morning, in the foyer and in classrooms. Thank you to Norma Holland Mann and Andrea Holland for reading to all our students. They were blessed to be able to see two professional women, giving of their time and talents and getting silly with students. They shared memories of their years at St. Margaret School and Bishop Kearney; special teachers and good times.

Thank you to our own Irondequoit Police Department for participating in Guest Reading. Chief Tantalo brought over Officer Coon and Officer Whitaker who read to students in their classrooms. Teachers picked out books for them to read and the Officers were good sports, even with the tongue twister ones!

Finally, we had Jim Tauzel, newly appointed Superintendent for the Department of Catholic Schools, read one of his favorite books from his childhood and he even brought treats! Our students were good audience members and had great participation with all our Guest Readers. We ended the day with Stop Drop and Read ~ what a great day of great reads!

Donuts with Dad started our Soup-er Bowl Friday! We had a great turnout and the donuts from Hegedorns were heavenly. Thank you to Mr. Coon who stayed after and helped our volunteers put away tables and chairs. He wasn't signed up to volunteer but pitched in where needed ~ that's how we do it!

Mrs. Gray and her team of volunteers and Guest Readers made the time at Barnes and Noble fun, while raising money to support our Library. Congratulations to Mason (3rd) for creating a very yummy café drink!

Superbowl Sunday had many Mothers and Sons at Domm's Bowling Center before Superbowl festivities began. Thank you to Janis Wickline for leading this event and providing a family fun atmosphere for moms and sons to be together.

Registration packets went out Friday, January 24th for all current Saint Kateri School families. Registrations are due back to school as soon as possible. Registrations received before



March 1st will receive a \$50 discount on the registration fee. All registration information can be found on the website too!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the snow day last week ~ it was certainly a surprise! Please remember our school closing policy ~ **Saint Kateri School will close if either West Irondequoit OR East Irondequoit close.** Check your local news stations for updates on school closings. If you see that either West Irondequoit OR East Irondequoit are closed but you do not see Saint Kateri School listed as closed ~ we are still closed. There are times when local stations may not include our separate listing. Updates are also made through email blast, Robo call and Social Media.

Boy Scout Valentine cookies from Savoia's Bakery are being sent home on Thursday, February 13th ~ so please check your child's backpack.

After School Clubs are bustling this time of year ~ Martial Arts, Soccer Shots and German Club sign-ups for the next section are coming soon. Mr. Dahlson and Mrs. Gašić have been working with Drama Club over these months on their performance on March 6th and March 7th. A Save the Date flyer went home on Wednesday, February 12th with more information. If you have an idea or would like to lead an After-School Club for our students, please see me.

This time of year we typically see an increase in student illness, and this year is no exception. Our cleaning staff is very diligent and have increased attention to common areas as well as areas that many students touch (i.e. door knobs, light switches, etc.) A reminder to please follow the illness guideline when your child is sick or sent home ill. Students need to be symptom free, without medicine, for 24 hours in order to return to school. I thank you and your child's teacher thanks you! 😊

Niagara Chocolate has been a favorite fundraiser for many years at Saint Kateri School. Information has already gone home for you to look at and place orders. The Monday we return to school after February Break the orders are due. It will be an easy deadline to forget ~ a BLAST will go out over the Break as a final reminder.

Have a safe and restful February Break and we will see you back at Saint Kateri School on Monday, February 24th ~ Thank you for all you do for our school!

Blessings,

Terri L. Morgan
Principal



Mark Your Calendars:

March lunch closes @ 9:30am	2/12
Ski Trip for 4 th and 5 th graders	2/14
No School -Winter Recess	2/17-2/21
No Quiet Mass	2/25
School Ash Wednesday Mass (4 th grade)	2/26
Parent's Association @ 6:00pm	3/2
Quiet Mass (3 rd /K)	3/3
Spirit Day	3/4
Drama Club Performance @ 1:00pm	3/6
Drama Club Performance @ 7:00pm	3/7
K-5 School Mass @ 8:45am	3/10
Early Dismissal (Preschool at 11:00am)	3/13
Early Dismissal (K-5 at 11:30am)	3/13
Parent Teacher Conferences	3/13
Quiet Mass (5 th /2 nd) @ 8:45am	3/17
Kindergarten Cap and Gown pictures	3/19
No Quiet Mass	3/24
NYS ELA Assessments	3/25-3/27
Quiet Mass (4 th /1 st) @ 8:45 am	3/31
Spirit Day	4/1
No School -Spring Conference Day	4/3
No School - Spring Recess	4/6-4/10
Parent's Association @ 6:00pm	4/13
K-5 School Mass @ 8:45 am	4/14

Brent's poem, "Hockey Is In Our Hearts", can be found online at <https://usahockeymagazine.com/> in the January 2020 edition. Congratulations Brent!

SLAPS GALLERY

POEM

Hockey Is In Our Hearts

Hockey's our game.
But really, it's much more than just a game.
It's a passion that brings us all together.
On frozen ponds, at the community rink
and in our driveways.
It's the feeling you get
when you step on the ice.
The feeling you get
when you score your first goal.
It's in our dreams and
every postgame celebration.
It's in every rink across the country.
Hockey is in our blood.
It's in our hearts.

BRENT WICKLINE
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