

Monday, February 1, 2016



Dear Parents and Guardians,
Welcome to February! Although this month is shorter than most, we are going to pack it with exciting events and much LOVE! We will have plenty of opportunities to demonstrate this month's virtue and emotion as we celebrate love of weather, seasons and nature on **Groundhog Day**; love of music during our **Family Dance** and movement breaks; love of pancakes, celebrations and good times on **Shrove Tuesday**; love of God and fellow man on **Ash Wednesday** and throughout the liturgical season of **LENT**; love for our classmates on **St. Valentine's Day**; love for our family on **Family Day**; love of learning on the **100th day of Kindergarten**; love of a break from our teachers during **Teachers' Convention** 😊 and finally, love of calendar activities as we celebrate the **LEAP YEAR** on **February 29th!** Hang on to your hats, because this month is going to fly by!

Please note the following **important changes** to the parent helper sign-up sheet that were posted in January.

- There will not be a birthday celebration this month as we have **NO FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS** in either class!
- Our **COMBINED CLASS on Wednesday, February 10** for our Ash Wednesday celebration **has been moved from the afternoon to the morning**. In addition to this change in class time, our liturgy has also been relocated from St. Mary's church to the school gym. **Both classes will come to school from 8:45-11:45 on this day.** There will not be a class in the afternoon.

Here are some other dates and events for this February:

- **Mon. Feb. 1 - Embedded PD; Early Dismissal**

- **Tues. Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day;** Did you see your shadow today???
- **Wed. Feb. 3 - Family Dance - 6:00-7:30 p.m.;** free admission; donations for "Operation Welcome to Canada" campaign being accepted at the door; **NEON GLOW THEME**
- **Fri. Feb. 5 - First Friday Coffee** for Seton parents and teachers; 8:30-9:00 a.m. in the front foyer; Come enjoy a cup of Tim's - provided by School Council - Thank you!
- **Mon. Feb. 8 - Embedded PD;** Early Dismissal
- **Tues. Feb. 9 - Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday/Mardi Gras** - Join our school for a pancake and sausage lunch. Stay late or come early for class and join our school for some yummy pancakes and sausage. Our classroom will remain open so families can use our tables to eat. Please RSVP the school with numbers if you plan on attending.
- **Wed. Feb. 10 - COMBINED CLASS - Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the gym at 10:00 a.m.;** class time for all K-A students is 8:45-11:45. No afternoon class this day. First day of **LENT**.
- **Fri. Feb. 12 - Valentine Celebration;** wear pink, red or white; deliver valentines to classmates; share red (egg and nut-free) snacks as a class.
***Traditionally, children make or purchase valentines for each other. This is a relatively inexpensive and fun way to get children to practice their printing skills as well as to send some love and cheer to their friends. Please ensure that if your child chooses to participate in this activity that they make a valentine for all of their classmates; we would not want anyone to feel left out. A class list is attached for this purpose. Please encourage your child to write their own valentines. This could be their "homework". Try to encourage them to write a few

each night as it is too much for them to do at the last minute.

- **Mon. Feb. 15 - NO SCHOOL - Family Day**
- **Tues. Feb. 16 - 100th Day of Kindergarten!** Let's celebrate our successes!!
- **Thurs. Feb 18 - NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Convention**
- **Fri. Feb. 19 - NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Convention**
- **Mon. Feb. 22 - Embedded PD; Early Dismissal**
- **Mon. Feb. 29 - Leap Day activities:**
 - **Sport/Jersey Day**
 - **Bucket Filler Assembly; 12:45; in gym**
 - **Embedded PD; Early Dismissal**

Blessings for a great month everyone! We are all very excited about networking with our colleagues, attending some great PD and bringing back fresh ideas from this year's Teachers' Convention. Parents are also invited to attend a parent preview screening of our feature film: **Letters from Generation Rx.**

"A must see for yourself or anyone you know struggling with or taking prescription medication for disorders of ADHD, Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar, Schizophrenia, Stress, Alzheimer, Dementia, or any other mental health. It tells the stories of real people whose experiences on prescription psychotropic drugs changed their lives forever."

[Movie Trailer can be found here](#) *(on my website)

This event is held for anyone in the Red Deer Community and is completely free. The producer of the movie will be on site after to answer any questions you may have.

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Enjoy!

Mrs. Abell

