

Catholic School Region of N. Westchester/Putnam
St. Columbanus School
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Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

February 29, 2016

Dear Parents,

Just hold on a little longer as spring is around the corner. A few calendar items I would like to point out are: First Penance for our second graders is on Saturday, March 19, the Peekskill St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at 3:00 p.m., Family Mass is on March 6, and the grades 3, 4, and 5 Game Night is on March 23. We have an 11:00 dismissal on Friday, March 11 for a faculty meeting. Friday, March 4 is First Friday and we have Mass at 9:15 at the church. The grade 8 pin ceremony will be celebrated during the First Friday Mass. **March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) is a full day of school and a free "wear green" dress down day.**

I wish to thank everyone (parents, teachers and students) who worked so hard on the Penny Social this past weekend. Thank you so very much for all of your precious time and effort in making the Penny Social such a huge success. The profit will be reported in next month's newsletter.

I must inform you that to date we have to make up two snow days: Tuesday, May 31 and Thursday, May 26. These dates are now school days. If you refer to the reverse side of the yearly calendar that was sent home at the beginning of the school year, you will see the correct listing of our snow days. The other school calendar that contains student artwork and goes month-by-month is sent to the printer prior to being approved by the Regional Superintendent's office, which is why we send an updated calendar home each month with the newsletter.

At this time I would just like to remind you of the school rules regarding electronic items which include cell phones and ipods (MP3 players). **These items are prohibited from being used in our school building.** If you wish for your child to bring a cell phone for safety reasons it must stay in his/her backpack or in my office during the day. Students are prohibited from calling or messaging you on their cell phones during the day. In case of an emergency we will contact you through the main office and we are asking you to do the same. If any student is caught with an electronic device out of his or her backpack during the day, it will be confiscated and you will have to come to pick it up in person and he/she will no longer be able to bring the item to school.

Parents are asked that if you wish to speak in person with your child's teacher, to call the school to make an appointment. Please do not try to speak with the teacher if you just happen to be in the school for another reason. The teacher must be able to afford you her full attention and several issues are private and should not be discussed in the hallways. Please make the appointment. On the other hand, sometimes a note or a telephone call alone is effective in certain cases. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

I want to wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy St. Joseph's Day. Thank you for all that you do for our school and God bless you! Don't forget about the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 12. They are very generous to our school. Good luck to our Honor Band members (Gabriel Astrologo, Paul Duggan, Sarah Healy, Caitlin Healy) who will be participating in the 2016 Catholic School Honor Band Concert at 2:00 PM at Salesian High School in New Rochelle, NY on Saturday, March 12. These students represent "the best of the best" musicians from our area schools and will rehearse for over 12 hours.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Disanza
Principal