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Dear Parents,

After multiple “no-school snow days” in January followed by a packed-with-fun Catholic Schools Week, we are now back to the normal school routine. What a great place to be! Even though our school days are more ordinary for the next several weeks, there are still several important events coming up which we want to bring to your attention. My God bless each day and event!

**Kindergarten Preview** has been moved to Wednesday, February 21 at 5:00 p.m. Parents of children who will be five years old by July 31, 2024, are invited to attend. Please come to Mrs. Vasa’s Kindergarten classroom. This is a “parents only” informational evening. There will be another time when the children may visit the classroom. We hope you can come!

**St. Valentines’ Day** will be celebrated at St. James School on Tuesday, February 13. If your child brings cards or treats, please include all the children in the classroom.

**Ash Wednesday** is on Wednesday, February 14 this year. This is the first day of the season of Lent and is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat in honor of our Lord’s passion and in reparation for our sins.

**Stations of the Cross** with the school children will be held in the Church at 2:20 p.m. on the Fridays of February 16 and 23 and March 8, 15 and 22. You are very welcome to join us.

**First Penance** will be held on Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the church. This is for children hoping to make their first Holy Communion in April. This is also a wonderful opportunity for parents to witness to their faith by receiving the Sacrament of Penance along with your children.

**First Holy Communion Parent Meeting** has been changed to Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held on Thursday, February 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.. Please see the sign-up information sheet coming home today. You may also call the office to schedule a conference.

**Good Shepherd Scholarships** are back again. Please apply as soon as you can. Please see the enclosed information sheets.

**Thank you** to all who participated in Catholic Schools Week and the January 30 SFA meeting. Both were great events. Your presence is valued and appreciated!

**Coming Home Today:** Good Shepherd Scholarship information and Parent-Teacher Conference sign-up flier.

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.