

FEBRUARY



Dear Families,

This time of year always brings with it our annual celebration of Catholic education. As a school community we celebrate together the blessing that the Academy of St. Adalbert is to our families today, was to families in the past, and will continue to be for families in the future.

As I walk the halls of our school each day, I am so proud of what I see and hear. We are so very fortunate to have dedicated teachers who not only plan and execute creative lessons, but who also bring Jesus to their students each day as they live out their faith. We are fortunate to have students who come to school happy and ready to learn. We are fortunate to have parents who continue to give cooperation and support to our school. And, finally, we are fortunate to have the commitment of Father Barry and the St. Adalbert Parish community

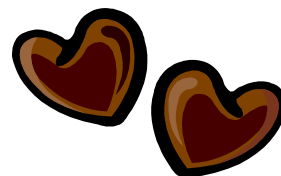
who see Catholic education as a priority. What a blessing we are to each other!

We hope that you will share the Good News that is the Academy of St. Adalbert with your family and friends and invite them to consider our school for their children.

Again, thank you for sharing your children with us. Your commitment to Catholic education through personal sacrifice is the source of a bright future for the Academy of St. Adalbert. May God continue to bless you and your families!

Blessings,

Martha K. Jacobs



**LITURGICAL
CELEBRATIONS**

All parents are welcome to attend our school Masses and prayer services throughout the year. We attend Mass at 8:30 a.m. every Friday.

REPORT CARDS

...will be sent home on Thursday, February 9th with all students whose financial obligations have been met. Please review your child's report card, sign it, and return it by Monday, February 13th. If you have any questions concerning your child's progress, please contact the classroom teacher.

REREGISTRATION

Forms for reregistering your child/children for the 2012-2013 school year are included in an envelope in today's Family Mail.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Applications for the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program for the 2012-2013 school year will be available in the school office and on our website. **Funding for assistance is available through both the Diocese and through the parish, but an application MUST be completed in order to be eligible.** Forms must be received by March 1, 2012 in order to be considered. If you feel that your family would qualify for financial aid, please take the time to complete an application. We are sympathetic to the burden that tuition causes families and we do not want any child denied a Catholic education due to financial restraints.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are available in the school office for the following scholarships that are offered through the diocese:

- The Geis Scholars Program - this is awarded to 8th graders who are enrolling in select Catholic high schools.
- The Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence - this is awarded to current 6th and 7th graders applicable to their 7th and 8th grade years.
- M Thomas Moore Family Scholarship - the purpose of this scholarship to assist students in financial need with their tuition.

All of these scholarships require a copy of the PSAS. If you are interested, please call the school office for the applications.

LENT...

begins on Wednesday, February 22nd. Our school community will join with the parish community for mass and the distribution of ashes at 8:30 a.m. We will continue to celebrate mass with the parish community at 8:30 a.m. each Friday. We hope that you will be able to join us!

**STATIONS OF
THE CROSS**

Every Friday during Lent we will gather in church at 12:30 p.m. to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. Please join us in this prayerful prayer experience.

TESTING

Beginning on Monday, February 27th through Wednesday, March 15th, students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. and the Cognitive Abilities Tests. Please make certain that your son/daughter gets plenty of rest so they can perform their best. Attendance is critical during these weeks. When the results of these tests arrive, we will share them with you.

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Monday, February 20th for the celebration of Presidents' Day. Also, there will be no school on Monday, March 26th. The parish will be hosting a women's retreat, "Martha's Day Out", on that day.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Our dress down day for this month will be on Tuesday, February 14th and the proceeds will benefit our 3rd grade. Students may dress down for \$1.

EARLY RELEASE

Tuesday, February 14th is an early release day.

FATHERS' MASS AND DONUTS

Mark your calendars now for Monday, March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. We will honor our fathers and grandfathers at our school Mass at 8:30 a.m. which will be followed by a donut and coffee reception.

CAN YOU HELP?

Since the early 1960's Cub Scout Pack 345 has been a fixture at St. Adalbert's. Since 2008, Mr. Tom Wiechowski, our custodian, has headed the pack. Now "Mr. Tom's" sons are moving on to Boy Scouts and it is time for him to join them. Being a Cub Master is a fun and rewarding experience. All we need is someone to take over the reins! Den Leaders are already in place to assist you and "Mrs. Tom", the Pack Secretary, will be on hand to assist you in your training and various duties. If you are interested in giving back to our parish community and helping our boys grow into men, please call Jennifer Wiewchowski at 440-567-2073. What an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child!

IT IS AMAZING WHAT YOU CAN DO \$10 AT A TIME!!!!!!

Our PTU received a check for \$1,267.90 from Boxtops in Education. Thank you to all the families who collected boxtops for us!

CONGRATULATIONS

To all of our students for excellent Science Fair projects and to the following students who earned an award:

6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADES

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

Nick Taylor

Shayne Silver-Riskin

Michael Progar

4TH AND 5TH GRADES

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

Cole Aiton

Alex Psenicka

Sarah Stanton

3RD GRADE

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

Ethan McCaffrey

Ryan Anthony

Kileigh Zielinski

2ND GRADE

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

Madeline Ciryak

Fergus Deleon

Phillip Pantalone

Thank you to Mrs. Sebastian and Mrs. Parente for organizing the Science Fair, to Mrs. Neeper for securing judges, and to Ms. Eizember, Mrs. Klanac, Mr. Zeno, and Mr. Silver-Riskin for serving as judges.

To our second graders who will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on February 4th. Please keep them in your prayers.

To Miranda Greenhill who received a renewable scholarship which totals \$10,000 for her four years of education at St. Joseph Academy! Way to go, Miranda!

THANK YOU

I would like to say "thank you" to the following people:

To all of our parents who help each month on our Stewardship Day.

To all of the students, parents, faculty, and staff who volunteered their time to make our Kindergarten Preview Day and our New Family Open House successful.

To the following students who acted as Student Ambassadors providing tours of our school for our visitors: Brett Mills, Belinda Rickman, Michael Progar, Courtney Brewer, and Sara Mangan.

To Mary Wetter and Laura Eizember who served as a Parent Ambassadors.

To our PTU and Alumni and Friends for their donations towards our new desks. Our students were so excited!! Thank you also to "Mr. Tom" and Mr. Wirtz for working feverishly to assemble them in time for our New Family Open House

