

Dear Parents,

Dates:

Feb. 28- End of 2nd Trimester
Feb. 28- Last day for Guaranteed and Priority registration
March 1- No More Out of Uniform Passes Accepted
March 4- Faculty Meeting
March 6 -Report Cards go home
March 9- IOWA testing begins
March 17- St. Patrick's Day
March 20- 8th grade pilgrimage to Maria Stein
March 23- Beginning of Spring Break

Important News:

- I have received this email in regards to EdChoice from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Superintendent.
Dear Principals,
There are a few items of importance this week:
[Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Program](#)
As you know, testimony for HB9 concluded on Thursday, February 20, 2020. At that time, the Ohio Senate and the House of Representatives recessed until March 24th. Unfortunately, any news pertaining to the EdChoice Scholarship Program is highly unlikely prior to the anticipated April 1 date. The Governor had a meeting with the senate and house leaders in order to work out a compromise but any changes will still require a vote of both chambers so the projected timetable remains at best April 1st (see attachment).
As a point of interest, during the scheduled hearings on HB9, there was testimony from a total of 76 witnesses statewide on behalf of Catholic schools and families. An additional 4 written testimonies were submitted but did not appear before the committee. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, there were 26 witnesses: One superintendent; three assistant superintendents, one high school president; 7 principals; three teachers; 5 parents; 6 students.
We were very well represented. My thanks again, to those who testified on behalf of our children and their families. (see attachment).
- *Please note that families currently receiving the EdChoice scholarship, either Traditional or Expansion, will be able to use this scholarship up until grade 12. Once you have received the scholarship you are able to maintain it. Mrs. Bradley is our secretary in charge of EdChoice. If you have any questions, she will be able to assist you with completing the proper paperwork.
All families on the EdChoice scholarship, presently, should apply at this time.*

-Note from Mrs. Lauterbach: Please remember to send in your registration as soon as possible for the upcoming school year. All registered parish members are encouraged to complete the Christ-Bearer Scholarship application, and are reminded that there is no financial qualification; we only ask if you are Catholic and a registered parish member. If you are not receiving EdChoice, or other additional financial assistance, the full award will apply. EdChoice recipients who are Catholic and registered members of St. Chris parish may qualify for the scholarship to make up the difference between the tuition rate and the EdChoice pay-out.

- Good luck to these 8th graders who will be moving on the Montgomery County Science Fair at the Dayton Convention Center: Clara Bogan, Chidera Ejinaka, Anna Hale, Anna Marie Honious, Elise Leingang, Christi Logan, Eve Palmer, Sydney Ramsey, Grace Schneider. These students were very impressive with the projects they put together and the knowledge, poise and confidence in which they presented.
- The guaranteed registration period went very well. Thank you for your responsiveness. Those of you “on the fence” about returning to St. Chris, I implore you to call me to talk about concerns or issues, whether they be financial, academic or the culture of the school.

IMPORTANT: for car riders.

- We are going to experiment with a morning arrival procedure which should assist in eliminating some of the back-up that occurs between 7:40 am and 7:48 am. At 7:40 (this is after the last bus has arrived) we will open up the north and west driveway for families to drop off their child at the west side of the school. The three cones blocking off access to the north driveway will be moved to the side (this is the indication that the other “drop zone” is now open) and cars may proceed to the west side of the building where cones will be visible to indicate the west side “drop zone.” From their parents can exit to James Bohanon Drive. I will be out there next week to assist in making this endeavor successful.

Highlights of the Week:

- Fr. John going over to the Daycare Center to give the students ashes on Ash Wednesday and the four year old asking if the ashes could be put on his forehead in the shape of a dog.
- I went down to the kindergarten class on Tuesday to ask if they knew what Shrove Tuesday was all about. Their response was, nope, but they all realized that at St. Chris School, Tuesday is “Taco Tuesday.”
- Having multiple tours of the building this week and showing our school off to perspective families. I am always impressed with the politeness and happiness of our students.

“He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money.”

Benjamin Franklin