



# St. Margaret Catholic School

## Viking Vine



**"Be Who God Meant You to Be And You Will Set The World On Fire."**

**February 8, 2019**

### Principal's Corner

The PTC Board is accepting nominations for the 2019-2020 school year for the following positions:

Secretary

Room Parent Coordinator

Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents to continue making SMCS the best kept secret in Lake Charles.

You may submit your nominations to a current board member or the school office.

Dear Parents,

A couple of years ago a family moved into a house on a somewhat busy road. Much to the annoyance of their neighbors they kept their Christmas lights burning long after the season was gone. The lights were on through January and February and drew critical remarks from those who passed by: "What a lazy lot live there; think they'd have the lights down by now." Towards the middle of March a large sign appeared outside the house; the sign simply said, "Welcome home, Michael". Word got around that the family had a son in Afghanistan and they had unashamedly left the lights on in anticipation of his return. Lights are a symbol of hope.

Each of us has had an experience when the power has failed and we are left in darkness. What was familiar and assuring to us is no longer visible and trickles of fear

and apprehension course through our body. What a relief when a match is struck and our familiar surrounds come back to comfort us. Likewise, if we are out and have to walk through an area that is poorly lit, we might feel frightened and less hopeful about our safety until we reach where it is well lit.

It could be that as parents we experience a child of ours getting "off track" in life. It might appear to us that they are simply being in defiance of us, whereas, they might be struggling with self-confidence and a lack of hope about their ability to cope with life as we wish it to be. The following verses titled, "The Light upon the Sea", uses the sea as an image of life; "There was a time it seemed as though/ My life was tossing to and fro/ And I, left with nowhere to go, / Was subject to the sea. But there, ahead, a beam of light/ Peered through the darkness of the night/ And granted me clearer light/ That I might be set free./ I steered a course towards the land/ To find a refuge on the sand/ And maybe touch the gentle hand/ That guided me along. And when I reached the coast that night,/ Upon a hill a shining light/ Was tended by a welcome sight,/ My friends had led me home." Robert Bise.

There is nothing more certain in life than that our children will forever appreciate "the gentle hand that guided me along" and for us to be "a shining light" that is always there for them. As Catholic/Christian parents we, likewise, need our guiding light and when Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of

life," John 8:12 He was offering Himself as our guiding light. The Catholic Catechism tells us that, "The light of Jesus illumines the eyes of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of His truth and compassion." No. 2715.

The challenge for us as parents is to somehow be the shining light on the hill for our children when it comes to living Christian values such as truthfulness and compassion, love and forgiveness, patience and gentleness. In as much as God the Father revealed Himself to us through Jesus, so we can reveal Jesus to our children by the words and actions of our lives.

God, our Father, May hope be in our hearts, because Your Spirit dwells there; May we be living expressions of Your kindness and compassion; May our children see us, see other people, the way Jesus did. AMEN.

Peace and Best Wishes,

Wendy L. Wicke



### Events

#### Wednesday, February 13th

9:00 am - Dr. Cochran (Dentist) to visit 1st and 2nd Grade

6:00 pm - 8th Gr. Parent Meeting in the school cafeteria

#### Thursday, February 14th

8:15 am - Mass

#### Friday, February 15th

**NO SCHOOL/DIOCESAN IN SERVICE**

### Lunches

#### Monday, February 11th

Gr. Beef Soft Tacos, Pinto Beans, Corn on the Cob & Peach Slices

#### Tuesday, February 12th

Pork Roast/Rice/Gravy, Sweet Peas, Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce, Spiced Apples & Wheat Roll

#### Wednesday, February 13th

Chicken Alfredo, Yam Patty, Salad Orange Smiles & Wheat Garlic Roll

#### Thursday, February 14th

Hamburger, Fries, Pear Slices & Wheat Cookies

#### Friday, February 15th

**TEACHER INSERVICE/NO SCHOOL**

Choice of Milk Daily

### **Things to Remember**

#### HALO!

Our HALO this week was Mrs. April Nash. We thank Mrs. Nash for her dedication and love for our PK-4 students.

#### Club Meetings

Tuesday, February 12th

Noon - BETA Club

Wednesday, February 13th

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Science Club

Thursday, February 14th

Noon - JCDA Meeting

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Chess Club

Friday, February 15th

Noon - Spanish Club

# Viking Lagniappe

## Unveiling the Virtues

Habit # 5 - Seek First To Understand, Then to be Understood.

Listen with the intent to understand, NOT the intent to reply. Listen, or your tongue will make you deaf.

One of the biggest obstacles in interpersonal communication is our tendency to respond from our own frame of reference. We advise, probe, interpret and evaluate others' messages based on our own experiences and motives. Empathic listening is reflecting what a person feels and saying it in your own words.

To communicate effectively, we must first understand each other.

## Family Faith Formation

Can you imagine carrying an entire Catholic resource section of a library in your pocket? If you do not have the *Laudate* app on your phone, consider checking it out. It is a free app and contains the Bible, daily readings, saint of the day, catechism, rosary, Vatican documents and much more. Many of us need help for prayer or have questions about Church teachings on specific matters. All of this is at your fingertips and can be on your phone for free. Check out other free apps: *Magnificat*, EWTN, Relevant Radio. Feed your minds and your souls!

## Third Grade Heart Notes!

Third graders will be selling "Heart Notes" every morning before school from 7:20 - 7:40 am in the school cafeteria, starting Monday, February 11th and continuing thru Valentine's Day. All proceeds will go to St. Nicholas Center for Children! Students can buy a "Heart Note" for 50 Cents and send it to a friend.

## District KC Free Throw Competition!!

On Saturday, February 2nd, 3 of our 5th grade students participated in the District Free Throw Competition sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Bayleigh Vincent won 1st Place in the 11 year old Girls Division. Paul Adams, won 1st Place in the 11 year old Boys Division and Dayton Rowland won 1st Place in the 10 year old Boys Division. These students will move on to the Regional Competition in two weeks in Westlake, LA.

Good Luck and We are so Proud of All of You!!

## ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS:

There will be an informative meeting regarding St. Louis Catholic High School on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the SMCS cafeteria. Discussions will be led by the St. Louis Catholic High School counselors and the Superintendent of Catholic Schools. You and your student are highly encouraged to attend, especially if they will be attending high school at St. Louis next school year. We hope to see you there!

Amanda Hebert, M.Ed.  
School Counselor

## Quinten's Corner

During the entire month of February, the 6th grade will be hosting a used Book Drive. Please consider donating used books of any reading level. All books collected will be donated in memory of our classmate Quinten Savoie and will be delivered to "Chance for Hope" where Quinten's family stayed while he received treatment.



## St. Louis Soccer Teams!

Both the Girls and Boys Soccer Teams are in the Quarter Finals. Please cheer them on even if you can not attend. The Boys will be playing at St. Louis on Saturday, February 9th at 6:00 pm and the Girls will be playing their a game in Madisonville on Monday.

## February Birthdays!

Savannah Woodard, Mason Falcon, Diamond Sanchez, Jacob Reeves, Agnes Pousson, Jenevieve Thomas, Anna-Katherine Duke, Ava Nunez, Mrs. Lori Brown, Alice Moreno, Mrs. Sandy Papania, Liam Stevens, Olivia Brown, Palmer Jessen, Karter Noel, Emmeline Soileau, Mrs. Sandra Walker, Decqan Smith, Margo Fontenot, Annabelle Cormier, Channing Pradia, Brayden Fusilier, Julia Walker, Scarlet Winegeart, Madeleine Broussard, Mrs. Ali Jordan, Swayzee-Dean Fontenot and Brooklyn Jones.

