



Happy Lent!

On Ash Wednesday, our Church enters into the most prayerful season of Lent. It is a time to reflect on how we are with God, with our neighbor and with ourselves and to make some changes in our attitudes or speech or actions if we need to. We have six weeks to concentrate on this “conversion of heart”...this moving and strengthening of our personal relationship with God.

We, as a school, will focus on the three disciplines of LENT: *prayer, fasting and almsgiving*.

Below are just some of the activities we are doing this Lent:

We have established the Catholic Corner for all forty days of Lent through Bloomz. Since you already have a Bloomz account with your classroom teacher, all you need to do is log in and enter code: **RPR4Z7**. These daily messages are just suggestions on how you can make Lent more meaningful at home.

Remembering that prayer is a conversation with God and a way to be closer to God, every day we will be praying our new Easter Prayer at morning and evening prayer times.

In March, classes will be visiting the chapel and reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. Decades of the rosary will also be prayed in class while focusing only on the Sorrowful Mysteries.

The 8th Grade will be presenting the live version of the Stations of the Cross on **Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM** in the church.

We will have a Dress Down Day (March 6th) to benefit Carolyn’s Place in Waterbury. As their mission statement reflects: *Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center is a ministry committed to empowering individuals, through education, comfort and assistance, to make life choices related to their sexuality and child-bearing, consistent with the sanctity of human life*. Their focus is to: **"Love one another."** (John 13:34)

During our Book Fair Week (March 9th -13th), we will do a match program with Scholastic to get books into the hands of some inner-city children as well as some children in local hospitals. More information will be forth-coming.

These practices are only of the few actions we are taking here at school to have this Lent be the BEST EVER! Please join us in helping our children understand what true prayer, fasting and almsgiving is and how it will continue to strengthen our relationship with God....the ultimate GOAL!

God Bless all of us through this wonderful journey.

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