



Thursday, February 4, 2016

We, the Catholic School of St. Eugene, dedicate ourselves to keeping Christ in our vision by nurturing spiritual growth and academic excellence in our students, their families and the community in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith.

Thoughts and Prayers

April Ferguson, sister of Tara Allison, who's battling stage 4 colon cancer. **Mia Lucas**, former CSSE student, as she heals from surgery and 10-plus weeks of recovery and rehabilitation. **Mary Guillen**, grandmother of Melanie Caudillo, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Dates to Jot Down

- Today: School Mass, 8:15 a.m.
- Tomorrow: Spirit & Jeans Day!
- Tuesday, 9: Evening teacher conferences
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- Wednesday, 10: Ash Wednesday, Mass at 8:15 a.m.
- Thursday, 11: Evening teacher conferences
- Friday, 12: No school
- Sunday, 14: Happy Valentine's Day!
- Monday, 15: No school
- Tuesday, 16: Happy Birthday, Mrs. Grajeda!
- Thursday, 25: Muffins with Moms, 7:15 a.m. in Ross Hall

Spirit Day Tomorrow -- Sport Those Spirit Shirts

Set out those Spirit shirts and jeans for tomorrow, and get those bellies ready for some yummy popcorn. It's Spirit and Jean Day!

Please Pay Library Fines and Turn in Overdue Books

At the end of the third quarter, the school will begin holding report cards for students who have lost books or have books that are more than two weeks overdue. Report cards may be picked up in the school office after these books have been returned, the library has been reimbursed or the fines have been paid.

Get Gently Used Books New to You

The library will have a Used Book Sale on Feb. 17- 19 and Feb. 24-26. Hardback books will be \$2, paperback books will be \$1 and VCR tapes, compact discs, etc., will be \$1. All proceeds will benefit the St. Eugene Library.

Keep Saving Those Buy for Less Receipts

Help our school earn credit for free educational equipment by saving receipts from Buy for Less and Super Mercado. We will collect receipts dated Sept. 1, 2015 through March 31. Please turn in all receipts to the school office by Friday, April 1.

Experience Your Best Lent Ever and Rediscover Jesus

Don't give up chocolate this year for Lent. Deepen your Lenten journey and join us for three talks and break-out groups with our priests at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 6 in the gym and March 13 and 20 in Ross Hall. This chance to learn and discuss our faith will coincide with the book "Rediscover Jesus," that was gifted by a parishioner at Christmas. Beginning next Wednesday -- Ash Wednesday -- parishioners are encouraged to read one chapter a day. Most chapters are only one to two pages. You can also sign up for free daily corresponding videos and reflections by going to <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/> A limited number of books remain. If you need a book, please call or text Mary Blood-Suto at 206-484-7029 or Nicole Hughes at 405-361-2359 so they can reserve one for you with your name on it in the church office. Many of our Small Communities of Faith groups will discuss "Rediscover Jesus" during the six weeks before Easter. If you'd like to join one of these groups that meet at various times, please call Mary Blood-Suto.

Thank You, Ms. Piatt, for the Laughs, Hugs and Smiles

It is with bittersweet hearts that we announce Ms. Renee Piatt will be leaving St. Eugene on Feb. 11. Ms. Piatt has been a staple in our community as our summer program director, extended care worker, teacher's aide, nursery employee and office assistant. We are incredibly happy for her as she accepts a position as a district manager for a local business, but share in our community's sadness that she will no longer be with us on a daily basis. We certainly understand Ms. Piatt's opportunity and wish her the very best. Upon receiving this news last Friday, we immediately began the process of looking for a replacement, particularly for our summer program. We always want our community to be informed of situations like these as soon as possible and wanted you to hear it from us, rather than read about an opening in the Sooner Catholic. Ms. Piatt will continue for a time in the nursery but will have her last day at the school next Thursday. Please join us in thanking her for her faithful service to our school and church community. We'll miss you!

CSSE Tardy Count for the 2015-2016 School Year

Number of Tardies for the week of 1/25/2016: 44
Tardies School Year-to-Date Total: 916

Braggin' Bulletin Board

Mr. Muchmore would like to apologize for omitting the results of the Rube Goldberg category winners from the 2015 Science Fair. Coming in at first place were: Jake O'Donnell and William Forth; and in second place were Will Rooks and Cale Hartman. Congratulations to all the Rube Goldberg contestants.

Second Graders Received First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our second grade students who received their First Reconciliation last week. Our students were very prepared and composed for this wonderful sacrament. A huge thanks goes to Mrs. Boaz and Ms. Price and our second grade parents for preparing our students. It was incredibly special to celebrate this sacrament during the school day.

Youth Group to Celebrate Mardi Gras

It's Mardi Gras time! Come play Bubble Ball with us this Monday. Pizza and drinks will be provided by the youth group. Please bring snacks to share. Just a reminder: There will be no youth group meeting on Monday, Feb. 15.

Study those S-p-e-l-l-i-n-g B-e-e W-o-r-d-s

Spelling bee lists have gone home for grades first through eighth. Classroom spelling bees will be held sometime this month or in March, and the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee will be April 13. Access the spelling word lists and the spelling bee rules and procedures from the Archdiocesan website at www.archokc.org. Click on offices, education, Catholic schools and then spelling bee.

From the Principal's Desk

I would like to thank everyone who helped promote and/or volunteered at our Open House on Sunday! We had an amazing turnout, and many of our staff and volunteers noted it was one of the most well attended in years. Our Open House committee of Susan Ison, Constance Heinen, Robyn Duginski, Petra Hutchison and Kristin Downes did an amazing job. I would especially like to thank Kristin for creating our Open House advertisement. Please let us know if you would be interested in posting an advertisement for our school in your business or on your workplace bulletin board. February is a very busy time for all of our families. I want to ask, however, that you take time to fully complete your registration packet for the upcoming school year. The earlier we have a solid grasp on our enrollment, the better our school is able to plan accordingly for the upcoming school year. It is also incredibly important that you follow our timeline to ensure your child retains their spot in their class for the upcoming school year. Increasing enrollment in our school is necessary to our future success, but with an increase in enrollment comes greater demand for a limited number of spots available. Our low student-to-teacher ratios is a luxury in our Archdiocese. I would be devastated to have a family lose their spot in a classroom because they did not follow our enrollment timeline. No student will ever lose a position in our school provided they follow our timeline of enrollment. After having conversations with potential families from tours and our Open House, however, I am anticipating many new families anxiously turning in enrollment packets as soon as the timeline allows. This effort to re-enroll students is not meant to cause stress for our families. If you have concerns with your registration fee, please contact me. Our main goal is to receive a firm commitment from our families that they will be returning next year.

Bust Out Those Box Tops for the Box Top Bonanza

Raid the pantry and cut out every Box Top you can! Students will once again have the opportunity to enter a drawing for an iTunes, AMC or Target gift card. Each collection sheet submitted will be an entry to a drawing for the gift card prizes. Students can turn in as many collection sheets as they'd like for more chances to win. All box top entries must be submitted by Friday, Feb. 26. Box Top collection sheets will be sent home with students this week. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Del Valle at 405-213-9956 or quimodel@att.net

OLOG Summer Camp Registration Open

Registration for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Summer Camp is in full swing. Download the registration form at www.archokc.org or register over the phone and pay with a credit card. New and returning campers are encouraged to register as early as possible because sessions fill up fast.

Yummy Muffins with Moms on Thursday, Feb. 25

Calling all moms (and special grandmas, too)! Make plans to join your sweet student for a yummy muffin at 7:15 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 25, in Ross Hall. And then join your little love for school Mass afterward at 8:15 a.m.

Consider Donating to Bereavement Scholarship Fund

The Dads' Club of St. Eugene wants to remind everyone of the dual purpose of the organization. The mission is to support the physical needs of the school and also provide tuition support for students who have lost a parent while attending St. Eugene. If you'd like to make a donation to the Bereavement Scholarship Fund on behalf of a deceased parent, you can do so through the school office.

Students to Lead Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Please join CSSE for Stations of the Cross at 8:15 a.m. beginning Friday, Feb. 19, with our first graders leading. On Feb. 26, various grades will lead. On March 4, our fourth graders will lead, and on March 11, our seventh graders will lead the stations.

There will be no Eagle Express on Thursday, Feb. 18.

Spots Still Remain for Popular Gala Sign-Up Parties

We're still raising money for our school and parish gala. Leave a check and note with your child's name in the school office.

Get Your Message on the Marquee

One week per month/\$100 per month/10 months available
The school marquee on Hefner is yours for one week, in the month you specify. Display birthday wishes, congratulations or any other appropriate message during the week you select.

Thunder Playoff Watch Party with Fr. De Loera

Date in April 2016 (to be determined)/\$65 per person
Watch a 2016 first round Thunder playoff game in style at one of the nation's coolest home theatre stores! Enjoy the game on a 150-inch Super HDTV Digital Theater valued at over \$175,000. The night includes wine, beer and food. Adults only please.

Backyard Family Movie Night at the Lee's

May 21, 2016/\$125 per family/20 families
Bring your blankets and lawn chairs! Families will enjoy food, drinks, sweets, and an all-around good time watching a family-friendly movie.

Theme for the School Year: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."