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Did you know that you can put our school website on the home screen of your phone? This is a super easy way to have access to our website: calendars and Tuesday Telegrams right at your finger tips.

Mandatory Mass

All school Mass January 30th and February 6th. We are splitting the students up by their last name so there will not be too many people in the church at once. **January 30th only the students that last names begins A-H will attend.** Then on **Feb. 6th students with the last name beginning with I-Z will attend.** These are mandatory-all students must attend (is part of their religion grade).

Thank you.

Cold Weather: Just a reminder that students will be going outside for recess whenever the temperature is 21 or above. So please send coats and winter accessories every day so that the kids will be warm while outside. Jackets are not allowed to be worn in the classroom so they need to bring their red cardigans or a St. Mary sweatshirt (on non Mass days) if they get cold in the classroom. Thank you.



Raffle Drawing: If you would like to donate an item or know someone who would like to donate to our raffle please contact the school. All donations must be turned in by Feb. 5th. Donated items need to be valued at \$100 or more. Thank you. Students will start selling raffle tickets on March 9th. Cash donations are also accepted. We will also be hosting a bierock food sale in April (watch for more info). Thank you.

Viking Assembly/Living the Bible Award

On January 15th we had a Viking Assembly and the following 6th grade students were awarded a "Living the Bible" Award; here is a few words from staff:

Alex Chavez-What a nice young man you have grown into. You are such a kind hearted soul who is always looking to help. I love how patient and kind you are with your little sister when you come in every morning.

Tais Espino-When I think of you, Tais, I immediately think of a calm and a quiet spirit. You are reserved and mature and you carry yourself with grace and humility. Tais is a gifted artist. I was always amazed by the wonderful drawings and creations she made .

Parents:

We have noticed that tardies and late pick-ups are starting to become an issue.

After school pick-up is critical as our teachers are doing daily zooms with students at 3:20, when students are picked-up late this is causing the teacher to start the zoom late.

After the 3rd late pick-up, Mrs. Mead will be contacting you.

Excessive tardies will receive a letter from the school and the student will lose recess.

We would also like to remind parents to try and schedule appointments for after school or over breaks. We do Fast Bridge testing and other testing throughout the year that students need to be present for and is hard to reschedule. Thank you.

Being On Time Gives You More Time to Prepare

Students arriving to school with time to spare have the luxury of settling in, preparing their class materials and focusing their minds on the lessons to come.

They have all the time they need to literally and figuratively wake up. Showing up on time can ameliorate the often-jarring transitioning between sleepy rides on a bus to concentrating on the day's first lessons. Students showing up to class in the middle of a lesson miss out on this natural transition period and may lose even more of the lesson as they scurry to settle into an academic focus.



We are operating at a Level 3 this week! Kids are doing are such a great job wearing their masks and social distancing-keep up the good work!