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ASSUMPTION Catholic School

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Dear Families,

Create in Me a Clean Heart is a Responsorial Psalm that we sing during the Lenten season, this year beginning March 6th. This is also the title of the Bishops of United States response to what is now being called **a public health crisis of the digital age** – pornography. Now I know this is not a typical subject for my newsletters, however I feel the need to pass on what I have learned over this past month. One or two clicks on a Smartphone, tablet or computer allows anyone to be exposed to or view sexually explicit images and/or engage in activities that he or she would hesitate to do off-line. There are alarming statistics for you to be aware of. In 2016, a study by the Barna Group discovered **among teens age 13-17**

- 21% came across porn weekly; 18% sought it out weekly.
- In total, 57% of teens sought out porn at least monthly.
- Nearly 27% of teens receive sexts and around 15% are sending them!

Sunday March 10th is being deemed *Safe Haven Sunday*. It is a day set aside to build awareness and ask Parents and Guardians to be vigilant about the technology that is allowed into their homes. Our Tri-Parishes will have information provided in the back of church starting March 10th to help aide parents in this crisis. There are also links available to many websites on our tri-parish website www.catholictriparish.org/parent-resources.html under the Resources page. *Covenant Eyes* is an example; it monitors and keeps a record of all your Internet browsing. They will even block the bad stuff if you want. Besides educating yourself of this peril, continue to foster openness and trust with your children so they know that they can come to you if they see an image not meant for their eyes. Pray for protection and as our 4K sing at their graduation *"Oh, be careful little eyes what you see For the Father up above is looking down in love, Oh, be careful little eyes what you see!"*

CONSERVATION SPEAKING CONTEST:

Congratulations to Bailey Weisenbeck who won the Junior Division District Conservation Speaking Contest last Monday and will represent Pepin County at the state competition in Lake Geneva on March 13th!!

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING:

Our second grade students anxiously await and prepare daily to receive the Sacrament of First Communion! It is such an exciting time for the students. A parent meeting will be held on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 at Holy Rosary Church. See enclosed.

4K VS. 8TH GRADE KICKBALL GAME:

The annual tradition continues as our 4 year olds take on our 8th grade students in a game of Kickball. It all begins at 10:30 on **Monday, February 25th** at the Durand campus gym. All are invited for this ½ hour game.

HOME AND SCHOOL:

Home and School is in the midst of planning the 2019 Walk For Virtues. Once again we are conducting a



T-shirt design contest. We are asking interested families to present their t-shirt idea(s) on the t-shirt template provided. More information enclosed....need more than one form? Let us know ☺. We have had many GREAT designs...we have kept them all so if you want to use a design you had submitted from a previous year let us know - we will find it. Designs are due March 4th by noon.

The next Home and School Meeting will be: **Monday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Durand campus – all are welcome to attend!

Monday, March 4th

Catholic Schools Have a Mission



Dress:
Activities:

4K-8 It's Tropical (Dress as in school appropriate Tropical wear)
Mission Carnival – 1:45-3:00 (students dismissed for home from Durand campus)

We hope our volunteers can still help. Worker schedule is enclosed.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

We are planning for mid quarter Parent/Teacher conferences Tuesday, **March 5th** and **Thursday, March 7th** from 3:30- 6:30. Enclosed is a form verifying the date and time of your scheduled conference.

READ ACROSS AMERICA:



February 25-March 1st *Read Across America Week*. The calendar of events is enclosed again.

We have an added event! Thank you to Terry Mesch, as he will be sharing his story telling talents with our students. All are welcome to join in this event. See the calendar enclosed.

Battle of the Books: 4th and 5th grade Battle of the Books competition rounds will start Monday, February 25th and the final battle will be held on Friday, March 1st at 1:00.

SCHOOL MASS:

Our 4-8 students enjoyed a nice prayer service with Deacon Hansen this past Tuesday, but since we haven't had a school Mass since February 5th, we feel it's important for our students to end our month with Holy Mass with the K-3 students next week; **Thursday, February 28th**. Busses will not be dropping off students at the Durand campus until after Mass. **If you are dropping your child off in the morning, do so at the Lima campus.**

SOLO/ENSEMBLE:



Solo Ensemble was held at the Elk Mound High School on Saturday, February 16. Congratulations to the following Assumption students for their accomplishments! Thank you to Mrs. Bullard for facilitating this event and to Mrs. Turner for accompanying.

- Gabby Gruber - Class C Baritone Solo - Gold Medal
- Gabby Gruber - Class C Vocal Solo - Gold Medal
- Cece Gruber - Class C Clarinet Solo - Gold Medal
- Cece Gruber - Class B Vocal Solo - Silver Medal
- Harrison Bullard & Brady Weber - Class C Vocal Duet - Silver Medal
- Gabby Gruber & Cece Gruber - Class C Vocal Duet - Gold Medal



\$CRIP: Use \$CRIP to purchase everyday items and reduce your tuition at the same time. Remember we ask that you purchase \$500.00 worth of SCRIP. Call either school office if you have questions.

CALENDAR REMINDERS AND UPDATES (THE MARCH MENU IS ENCLOSED ALSO)

Saturday	2-23	Open Gym - Durand Campus	9:00-11:00
Monday	2-25	Read Across America Begins	
		Battle of the Books Begin	
		4K versus Gr 8 Kickball	10:30
		7 GBB @ Altoona	4:30 & 5:30
		Chess Club-Durand Campus (bring a note if attending)	3:30-4:30
Tuesday	2-26	4/5 GBB Triangular @ IC	5:00
		After School Studyhall @ Durand (bring a note if attending)	3:15-4:00
		Open Door @ Durand RE room	3:20-5:00
		Open Gym @ HR (bring a note if attending)	3:15-4:30
Thursday	2-28	ALL school Mass @ Holy Rosary	8:30
		Story Teller - Terry Mesch @ Durand	1:15
		@ Lima	2:15
		After School Studyhall @ Durand (you need a note)	3:15-4:00
Friday	3-1	4-5 Final Battle of the Books – Durand campus	1:00
		Fish Fry- Holy Rosary	4:30-7:30



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our High School Students, especially Emma Weiss, Ethan Weiss, Madison Weiss and Kaityln Anibas that God will continue to bless them and keep them safe from harms way.

With Blessings of Peace and Joy,

Mrs. Mary Lansing - Principal