



How about this for a Lenten reflection: “Who will roll the stone away?” They are words spoken on Easter morning when the women are on their way to anoint Jesus’ body in the tomb. But if you think about it, these “stones” could refer to the obstacles that prevent us from growing closer to the heart of Jesus, barriers we ourselves create to excuse our hesitancy to take him at his word. After all, to follow him unconditionally would mean surrendering control of our lives to him. But here at the start of Lent, why not have an Easter morning question on our minds? Here are some “stones” that might clutter our paths and some ways to roll them away. Give up harsh words: use generous ones. Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude. Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience. Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism. Give up worrying: take up trust in God. Give up complaining: value what you have. Give up stress: take up prayer. Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them. Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy. Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others. Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation. Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others. Let’s meet at the empty tomb on Easter morning, ready to recognize him as he calls us by name.

Be on the lookout for re-registration packets! Mrs. Savacool will be sending these forms home this month. It is imperative that you return these papers as soon as possible after receiving them because they assist us in planning for the following school year. Remember that registration forms must be returned with your non-refundable registration fee. Incomplete re-registration packets will be returned. No re-registration forms will be accepted from families whose tuition is delinquent.

We will hold registration for the 2018-2019 school year for new families this month. Pre-Kindergarten to grade 7 registration will be on Tuesday, February 13, and Thursday, February 15, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Students entering pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and first grade must be three, four, five, or six years of age respectively by October 1, 2018. Required registration documents are: birth and baptismal certificates, and the child’s record of immunizations. Students registering for grades 1 through 7 must also provide copies of their current report card and standardized test scores. The non-refundable registration fee for pre-Kindergarten is \$225/child; and for Kindergarten through seventh grade the non-refundable fee is \$250/family.

Current pre-K-3 students will receive their re-registration forms for the pre-K-4 program. They do not need to re-register in person. However, pre-K-4 students must register in person for Kindergarten. See above for dates and times.

Our Book Fair will be held on January 30, 31 and February 1 in the school library. Watch for further information from the chairpersons, Mrs. Kedersha and Mrs. Kaminsky.

Our school will be closed on February 19, 20, and 21 for President’s Day and Winter break.

Happy Valentine’s Day on the 14th!

