

The Principal's Spotlight

Saint Anne School – Fair Lawn, NJ
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Ronald Knox talked about the sign of the cross this way: the first two gestures form the letter "I" and the next two cross it out. That's what the cross of Jesus meant and means. The path of discipleship is the path of self-sacrificing love—and that means the path of suffering. That's a hard path to take! We are not programmed to want to suffer. While our sufferings may not take the form of Jesus' sufferings, we are still called upon to accept them as he accepted his. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing." So as we continue to carry our own personal "crosses", there is hope that one day we will hear the voice of God say to us as the soldier at the foot of the Cross said of Jesus, "Truly this was a son (or daughter) of God!"

During the week of March 5-9, we will administer our annual standardized tests to students in grades two through eight. All students should have a few sharpened #2 pencils with clean erasers available every day. Students should get ample sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast. **All students should be in school ON TIME** because testing sessions begin with first period. Late students disturb the quiet setting once testing has begun, and are late in beginning these timed tests.

It's time for the wearin' of the green! We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our annual parade on Friday, March 16th. The parade will begin on our back parking lot at 1:00 p.m. All students should wear green and white that day. Students in grades pre-K to 3 are invited to create and decorate a hat for the hat contest. We will also hear from the great Saint himself. Bring your camera for some unforgettable sights.

The second trimester will end on March 2. Report cards will be distributed to parents at the next general membership meeting of the PTG on March 12 at 7:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria.

We are a Catholic school and as such we pray and observe the seasons of the liturgical year in traditional ways. This month we will give our students the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation; grades 3, 4 and 5 on March 15 and grades 6, 7 and 8 on March 22.

We will dismiss at 12:15 PM on Holy Thursday, March 29. This will begin our Easter break. School will be closed from Good Friday, March 30, to April 8. Classes will resume on Monday, April 9.

Have you brought in your Tricky Tray basket yet? Each school family and faculty member is required to donate at least one basket to this event. When you drop off your basket in the school kitchen, make sure you record your name and the name of your basket in the binder in the kitchen. We want to acknowledge your donation in the program. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

WERE YOU THERE?