



Theme: The theme for the school year is Unleashing the Gospel for 90 years. How have you unleashed the Gospel? How have you said YES! To Jesus?

Registration: Registration packets will be going out this month for the 2017-2018 school year. As costs continue to escalate each year, we look at our tuition in comparison to the costs. This year in consultation with the business office, school commission, and father tuition is increasing for both in-parish and out of parish by \$250.00 This comes out to a \$25/month increase when payments are spread over the ten-month period. If this increase is a hardship for your family, please setup a time to speak privately with Mr. Fisher.

Scholarships: The PSAS grant has been renamed the Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance Grant. To apply for this grant and for more directions please click on the link: <http://www.aod.org/tuition-assistance/> The application deadline to apply is April 7, 2017.

Black History Month: February is Black History Month. This year the student council is initiating a school-wide project. Each classroom will pick an African American from history and will come up with a report, PowerPoint, etc. about their person. At the end of the month each class will then present their project to the school.

Super Bowl: St. Clare is hosting a Super Bowl party (for adults) at Bogartz on Sunday Feb. 5th. Advance tickets are available in the school office.

Community Crawl: This month will be at Hungry Howie's on February 7th a portion of the proceeds will go to St. Clare. Make sure you let them know you are from St. Clare when getting your pizza!

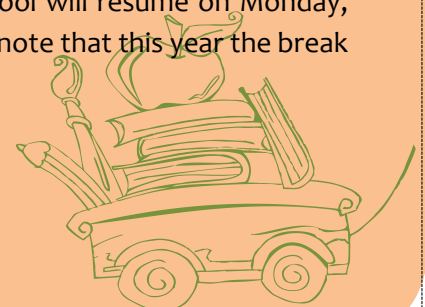
Cub Scouts: The cub scouts will be in the school talking to the boys in grades 1-8 at lunch on Feb. 7th to see if there is interest in joining a pack or troop. On Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 there will be a Parent Talk for those boys who are interested in the teacher's lounge.

Sports Mass: There is a Sports Mass on Sunday, February 12th at the 9:00 mass. This is also the grade level Mass for K,1, 3, 8. Students are asked to bring a breakfast food such as bagels or donuts

Valentine's Day: Most classes will have a Valentine's Day party on February 14th. Please check with your child's teacher before sending anything in or volunteering in the classroom. These parties will take place the last period of the day. The students may wear red or pink with their uniforms.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation will be on February 15th at 7:00 in the Church.

Winter Break: Winter break this year will be February 20-24th. School will resume on Monday, February 27th. Please note that this year the break will be a week.



Fun Events: Jump Rope for Heart will be held on Friday, February 17th. Students may wear exercise clothes (No Jeans) and bring \$1. The Daddy-Daughter Dance will be on Saturday March 4th.

Financial Issues: All tuition, latchkey, and fundraising (assessment fee) should be up-to-date. The office will accept certain payments via credit card, no American Express. The person paying will be responsible for the 3% fee.

Auction: The auction is April 29th. The theme for this year's auction is St. Clare 90 Years Strong and Still Going." Please make sure this night is on your calendar, and please get involved. We need ads, items to be auctioned, and people. We also need workers on the night of the auction, the night before, and the day after. We need every family to help to make this auction a success. Please advertise the auction and get involved. There is a meeting scheduled for February 7th at 7:00 in Latchkey. All are welcome. To work on the auction, contact either the office or Sonya Zakolski at szakolski@aol.com

Service Hours: Each family has been asked to perform 15 volunteer service hours for Books sale and auction. Some have done above and beyond this number. Some have done some of these hours, while others have not done any. The auction is coming up, and this is a great opportunity both before and during the event for service hours. If you wish to inquire about helping at the auction please contact Sonya Zakolski, szakolski@aol.com



Lent: The Season of Lent begins on March 1st. The students will attend mass at 8:15. All are welcome to join us. On this day, we are marked with ashes to show that we are followers of Christ. The students will also be participating in the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Every Monday during lent (except for Ash Wednesday) there is a simple supper of soup and bread in the church social hall from 5:30-7:00.

Thank you: A big thank you to all the parents, students, parishioners, and alumni who helped at our open house on Sunday, January 29th. Thank you to all of those who support our school in words, actions, or prayers. Everything is very much appreciated.

The Mission of St. Clare of Montefaleo Catholic School is to be a gospel presence in our diverse community and provide opportunities to develop each child's God given talents.

