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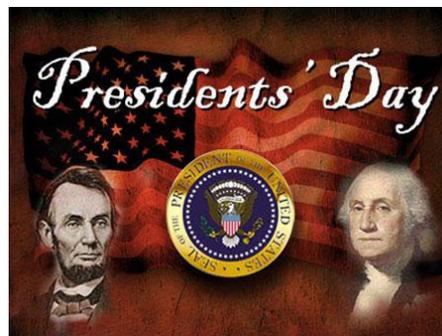
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NO SCHOOL

Friday, February 17 the teachers have an In-service at St. Alphonsus Academy. We will not be in session tomorrow. It is not indicated on our calendar, an oversight on our part. An email was sent to you in January to let you know of the correction.

Monday, February 20 is Presidents' Day. We will not be in session on Monday. We will see you all on Tuesday, February 21!

Academy of St. Priscilla
at Divine Savior



Upcoming Events:

Feb. 17	Teacher In-service NO SCHOOL
Feb. 20	President's Day NO SCHOOL
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday 12:00pm Mass
Feb. 24	Pre-school and Kindergarten Open House
	Special Lunch
Feb. 27-Mar. 2	Dr. Suess Week
Mar. 2	Field Trip
Mar. 6	Oreo's 100 th Birthday

Parent Meeting

As a follow-up to our Focus Group of January 19, we will be having a mandatory parent meeting within the next couple of weeks. A date has not yet been determined, but all parents are required to attend. As soon as a date has been scheduled, we will let you know.

Smart Tuition Administrative Fee

Because schools within the Archdiocese of Chicago are being required to have all families enroll with Smart Tuition, the Administrative Fee has been reduced to \$29.00. The fee is incorrect on the forms we were sent from the company. The fee will be included with your tuition payments.

Ash Wednesday and Lent Special Lunches

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, February 22. We will be attending the 12:00pm Mass with the Divine Savior Parish Community. All half day students are encouraged to stay and attend Mass with the school community. The students will be eating lunch early that day to be ready for the 12:00pm Mass. Parents, you are also most welcome to attend Mass with us.

We will be fasting during Lent with our Special Lunches. As we do not eat meat on Fridays during Lent, our Friday Special Lunches will not include meat. We will be starting this with our first Special Lunch during Lent, Friday, February 24.

Summer Program

It's hard to believe we are already planning for our Summer Program. Our program filled up beyond our capacity last year, and we hope to do the same this year. We have selected new themes for this summer as well! Many of our school families took advantage of the program last year, and we hope you have you back again! The program is both fun and educational. These spots also fill up quickly, so don't hesitate to return your forms. Space is still available. Contact the office for more details!



Dr. Suess Week

"Oh the Places You Will Go"...Dr. Suess
We will be celebrating Dr. Suess February 27-March 2. Each day the classrooms will be doing various activities related to Dr. Suess books. We will end the week with our field trip to the Pickwick Theater to see **The Lorax**. March 2 was also Dr. Suess's birthday!

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

We have been invited to participate in a St. Patrick's Day Celebration at The Underpass on Saturday, March 10. St. Cyprian School is hosting the event, but they have invited our school families to participate. We hope to see you there!



Box Tops – Keep them coming!!!

We are close to reaching 2500 Box Tops!!!! Thank you very much for sending them in with your children. We will be collecting for the 2500 up through February 24. We will start a new count after that date. Remember for every 20 Box Tops you submit, your child receives an Out of Uniform Pass! ***Help us reach our new goal of 2500!!!***



Check out what's happening in our classrooms...

Ms. Margaret's Pre-School

This week in the 3-year-olds preschool class, the children worked on the letter Nn and continue to work on identifying the letters in their name.

The stories this week were Rosie Rabbit's Valentine's Day by Harriet Ziefert, Arthur's Valentine by Marc Brown, and Don't Be my Valentine by Joan Lexau.

For Science the children discussed zoos, discuss what to do in an emergency, and make predictions.

In math, the children sorted hearts by size, played Valentine Bingo, and matched number symbols, words and quantities.

Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten

~The more you read the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss

This week the prekindergarten class was introduced to the letter N. We learned that N stands for newspaper and Nightingale. On Tuesday, we had our Valentine's Day Party. We celebrated by giving our friends valentines, singing songs, and making a valentine for a loved one. The students enjoyed learning about our presidents by creating a log cabin and a cherry tree in honor of President Lincoln and President Washington on Thursday.

Looking Ahead....

- We will be learning about the letter O next week.
- Students will learn what foods are good and bad for our teeth.
- Celebrating Dr. Seuss.



Ms. Kim's Class

This week we met the last Superkid, Hot Rod. The students were thrilled to finally meet all the Superkids and are already asking about what we will be doing next with the Superkids. The students also learned another memory word (a word where the letters do not make their normal sounds). Their new memory word is the. We practiced spelling the by doing some chants and cheers, as well as learned a song to help them remember how to spell the. The students enjoyed learning this new word. In math the kindergarteners have started learning about addition and how that means to join two groups together.

Mrs. Sibick's Multi-age Classroom

This week the students decorated their shoe boxes with fun foam, stickers, and drawings for Valentine's Day. The class did a great job! They had fun reading the names as they delivered mail to the valentine boxes. The first graders have been reading a story called The Contest. They are practicing reading with expression. Ask your child which character he/she would like to be. They are also working on spelling words with two vowels (ee, ea, keep, deep, meat, beat, etc.). Second graders are working on the cursive c and a this week. Students are working on their fluency (reading smoothly) with short stories from their decodable reader. Ask about the story Mystery Kid. First grade completed Chapter 7 on skip counting and word problems. Second grade is using a paper and pencil to subtract two-digit numbers with regrouping. First graders are reviewing Jesus's birth. Kindergarten students listened to a story about Zachaeus making better choices. Maddie presented her science experiment this week. Ask your child what they learned about the three balloons. The students will finish their President's Day Booklet this week. Have a great week!