

Weekly Newsletter

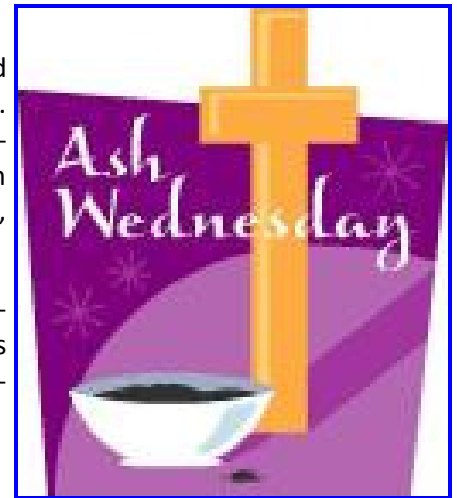
February 17—February 23, 2010

Dear St. Aloysius Families,

Today we celebrate Ash Wednesday. All students and faculty members received ashes today, and this cross of ashes is both a sign of suffering and a sign of healing. This public symbol shows our friends and neighbors that we know we are not perfect, and we need God's help to choose what is right. We need Jesus' help to turn away from sin and selfishness, and during Lent, we promise to try, with God's help, to become better people.

Handbook Reminder: Liturgy, p. 40— All students in grades 1 to 8 (Pre-K and Kindergarten as appropriate) will attend prayer services or Masses, and at other times as indicated in the school calendar. Respectful participation of every child is required at school liturgies.

Sincerely,
Ms. McCarthy
Principal



Prayer—

Almighty and everlasting God, you love everything you have created and forgive the sins of all those who are sorry. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, being sorry for our sins and wrongdoings, may obtain perfect forgiveness from you, the God of all mercy. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

All School Families

- Re-registration forms and \$125.00 re-registration fee, only in the form of a money order, is due to Ms. Davis by Friday, February 26th. This must be submitted in order to hold your child's spot for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Please remember that, if your child wears boots to school, they must bring their school shoes to change into. When students wear their boots all day, it creates wet, slippery surfaces in the hallways and stairs.
- Our Black History Month celebration will be next Thursday, February 25th at 1:30 pm. It will be held in the Church, and family members and friends are welcome to come.
- Thank you to all who participated in the fundraiser for Yele Haiti. After all three of the Friday dress-up days, we collected nearly \$1000.00 to donate.
- New applicant admission testing will take place on March 5th. On March 5th the Mother Theodore and Pierre Toussaint programs will dismiss at 12:00. There will be no after school.

Mother Theodore Families

Mrs. Washington, Mother Theodore Program Coordinator

- **Kindergarten Parents only:** Kindergarten Graduation - All payment of \$35 must be submitted by March 1, 2010. The package will include: cap & gown, tassel with year date charm, sash, ring, diploma with matching invitation & program cover.

- **Pre-K Parents only:** Pre- K Stepping up ceremony will be on June 17, 2010. Further information will be distributed at a later date.
- 100th Day of School Project Due February 19, 2010.
- 100th Day of School Celebration-February 26, 2010.
- Black History Month Celebration-February 25, 2010.

Pierre Toussaint Families

Mrs. Bearden, Pierre Toussaint Program Coordinator

- Third grade will take a field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art tomorrow Thursday, February 18th.
- Our African American History Month program will be Thursday February, 25th at 1:30 pm in the church.
- Students should have the correct uniform shoes with them. Please make sure your child is dressed properly in their uniform.

Sr. Thea Bowman Families

Ms. Nunns, Bowman Program Coordinator

- Bowman will dismiss at 3:00 tomorrow, Thursday, February 18th, so that all teachers can participate in a meeting with our Manhattan District Superintendent. There will be no extended-day programming on this day.
- PLEASE remind girls NOT to bring in outside food and drink. The girls have been asking to use the restroom or go to their locker during class only to stand by their lockers to eat. Not only is this against the rules but it will bring rodents into the school.
- Congratulations to 8th grade for a job well done on oratory! We are proud of them!
- Lent is here. As we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus, reflect with your student about the importance of preparing for Easter.
- Please see to it that girls are getting to school on time and in uniform. Jewelry is starting to become an issue with some girls. Please review your handbook if the policy is unclear.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Families

Ms. Scott, Gonzaga Program Coordinator

- Gonzaga will dismiss at 3:00 tomorrow, Thursday, February 18th, so that all teachers can participate in a meeting with our Manhattan District Superintendent. There will be no extended-day programming on this day.
- Parents please read the Parent/ Student hand guide carefully. There are too many students still coming in late. Page 35 will explain the school rules and guidelines of what will happen with students who have outstanding tardiness and absences.
- There will be book buddies Thursday, February 18th with the lower grades.
- Thursday, February 18th the Manhattan District Superintendent, Sr. June Claire, will be visiting Gonzaga in the morning. Please make sure your son is following the dress code.
- Parents please continue to check in with your son to make sure he is completely all homework and class work assignments .