



February 9, 2018

St. Francis Elementary School Family,

### **Mardi Gras (February 13, 2018)**

Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday is next week Tuesday and it will be a **non-uniform** day for the students. They will be participating in Mardi Gras Festivities in the afternoon followed by a prayer service at 2:40 in the church where we will bury the alleluia.

### **Footsteps to the Cross**

In your red envelope today, you will find our Lenten focus and the opportunities for Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving that our students will have during Lent. There is also a Lenten calendar for families to participate in during Lent in your homes.

### **Best Lent Ever**

Each Lent Dynamic Catholic puts on a free email program for the forty days of Lent that will guide you throughout your Lenten journey. I would encourage you all to sign up for these daily emails. Just go to [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com) to sign up.

### **Registration**

Please remember that registration is open. We have a number of families that have already registered! If you register by **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, your registration fee is waived!

### **School Choice**

The Wisconsin School Choice Program is now open for applications. This program will give your child the opportunity to go to St. Francis of Assisi for **free**. The program is currently taking online registrations. This year there are stipulations on those who can apply.

- 1.) Meet the income requirement and apply online.
- 2.) You need to be going into 4K, Kindergarten, or 1st grade.
- 3.) Transferring from a school that did not participate in the Choice program.

You can go and apply on our school website. Here is the link: [www.school.sfamanitowoc.org](http://www.school.sfamanitowoc.org). If you have any questions or need more information on the program or applying please do not hesitate to call Mr. Thiele at 920-652-7842. Remember **if you applied last year you need to go in and reapply** this year for your chance to be part of this program.

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### **Flu Season**

Flu season is in full swing and we had many students that went home from school with a variety of illnesses. Since our students are interacting all day and we want to limit our flu cases, it is recommended that students who have a fever should remain absent for at least 24 hours after the fever breaks. We know that this can be difficult but we want to get through the flu season with the least amount of absences as we can. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **FACEBOOK**

Make sure to like and share our school's Facebook posts!

### **Important dates to remember:**

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**- Non-uniform day

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**- Mardi Gras Service

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**- Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00am

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**- Non-uniform day/Parent-Teacher Conferences-PM

**February 16<sup>th</sup>**- No School- Teacher In-service

Thank you for your time and God Bless,

Kyle L. Kapinos, Principal

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