



From the desk of Mr. Callahan...

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## April

Being a big “Games of Thrones” fan from the popular HBO television show, I was excited at the end of the last season (which wrapped up back in December) with the idea that Winter had arrived. Being that this was the climax of the story, I was excited to see the snowy weather make its way to the fictional land. Fast forward to real world, not only had winter arrived, but it truly will not go away! Nonetheless, the cold and wintry weather has not put a damper on the spirit of the school and the things taking place, as Holy Rosary has been quite busy.

Last weekend, our school took part in the **ABC 12 Family Expo at the Frankenmuth Credit Union Event Center**. What a fantastic time. The positive vibe and interactions that took place were amazing. Our school had the chance to showcase some of the great things that take place on a daily basis, meet new people, and hopefully, welcome a few new students to our school family. Thank you to all those who participated in this event and helped bring the presence of Holy Rosary to those both in and out of our community.

This has been an incredibly busy week at school with lots of events, learning, and preparation taking place. Our **7<sup>th</sup> graders took part in the Vocation’s Mass at Holy Family**. This wonderful event gathers our students in the GCCS area and invites them into fellowship where they have a chance to learn about religious vocations and what life is like to be a priest, nun or lay person. **Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders also had a chance to grow spiritually as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation**. What an amazing celebration and feeling knowing that our students will continue their lifelong spiritual growth.

From the world of academics, our students put on a **Young Inventors Expo on Thursday**. Here students had a chance to demonstrate their understanding of the scientific method as well as problem solving skills as they searched for innovative ways to solve everyday challenges. The creativity and critical thinking skills our students demonstrated were wonderful and truly demonstrated the impact that hands on scientific exploration can achieve.

Our **Kindergarten Round-Up** was a great success. It is always amazing to see the newest members of our Holy Rosary family exploring the school and better acquainting themselves with their friends and building for next year. Finding the lunch room, gym, classroom and most important the bathroom, helps build students comfort levels as they begin their educational journey. Additionally, meeting some of their classmates and staff help start the relationship building process so when our Kindergartners enter the school, they will be ready to learn. In addition, we had a number of students from grades 1-8 who also stopped over and visited the school. **Our school community is beginning to grow at a very high rate. Let us keep this momentum rolling.**

**The Spring Musical is almost upon us. If you have had a chance to look at the gym, you will see that it is being transformed into the sounds and sets from “Sound of Music”. Please join us next week on Saturday or Sunday for one of our showings. Saturday’s performance is at 6:00 while the Sunday performance is at 2:00. Cost of entry is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. This is going to be a great show.**

**One quick order of business is a simple reminder that Holy Rosary is a smoke free facility.** A number of students have found cigarette butts outside our school doors. If you see someone who is not following school policy, please politely explain to them that this is a smoke free campus or notify the school office. **This includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes as well as chewing tobacco, pipes, and e cigarettes.** Let us continue to join together to make Holy Rosary a beautiful place.

Hard to think we are already at April 20, and there are only 7.5 weeks left of the school year. Let us continue to strive to make positive and virtuous decisions and bring Christ’s presence to all we meet. I hope you have a safe and blessed weekend!

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23	<i>Monday</i>	<b>NWEA Testing (2/3 Language Arts AM)</b>
24	<i>Tuesday</i>	<b>DOL Religion Test (5th and 8th Grade PM) NWEA Testing (2/3 Math AM)</b>
25	<i>Wednesday</i>	<b>\$1 Jean and Spirit Wear Day (Proceeds to Teacher Appreciation) NWEA Testing (K/1 Math AM)</b>
26	<i>Thursday</i>	<b>Spiritual Work of Mercy: Prayers for our students, parents and teachers who are taking part in the school musical! NWEA Testing (2/3 Reading PM)</b>
27	<i>Friday</i>	<b>All School Mass: 8:30 am (Please join us!) School Play (12:00)</b>

### *Virtue of the Week: Courtesy*

#### **What is this Virtue?**

Treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God’s image and likeness.

#### **Ways to Cultivate this Virtue!**

Letting others go first, saying please and thank you, holding the door open, making eye contact.

### **Welcome to Holy Rosary!**

**Holy Rosary would like to welcome Xavier Dumas (7th) to our school Family.**

### **NWEA Testing Notes!**

**As we prepare for our final round of testing, here are some important notes and conversation points.**

- Getting a **good night’s sleep** prior to testing is very important for academic success. Being well rested helps increase focus and positive outcomes.
- On test dates, eating a **good and healthy breakfast** is important. This provides the brain food needed for critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- It is important that students **take their time** on the test. There is no prize for being the first one done.
- **Best effort.** This helps shape instruction at the school. Thus, it is important to have as accurate of data as possible.
- **Stay Positive and Focused.** Ice Cream Party for best efforts.