

St. Christopher Religious Education

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Dear Parents,

How can it be; so much snow and still we have no Snow Day? As a child I remember watching the news waiting to hear that the schools were closed because of snow. As a teacher I never minded the early morning wake up call telling me I didn't have to wake and prepare to go to school. Now as a DRE I am concerned that our children will miss that stirring of the Spirit as they share their knowledge of Jesus with their catechist and friends. During our upcoming Season of Lent, I encourage you to open your conversations at home to invite that same stirring of the Spirit.

This past month our younger students experienced the loving embrace of God as they prepared and received the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I spoke with the students when we returned to class, they shared with me that they too felt good about their experiences. What a wonderful and prayerful afternoon we shared together. Thank you for helping to make that a memorable day.

The following day our Confirmation class received the gift of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Rassas was the presider and in a very gentle and encouraging manner he allowed our students an opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences with the congregation. It was an incredible Spirit-filled day and I thank you for your prayers and support for our young people. As our students have affirmed their baptismal promises they are also taking on the role of disciples in our church. Last Wednesday they returned to class and celebrated St. Blasé Day with the younger students as they blessed their throats in the name of St Blasé. On Ash Wednesday, February 17th, they will remind us of our Lenten promises as they place the mark of the cross in ashes on our foreheads. Parents are invited to pray with the full student body (grades 1 – 8) at our 5:15 Ash Wednesday service.

Lastly, and unfortunately not so Spirit-filled; we are seriously behind in our income to cover the cost of running the RE program. There are no families who have contacted me regarding payment issues. I ask you to please catch up on your tuition balance as soon as possible. As we prepare for Lent let us be mindful of God's goodness and blessing through the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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