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**Saint  
Maximilian Kolbe School**  
*A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*



**School News**  
**February 20, 2018**



*Keeping  
a Holy Lent*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for forty days,  
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel."

**MK 1:12-15**

### School Safety

In light of recent events in Florida, I want to assure you that we, at St. Max, make every effort to keep your child safe in school. It is our goal to provide a secure and welcoming environment for your children to learn. Below are some of the steps we take to accomplish this goal.

We are in frequent contact with the Westtown Police. Officer Mike Mieswich, our school officer, keeps us informed of the best safety practices for our building. Our hazard plan was devised in consultation with him. He has worked with teachers and staff on a regular basis to prepare us for difficult situations. He has trained teachers and staff in lockdown procedures and has supervised our lockdown drills. Officer Mike, along with Jack Crittenden, our parish maintenance supervisor, and I have conducted *safety walks* on the grounds and through the building to ensure that the building is secure and hazard free.

Our outside doors are kept locked at all times. Our main entrance has a camera and buzz entry security system. We have the benefit of exits at every level. Students always travel through the building supervised by a teacher or an aide. Visitors to the building are signed in and wear visitor badges for the duration of their visit.

I ask you to discern the effect the incident has had on your child; talk to him/her to help assuage any fears. Please make sure that your child understands the importance of the drills conducted in school as necessary precautions in today's world. We will always put your children's needs and safety first. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### Principal for the Day

On Thursday, February 15, Fifth grade student, Danielle Cook, was Principal for the Day. Danielle helped out with some of the regular tasks: making announcements, sorting through the principal's mail, and visiting classrooms. She also read the second graders persuasive letters. Danielle noted that the second graders made some good arguments for increasing recess time. Some other activities included being interviewed for WSMK news, enjoying lunch in the conference room with some friends and introducing the "Energized Guyz" who performed a play about energy. All in all, Ms. Cook has the makings of a good principal, should she decide that's the career path for her.

### Assembly for Energy

The National Theatre for Children in conjunction with PECO performed "The Energized Guyz" for students in grades one to five on Thursday, February 15. Students enjoyed this 2 person production that talked about ways to save energy.

### Basketball Championships

Congrats to ALL St. Max's Basketball teams for a great season. JV Boys and JV Girls are Region 17 Champs. The Boys Varsity lost in a squeaker to St. Frances Cabrini in the semi finals. The Girls Varsity will take on St. Alphonsus this Saturday for the Archdiocesan Championship. Go Cardinals!

MakeUp Days - Due to the Snow Day on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, we are now in the "makeup zone". In order to comply with the state law requiring 180 days of school, we will be making up last week's snow day on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, (Wednesday of Holy Week). This day was originally scheduled as a Faculty Meeting day. The school schedule for Holy Week will be:

- Monday, March 26 - Full School Day
- Tuesday, March 27 - Teachers Retreat at Daylesford Abbey. No school for students. This day was planned and paid for in July, 2017 and could not be rescheduled.
- Tuesday, March 27 - 7:00pm Living Stations - Seventh graders who have a part in this service MUST ATTEND.
- Wednesday, March 28 - Day of Prayer and Quiet for all students Dismissal at 11:30

