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



School News for Parents

February 13, 2018



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,
"If you wish, you can make me clean."

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said to him,

"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything,
but go, show yourself to the priest
and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;
that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.

He spread the report abroad
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.

He remained outside in deserted places,
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

MK 1:40-45

I think that Jesus was practicing reverse psychology. It worked!

Praying Lent

*"Lent summons us,
and enables us,
to come back to the Lord
wholeheartedly
and in every aspect of our life." Pope Francis*

The Pope's Message for Lent, 2018

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20171101_messaggio-quaresima2018.html

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

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

Re- Registration Roll Over

Thank you to the many families who have returned the RE- REGISTRATION form for the 18-19 school year. Our re- registration roll-over is quick and easy. If you haven’t sent in your signed form allowing Mrs. Barbella to roll over your account in SMART TUITION yet, do it soon!

Thanks for Talking the Good News of St. Max

Thanks to all who are spreading the good news of St. Max! Many of you are telling your friends and neighbors what a great school St. Max is and they are listening! Calls are coming in and we are conducting tours regularly.

An Added Role for Mrs. Frantz

Mrs. Pat Frantz is now the Coordinator of Marketing. She has taken on this additional role as the point person for our marketing endeavors. Mrs. Frantz works closely with Mrs. Malseed, the teachers, the office, and the Home & School to ensure consistency and follow through in branding, publicity and marketing. She also coordinates the steps necessary to provide new families with a positive experience from their initial visit/call through their registration.

GIVING

There is now a GIVING tab on the St. Max school website. Just click to make your donation to the Annual Fund. It’s fast and easy and 100% of your contribution goes to St. Max School.

Support the Annual Fund

Thank you to our parents, grandparents, alumni and parishioners for their contributions to the Annual Fund. Your donation counts! It provides a Faith-filled, Blue Ribbon education for our students.

MathCounts - Congratulations to Grace Della Porta, Natalie Gildea and Raphael Coronel who participated in the Chester County MATH COUNTS competition on Feb 3. They represented St. Max as one of 24 schools featuring over 170 of the BRIGHTEST MATH STUDENTS in Chester County. Way to go!

Science Fair

The Sixth and Seventh Grades participated in the 2018 St. Maximilian Kolbe Science Fair. Sixth grade students worked in groups and seventh graders worked individually on projects that asked a question, and they used the scientific method to answer the question. Each student/group presented their work to a team of judges. The winners are:

Best of Show - Natalie Gildea

Environmental Science

1st- Natalie Gildea

2nd - Katherine Thomson

3rd - Lola Flynn

Physical Science/Technology

1st - Shannon Cook

2nd - Ben Venditti

3rd - Ethan Menezes

Health

1st - Morgan Cara

2nd - Kendra Murray

3rd - Mary Kate Vink

Grade 6

1st - Isabella Reagosa, Rachel Kealey, Renee Jonsson

2nd - Miles Kemski, Ennis Udo, Joey Domizio

3rd - Spenser Principi, Sean Fichter

Basketball Region 17

Our teams are AWESOME! Both the Girls and Boys Varsity A & JV A Basketball teams won Region 17 Championships. The girls and boys Varsity Teams move on to Archdiocesan Playoffs this weekend.

Looking Ahead

Feb. 16 -No school for students - Teacher InService

Feb 19 - Presidents Day - No School

Feb. 23 - Designer Bag Bingo SOLD OUT!!!

March 1 - Muffins with Mrs. Malseed