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### **ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE START OF LENT**

Today is Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten Season. It is an opportunity for all of us to grow closer to God, particularly through prayer and service to others. At Mass this morning we received ashes as a sign of willingness to repent and to change our ways.

As part of our renewed commitment to those in need, we are sending Rice Bowls home with the children today. Catholic Relief Services will accept donations from the children at the end of Lent. The funds will be used to provide relief and services in nations around the world which have suffered from a variety of disasters.

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

Monday is Presidents' Day. Due to the vacation week beginning on February 26, WE WILL HOLD CLASSES ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

### **LISTENING SESSION**

Last month we held a session for parents outlined the "state of the school" and listening to concerns and suggestions from parents. The powerpoint from that session is now available in the Parents Resources section of our website. Feel free to read it and address any comments or questions to me at [mrdonohue@stjohnregional.org](mailto:mrdonohue@stjohnregional.org).

### **BEDTIME STORY HOUR**

The PTO, with help from Mrs. Mainusch and some of her students, are sponsoring a Bedtime Story Hour for students from Pre-kindergarten through the Second grade. This will take place from 6-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 8. See the attached flyer for details.

### **USED UNIFORM DONATIONS**

Uniforms, which your children have outgrown, may be donated in the office. There will be a Spring this year!!!! Any "summer" uniforms, which you can donate, will be appreciated. The PTO receives the benefit of these sales.

### **EXCELLENCE IS CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARDS**

The successes of our Catholic schools and their students would not be possible without the selfless support of our committed educators, administrators, clergy, and lay partners in the community. This year, we are holding our second annual Recognizing Excellence Awards Gala at the Grappone Center in Concord on Thursday, June 21, 2018. We hope you will consider joining us at this exciting event when we will officially honor our School Leader of the Year, Clergy Member of the Year, Community Partner of the Year and most especially our Teacher of the Year. Please read the attached award descriptions and use the links below to nominate someone you think deserves to receive this special recognition. The deadline to submit your nomination is March 16,

2018. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Catholic Schools Office at 663-0140. Thank you.

To nominate someone for an award, please use the following links by March 16, 2018. This information will also be available on our website under the Parents Resource tab.

## 2018 Spirit of Saint John Baptist de la Salle Award

For New Hampshire Catholic School Teacher of the Year

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAN-1jwXrtsLI-2U1cM6f9yaRDVE12NZauTBtNeDAqWNTktA/viewform>

## 2018 Spirit of Saint John Vianney Award

For clergy member supporting our schools

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5-yD0quyRGlC7I4E3y8LKsURgLxpviW\\_a3ua870gLAPfrGA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5-yD0quyRGlC7I4E3y8LKsURgLxpviW_a3ua870gLAPfrGA/viewform)

## 2018 Spirit of Saint Katharine Drexel Award

For Community Partner whose gift of time, talent and treasure enables Catholic education to thrive.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd\\_itGlx01b-m-05snsDq5dCdkedAbwTf3QIIRANJEISfCtzA/formResponse](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_itGlx01b-m-05snsDq5dCdkedAbwTf3QIIRANJEISfCtzA/formResponse)

## 2018 Spirit of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

For School Leader

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQh7tBCnCdd0qyefWxal44C2W\\_PxjUdJNnXyPSIsQy9p3geg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQh7tBCnCdd0qyefWxal44C2W_PxjUdJNnXyPSIsQy9p3geg/viewform)

### **BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS**

Concord Northeast Cal Ripken t-ball, baseball and softball is holding registration for teams. This will take place Thursday, February 22 at Arnie's Place from 5:30-7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 3 at Dick's Sporting goods from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 6 at Broken Ground School from 6 to 7 pm. Or Tuesday, March 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. children beginning at age 4 may join. We have flyers available outside our office or you may check <http://www.concordnortheast.com> for more specifics.



# Bedtime Story Hour at SJRS

**PREK-2<sup>nd</sup> graders**

(students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

**Thursday March 8, 2018**

**SJRS Cafeteria**

**6:00pm-7:00pm**

*Get your PJ's on, get your stuffed friend, and come have your bedtime stories read to you at school.*

*Stories, activities, and cookies baked for you by the SJRS Cookie Club!*

