



March 1, 2024

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Hello HRS families, and happy March! We hope you and your family are having a peaceful and fulfilling Lenten season. Thank you for sending in donations for Fr. Dunstan and his school in Kenya. They broke ground this week, starting on the kitchen foundation. He was able to pay for the foundation using donations he received from the HRS community before he left. Our students saw pictures of the groundbreaking today in class. Thank you for helping to make a difference.

The Second Trimester ends on March 8th. The last day to turn in late/missing work or make up tests is Thursday, March 7th. This is a crucial time for students to check their grades, and communicate with teachers. Don't forget to bring in egg cartons for a religion project.

Homeroom Updates:

Lenten Service Project and Free Dress Fridays:

During Lent, we strive to intentionally focus on serving others in need. As a school, we will do two things to focus on serving those in need during Lent.

First, we will take up a special collection on five Fridays during Lent to support Father Dunstan and his school in Kenya. You may remember Father Dunstan who was with us for a school Mass in January and who celebrated Christmas Masses with us. Father Dunstan has a school in Kenya and they are trying to build a kitchen in order to keep their food safe from pesky animals to feed their students. Our students will get to learn more about this in class. On these Fridays in Lent (2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, and 3/22) **students may come to school in free dress if they bring in a donation (minimum \$1)** to support this important need in Kenya. We strongly encourage students to **earn \$1** each week doing some act of service around their home. This way they will connect their own service to their almsgiving. Students may come in uniform on these days if they choose not to participate, and please no free dress passes these Fridays.

Second, we will continue our tradition of supporting a local men's shelter in Seattle, St. Martin de Porres. We will take up collections as follows (optional as well, but encourage participation if possible). We will deliver the donations from our school to St. Martins each of these Fridays.

Friday, March 8th:

Last Names A-L: Brown Bag Lunches (perishable OK)

Last Names M-Z: Travel toothbrushes/toothpaste

Fri. March 15th:

Last Names A-L: Men's socks

Last Names M-Z: Brown Bag Lunches (perishable OK)

Fri. March 22nd:

Last Names A-L: Men's deodorant (regular or travel sized) or Brown Bag Lunches (perishable OK)

Last Names M-Z: Men's deodorant (regular or travel sized) or Brown Bag Lunches (perishable OK)

Rice Bowls: Rice Bowls were sent home last week. Thank you in advance for making any contribution. Please note, do not put your family name on the rice bowl.

Egg Cartons: Students will be learning about the last supper soon, and we need empty egg cartons for a project. Our goal is two dozen, full-sized egg cartons. Send with your child ASAP. Thank you.

Curriculum Updates:

Math (Mrs. H):

Monday: *9.5 (Day 2) Slope Intercept Form

Tuesday: *9.6 Solving Systems of Eq. by Graphing

Wednesday: *9.7 Solving Systems of Eq. Algebraically

Thursday: *9.7 (Day 2)

Friday: *Review (Day 1)

Math (Mrs. C): We are halfway through Chapter 8, Functions and Inequalities. Next week students will learn how to write and solve for inequalities. We will start reviewing for the Chapter 8 test on Friday, 3/8.

Math (Mr. W): Hello HRS families. Next week we will continue chapter 7: Equations.

Monday: 7.5 Solve and Write Division Equations

Tuesday-Wednesday: Chapter Review

Thursday- Friday: Chapter Test

Have a great weekend!

ELA: I am looking forward to watching The Giver with students next week. Students will take part in a compare and contrast activity for the movie. We will use Monday and Friday as Memory Book work days. The **Memory Book is due March 12th**. Students should have already started interviewing at least 2 family members to find out what memory has shaped them to become the person they are today. This project is a homework assignment. Students should be working on their Memory Book each night to produce a quality project. Information for the Memory Book is in Google Classroom.

Students will need to start thinking about which book they will be reading for their next book report by Wednesday March 6. Our next book report will be due after Spring Break.

Social Studies: *The Second Trimester ends on March 8th. The last day to turn in late/missing work or make up tests is on Thursday, March 7th.

Next week students will take the Lesson 13 test on Tuesday March 5th. Next, we will move on and learn more about the Ancient Egyptian religion and gods. Students will be creating a google slideshow on the Egyptian gods. They will be choosing 10 of their favorite gods that we learned

about in class and then showcase them in a “TOP TEN” of Egyptian gods slideshow. We will also be doing a lesson of Hieroglyphs and students will be making creative name tags which will be displayed later in May during the Ancient Civilizations Wax Museum! This will be the end of our study of Ancient Egypt and will then move on to study about Ancient Greece this month.

Science: Students will mix combinations of solid materials (calcium chloride, baking soda, and citric acid) with water to observe changes that occur in a chemical reaction. Students will produce chemical reactions in zip-lock bags to observe the gas more critically. They also will identify the formation of precipitate that occurs in some chemical reactions. Students will take a test on mixtures and solutions based on their experiments and notes they have taken in class, Tuesday, March 12th.

Religion: We are now in the 3rd week of Lent. Students will wrap up the Ten Commandments lesson. We will continue to talk about Lent, Jesus' Passion, and will focus our study on the Last Supper story.

Note: Please send empty egg cartons with your child if you have any at home. Thank you!

Calendar Updates:

- Mar 8th - Noon Dismissal, Teacher-In-Service
- Mar 20th - Parens Club Meeting
- Mar 22nd - Report Cards
- Mar 29th - Noon Dismissal
- Apr 1st-5th - Spring Break
- April 25-26 - 6th Grade Camp

Have a wonderful weekend!

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