

ST. MARK



SHARE FAITH, OFFER PRAYER, GATHER HOPE...
CATHOLIC JUNIOR HIGH

March 1st, 2022

To Parents/Caregivers of our Students,

As we start March on this exciting Shrove Tuesday/Carnival/Mardi Gras, we all get to overindulge as we prepare for the start of lent tomorrow. This morning, thanks to our School Advisory Council (SAC), each of our students were treated to an individually packaged pancake breakfast from McDonalds. What a great way to lead our school into Lent. We are blessed to have Father Andrew joining us for our Ash Wednesday celebration tomorrow. This will start our Lenten journey towards the most important day of the year: Easter Sunday. We truly wish your family and loved ones a wonderful start to lent.

Our students continue to impress us as we watch them follow the COVID rules and procedures laid out by Alberta Health Services and Edmonton Catholic Schools. **Their leadership has and will continue to keep us safe!** The students and staffs' diligence to keep everyone safe has allowed us to start to offer more opportunities for our students. Our basketball team is practicing more regularly including morning sessions. Some of our classes are going on field trips to further enhance their learning experiences. Our wonderful Soul Singers are preparing to share their talents at our next celebration, and, we are hoping, they can join our concert band in an end-of-the-year outdoor concert for our community. Finally, our student leadership group is planning our Carnival for a cause after spring break, which is always so much fun. This is an exciting time for St. Mark as we start to participate in more and more of the fun activities that has always made our school and community a special place to be.

Thank you again to our SAC for their fundraising efforts that will enable us to upgrade more of our computers and chromebooks by the end of the year. Properly using technology to learn has become crucial for our students to have success and we are blessed to have your support. The SAC has also invested in a new sound system and projector that will enable clearer and more engaging school celebrations. Not to be forgotten, but the team soccer balls purchased will make sure our soccer team is ready to defend our last city championship before COVID. Next year will be the year of the St. Mark Lions!

The season of Lent starts tomorrow and as we start to reflect on our Lord Saviour's preparation for his ultimate sacrifice for all of us, please join me in remembering that Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Sincerely,

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