Dear STA Parents,

We are gearing up for next week, one of our favorite weeks of the year… Catholic Schools Week! Please see the attachment that details all of our exciting plans for next week, including a celebration of Chinese New Year, fun dress days and special activities.

St. Baldrick's: St. Baldrick's is an event that is near and dear to the STA heart. Joey Chamness, Jack Klein and other neighborhood friends have battled childhood cancer and taught our kids and families so much about courage, perseverance and love. In their honor, we hold this head-shaving event to raise money for childhood cancer research. Please consider becoming a shavee, raising money or pledging funds to this worthwhile cause. Students who participate must have parent permission. Sign up today: www.stbaldricks.org/events/STA2017

ISTEP: Reminder that students in grades 3-8 will be participating in the ISTEP test February 27 – March 10. It is essential that students be at school, arrive on time and have had a good night's sleep each day! Please do NOT schedule appointments during school hours during this time.

Mindset Moment: Teachers are striving to offer each child challenging material in class. "[Carol] Dweck often emphasizes the value of challenging learning tasks. Writing in the *Education Leadership* journal, she said, "It is crucial that no student be able to coast to success time after time; this experience can create the fixed-mindset belief that you are smart only if you can succeed without effort." Challenge is at the crux of the growth mindset; without it, students don't get the opportunities to take risks, learn to fail, and figure out how to pick themselves up again. This "sense of progress" as Dweck calls it, is central to developing growth mindsets." (The Growth Mindset Coach, Brock and Hundley)

Attachments: Yearbook Order Forms; Catholic Schools Week

Next week: Wednesday, 2/1 7:45am Parent Prayer Group in the Bethany Room; 8:05am Mass; **FOOD PANTRY;** Thursday, 2/2 1:30pm Variety Show; Friday, 2/3 2:00pm 8th Grade vs. Faculty / Staff Volleyball Game.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Swinefurth

SCHOOL SCOOPS
January 27, 2017

"This is how it is with the Kingdom of God, it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise, night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how." – Mark 4:26-27

HONOR ROLL – Quarter 2

The Honor Roll is a special recognition for academic achievement. It is based on GPA, which is calculated by averaging each grade received in the core subjects along with a combined average grade

of the special area subjects. (All specials are averaged into one grade. Then all core subjects plus the overall special grades are averaged together.) Honor Roll recognition begins in 6th grade.

Class Honors – Perfect 4.0

8th Grade: Kate Crist
7th Grade: Maggie Gonzalez

High Honors – Minimum 3.5

8th Grade: Madalynn Cannon, Nick Foster, Freddie Garver, Kyle Haslett, Paige Longenecker, David Martinez, Eben Oakes, Sam Pyrz
7th Grade: Miles Barth, Carmen Caughlan, Arianna Chavis, Julia Dugan, Henry Gebke, Sully Meyer, Rowan O'Connor, George Smith, Mayan Stickel, Maggie Timpe
6th Grade: Dearbhla Delaney, Hank Fleetwood, Kyle Foster, Michael Garver, Mateo Giordanelli, Sam Grogan, Jackson Herrera, Lizzie Koschnick, Maisie McMahon, Olivia Mulhern, Lilly Noel, Lucy Pyrz, Jackson Sochacki, Hank Salzmann, Sadie Sheetz, Sophia Tipmore

Honors – Minimum 3.0

8th Grade: Michaela Cotton Anderson, John Chandler, Quinn Fitzgerald, Alex Hutton, Tavin Kocsis, Darren Richardson, Elia Soria, Devyn Williams
7th Grade: Bella Burgess, Ethan Etzler, Grace Gerdenich, Cameron Stevenson, Kevin Wells
6th Grade: Colin Chandler, Leah Chinn, Isabella Foley, Anna Imel, Anna Jennings, Nya Malott, Ocean Saunders

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONFERENCE XII

"The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me: Act Justly, Love Goodness, and Walk Humbly with Your God!"– is the theme of the National Black Catholic Congress XII. The Black Catholic Congress planning and reflection for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis delegation will be on Saturday, February 11th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Intercultural Pastoral Institute located at 4838 Fletcher Ave. Please join the Archdiocese of Indianapolis' Black Catholic Ministry on Saturday, February 11th as we pray for the Church, especially the African and African American community. A freewill donation will be asked. RSVP 317-236-1474 or pspringer@archindy.org.

"THE RACIAL DIVIDE IN OUR COUNTRY AND CHURCH"

His Excellency the Most Revered Edward K. Braxton, PH.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Belleville, Illinois will speak at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, **Saturday, February 18th at 8:00 p.m**. on the above topic. Come for an evening of thoughtfulness, openness, questioning and healing with one of America's most sought after speakers on this timely topic. Join community leaders in exploring our past and present and steps to justice, reconciliation and harmony in this presentation. The Bishop will also preside over **10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on Sunday, February 19th** and take part in a forum at Marian University at 2:30 p.m. All events are open to the public.

WONDERING WHERE THE FLAG IS??

Earlier this month the flag was hanging by one grommet. We took it down and asked the men from the

Aquinas Club to take a look at what needed to be done to make the flag pole usable. Murph Mahaffey and Stephen Foster are on it. Thanks to them the flag should be flying again soon.

HERE IS THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER YOUR 2016-2017 YEARBOOK!

Yearbook orders can be made on-line again this year or you can phone in your order. Go to YearbookOrderCenter.com. Our school pass code is 8307. The number for phone orders is 866-287-3096. Use the same school code – 8307.

You have the option of ordering a laminated soft-bound book ($15) or a hard copy book ($20).

Attention Parents of Eighth Graders:

Want to recognize your graduate in a special way? Go on-line and purchase an ad celebrating their accomplishments.

SPRING ASSESSMENT TESTS

The dates for ISTEP+ Part 1 are from Monday, February 27th through Friday, March 10th. IREAD-3 will be administered the week of March 13th through 17th. If your students are in grades 3 – 8, please avoid making doctor and dental appointments during those times. Thank you.

SAY'S FIREFLY FOR INDIANA STATE INSECT

Did you know that Indiana is one of only 3 states that does not have a state insect? The Earth Council in Grades 1 – 4 is supporting efforts to have the Say's Firefly named as the state insect. They learned some facts about fireflies and made a glow-in-the-dark firefly out of beads. Then they wrote a letter to six of our state legislators asking them to vote "Yes" on the bill now in the Indiana General Assembly and gave a firefly to each legislator. You can find out more about the Say's Firefly for State Insect at https://www.facebook.com/firefly2016/.

EMPTY BOWLS OATMEAL BREAKFAST: RAISING FUNDS FOR THE UMOJA PROJECT

Religious Education students will be serving oatmeal after 10:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, February 5th to raise money for the Umoja Project in Kenya. Suggested donation for a bowl of oatmeal plus a beverage is $5 per person. Students will also be selling hand painted ceramic bowls for a suggested donation of $25. Please plan to join us to learn more about the project and enjoy time together.

BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

We are proud of these STA grads and their achievements in high school.

Principal's Honor Roll: **Emma Washington**

First Honor Roll: **Nora Barth, Ryan Burns, Kacee Haslett**, **Ameliah Kolp, Noa Odell, Caroline Richardson, Grace Timpe**

Second Honor Roll: **Miriam Chowdry, Jack Diedrich, George Forsee, Sasha Heslin, Lauren Neely, Miranda Stickel, Reilly Thomas**

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Calling all 8th Graders! It's not too late to shadow. Schedule your Cathedral shadow visit at www.gocathedral.com/shadow. We can't wait to see you!

If you didn't have time to apply for enrollment at Cathedral High School before Christmas break, do not despair. Contact admissions at www.gocathedral.com/admissions.

7th and 8th Graders: come join Cathedral's Pep Band at a Boys' Basketball game, January 28th. Contact Kathy McCullough for more information, kmccullough@gocathedral.com.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend with Cathedral's annual Trivia Night March 11th at the Ritz Charles! Trivia, games, prizes, surprise VIP guests, live band, and more! Wine and beer will be provided. Bring your own unique food or appetizers to share, rally a team of 10 together, and decorate your team's table for St. Patrick's Day fun! Register at www.gocathedral.com/trivia.

Cathedral High School's Summer Camps are open for registration at campcathedral.com. Camp Cathedral runs from June 5-July 28 and includes half-day single camps and all-day combo camps. Before and after care is available! Families can choose from over 35 sports camps and nearly 60 enrichment camps. Camps are age specific with offerings for Kindergartners through 12th graders! Make new friends and new memories! But hurry, as popular camps fill up quickly. Find more information and sign up at campcathedral.com.