

**MR. KELLY'S FRIDAY NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 17, 2023**



Dear QCA Families:

We've made it to another milestone in the school calendar... February vacation is a welcome break for students and teachers alike, as we prepare for the March Marathon. This past Wednesday, the Catholic Church celebrated Ash Wednesday, which officially begins what is arguably the most important season of the year for Catholic Christians. In her wisdom, the Church offers us an annual opportunity to step back, to look inward and to reflect deeply on the presence of God in our lives. This experience, should we choose to embrace it, is called Lent.

Above all, Lent is a journey...40 days in which we are challenged to consciously rejuvenate our spiritual walk with God and rekindle our relationship with Jesus through prayer and fasting. It is a chance to check in with ourselves and examine the choices we are making on a daily basis. Lent is often associated with the notion of sacrifice, forgiveness and delayed gratification. It all sounds so old fashioned in this world of immediacy and instant satisfaction, doesn't it? Truly, our culture practically mocks at such ideals, making living an authentic Christian a social and moral paradox.

And yet, as Christians, we recognize in our hearts the benefits and gifts of such virtues as sacrifice, forgiveness and selflessness. The genuine intent of the Lenten season is to help us to be better prepared to comprehend and marvel at the miracle of the resurrection on Easter Sunday when we can once again proclaim with Christian enthusiasm, "Alleluia, Jesus is risen". Because of the death and resurrection, we can claim with unwavering belief that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life, and that, we believe, makes all the difference. I pray we all make the fruitful decisions to make the most of this blessed opportunity to ourselves and our families.

I hope everyone has a terrific and relaxing vacation. Be safe and have fun!!

God bless,
Mr. Kelly

Today we celebrated Lunar New Year in grand style with some amazing student talent, Happy New Year sing-a-longs and a Dragon Dance parade. So many of our students were decked out in beautiful, authentic cultural attire. It was a true celebration. Thank you to all who participated and helped create the QCA magic once again!
Happy Lunar New Year!

Looking Ahead:

Monday, February 26	Return to School
Friday, March 3	11:30 Early Dismissal for Students/Faculty Meeting
Monday, March 4	“Read Across America” Day
Wednesday, March 6	12:00 ~ Student Preview Performance of “Cinderella”
Thurs/Friday, March 7 and 8	~ Spring Musical Performance: “CINDERELLA”
Friday, March 8	7:00 pm ~ Tickets only \$10.00 for adults/\$5.00 for students End of Term Two
Tuesday, March 12	Start of the Annual Scholastic BOOK FAIR
Friday, March 15	Feast of Saint Joseph/Saint Patrick Liturgy – 1:00 at church

Attachments:

- March 2024 Calendar