

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, April 1

Tuesday, April 2

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Wednesday, April 3

Wednesday, April 3

April 4, 5, 8, 9, 11

Friday, April 5

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

Wednesday, April 10

Friday, April 12

Friday, April 12

Monday, April 15

Monday, April 15

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Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday, April 16

Wednesday, April 17

Wednesday, April 17

Thursday, April 18

Friday, April 19

Monday, April 22

Wednesday, April 24

Thursday, April 25

Thursday, April 25

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

Monday, April 29

Monday, April 29

Tues. April 30 & Wed. May 1

First Day for Shorts-Capris/Last Day for Boots

End of 3rd Quarter

Spring Pictures-Snowflake Photography

Scholar's Mass 9:00am

Hoagie Pick Up

ACT Testing-Grades 3-6

Spring Pictures-Snowflake Photography

Report Cards

Annual Gala-Roaring 20s

Scholar's Mass 9:00am with Bishop Malesic & Visit

Easter Candy Pick-up AFTERSCHOOL 2:30-3:30pm

Stations of the Cross 1:45pm C.P. of P

Easter Candy Pick-up

4yr PS & K Field Trip

Private Lessons Recital 6:30pm

Hoagie Orders Due

PTG Mtg. 6:30pm

½ Day of School-Dismissal 12:00

Scholar's Mass-9:00am

No School-Holy Thursday

No School-Good Friday

IN SESSION-SNOW MAKE-UP DAY

Scholar's Mass 9:00am

4th & 5th Grade YMCA Swim Class

Drama Club Presents "We Are Monsters"-AJSHS-6:30pm

Dress Down Day

Free Breakfast-9:00-11:00am

Spring Concert-St. Mary Parish Hall Kittanning

Book Fair Preview

Book Fair

Dear Parents

I am excited to announce that one of our teams in the recent **Knex STEM Challenge Competition** won **FIRST PLACE**. The team members 3rd grade: Bodie Karns, Lily Guthrie, 4th Grade: Dustin Raybuck & 5th Grade: Nadia Lukehart, won with a project that uses used vegetable oil from fast food restaurants to power vehicles. Our DRS teams were made up of 18 students.

There were 8 school districts and 46 teams involved in the competition.

I want to Thank and Congratulate our Teacher Leaders of STEM Club-Mrs. Danielle Kephart and Mrs. Jane Hulings, as well as, all of our STEM Club students for their extra efforts and dedication!

Due to our snow/weather cancelations, as of March 1st the following dates are now school days:

Monday, April 22nd is now a **full day** of school.

June 3rd-June 5th are now **full days** of school.

June 6th is now our last day of school with a **12:00 dismissal**.

June 7th is now an Act 80 Day for Teachers Only.

The following is a list of Graduations:

4 yr Preschool Graduation will be held on **Monday, June 3rd-St. Mary Parish Hall-6:00pm**

Kindergarten Graduation will be held on **Tuesday, June 4th-9:30am**

6th Grade Graduation **Mass-9:00/Luncheon-following** -will be held on **Wed., June 5th**.



The delivery date for Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy orders will be **AFTER SCHOOL on Friday, April 12th 2:30-3:30 or all day on Monday, April 15th**. Any orders not picked up by Monday will be sent home Tuesday with your child. Please contact the school office if you would like your order to go home with your child on Friday or Monday.

Divine Redeemer School would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to Allegheny Realty Co. for advertising our Open House & Gala on their sign.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

SPRING PICTURES-SNOWFLAKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Snowflake Photography will be back again this year for our Spring Pictures on Tuesday, April 2nd & Friday April 5th. **Students may dress up in appropriate clothes for their pictures.** Schedule is enclosed.

ACT ASSESSMENT TESTING

Our annual ACT Assessment Testing for grades 3-6 will be on April 4, 5, 8, 9, 11. Testing is in the areas of Reading, English, Writing, Math, and Science.

BISHOP MALESIC'S VISIT

Please join us for Mass as the Bishop will be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist for our School Mass at 9:00am on Wed., April 10th. The Bishop will then be visiting with our students and eating lunch here at DRS.

GALA

Divine Redeemer School's Annual Gala-Roaring 20s-Saturday, April 6, 2019-6:00pm-Renshaw Family Farms-314 Ford City Rd.-Freeport,PA . For reservations and information, call the school office 724-763-3761.

SPRING CONCERT

Our Spring Concert will be held on Monday, April 29th at St. Mary Parish Hall in Kittanning. Students are to arrive by 6:00pm, the concert begins at 6:30. **The dress code is enclosed.**

BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Book Fair is scheduled for April 30th & May 1st. April 29th will be a preview day. This one is set up to be a buy one get one free/fair, so the kids get the perks with this one (they receive a free book of equal or lesser value for each one purchased).

REMINDERS

REGISTRATION REMINDER

Thanks to all parents who have enrolled their children for the 2019-2010 school year.

If you haven't, please return your registration packet as soon as possible. Please make any changes to update the information we have listed. **Your child(ren) is not enrolled until this packet is returned.**

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

We are still awaiting approval from the state before we can move forward with the price change for free and reduced breakfast and lunch. As soon as we are approved, we will notify our current families already receiving this benefit.

FREE & REDUCED BREAKFAST & LUNCH FORMS

All families who are receiving Free or Reduced prices now must complete the Free & Reduced forms to remain qualified.

All families are welcome to check if they qualify by completing the forms.

Please return these forms as soon as possible. If you are in need of another form, please contact the office. 724-763-3761

Breakfast: \$1.00/ Lunch: \$3.00(full pay), \$1.50(reduced pay)

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Daylight Savings Time and Spring are upon us! Before you know it, the school year will end. Now is the time to settle in to great reading habits to carry over into summer.

Be sure to read 20 minutes each day. Sometimes, just as your child is climbing into bed, those 20 minutes end up being a favorite, peaceful time of day.

Your child might want to hear the same story many times. That's actually a great thing! The child may memorize some of the phrases and that can help them read those phrases later on.

Switch things up and let Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpap, Auntie or Uncle choose a story to read for a few minutes. Poetry (nursery rhymes for the little ones) and nonfiction on a favorite subject are great choices.

Most importantly: HAVE FUN with reading! Make your voice high and squeaky for a mouse or deep and booming for a giant. Switch out a character's name for your child's name. And remember, your child loves reading with you even if you aren't an expert reader!

**FYI-----ST. MARY CHURCH, KITTANNING, IS HAVING A
CASH BASH-----VENDOR & CRAFTER SHOW
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019—6:00-9:00PM
ST. MARY PARISH HALL-KITTANNING
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE DRS OFFICE.
\$20.00/TICKET**

God Bless,

Thomas Dinga
Principal

DRS...Since 1891,

"Where You Can Grow Mind and Soul...and Find Your Place"