



*St. Francis de Sales –
St. Stephen School*

Family Memo – Friday, March 1, 2019

*You can motivate by fear, and you can motivate by reward, but both those methods
are temporary. The only lasting thing is self-motivation.*

~ Homer Rice

Dear Parents,

*Dr. Anthony Cook, Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of
Rochester, has asked that I share the following message with you. We encourage
you to contact your legislators concerning this important issue.*

Thank you,

Mrs. Mary C. Mantelli

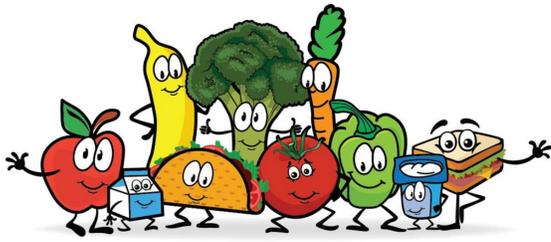
**Help stop public school districts' control
over Catholic schools**

In response to concerns that have been raised over the education provided at a small number of Jewish schools, the NYS Education Department is enforcing oversight of all nonpublic schools – including Catholic schools that meet and exceed the state's academic standards. Catholic schools can easily demonstrate their academic success, are independently accredited, and are approved to operate by the Board of Regents. However, this new process will unfairly require local public-school districts, who are competitors with our schools, to review our schools and then require local public-school boards to vote on whether a Catholic school in their area can continue to operate (except in NYC where the public-school district Chancellor will make the determination). Please urge your legislators to reject this plan and to support existing methods for the state to approve the operation of Catholic schools, which have provided superior educational opportunities for New York families for generations.

Type this URL into your browser and send your message:

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*Please complete the one question survey on the reverse of this paper,
detach it, and return it to school inside your family envelope Monday!*



Next Week's Lunch Entrée Items (3/4 – 3/8)

- Monday – Mac & Cheese
- Tuesday – Chicken or Cheese Quesadilla
- Wednesday – Grilled Cheese and/or Tomato Soup
- Thursday – Grilled Chicken Tenders w/ veggies & dipping sauce
- Friday – Pizza (pepperoni or white garlic)

March Calendar

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| Mon. 3/4 | - One-hour early dismissal per GCSD |
| Wed. 3/6 | - Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30 a.m. – Grade 5 will prepare the Mass |
| Fri. 3/15 | - GCSD Superintendent's Conference Day – No School for Students. |
| Sat. 3/16 | - Boys & Buddies Bowling |
| Sun. 3/17 | - St. Patrick's Day – Happy Birthday Fr. Mull! |
| Mon. 3/18 | - St. Patrick's Day celebrations in classrooms |
| Tues. 3/19 | - St. Joseph's Day |
| Sun. 3/24 | - St. Joseph's Day Dinner at Club 86 to benefit our lunch program |
| Mon. 3/25 | - Mock Trial – grades 7 & 8 |
| 4/2-4/4 | - NYS ELA Testing Grades 3-8 |



Don't forget to sell your Cash Raffle tickets! Students of the top five ticket sellers will earn a limo lunch!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU TOMORROW EVENING AT OUR ANNUAL MARDI GRAS AND AUCTION!



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