

Cougar Tracks

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

EDITION 22—FEBRUARY 15, 2017

IMPORTANT LETTER



Included in this week's Express is an important letter pertaining to registration from Dr. Zeches. Please be sure to read it thoroughly.



Preparing our students spiritually, academically & socially to take personal responsibility for a lifetime of faith, learning, leadership & service.

SPECIAL DRESS DAYS

- The Primary Department has a special dress day this Friday. Please see the department newsletter for more information.
- On Wednesday, February 22, all students may wear Rodeo attire, tops and bottoms (this also happens to be dress rehearsal day for Jr. High students). Additionally, only Advanced Intermediate students may wear U of A clothing in support of their special guest. For both Rodeo and U of A, if any clothing item is deemed inappropriate or not in theme with the day by school staff, the student will be asked to change. This means jeans are okay for Mass. If a student is not dressed in the special dress, s/he must be in regular dress code. [If JH students are using their Mass shirts for a costume, a green or white St. Cyril polo shirt is okay.]

Calendar Reminders:

Thursday, Feb. 16	First Day of track practice
Friday, Feb. 17	Term 2 Ends
Monday, Feb. 20	Lunch Orders Due
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Half Day (12:15 p.m.); No After School; Report Cards sent home (rodeo wear)
Thur.-Fri., Feb. 23-24	No School (Rodeo Break)
Tuesday, Feb. 28	Jr. High Show (6:30 p.m.)

NEW REGISTRATION DATES/PROCESS

The window for online registration will be open March 1 through March 9. Families will receive an email with instructions on how to complete the online registration prior to March 1st. As a result of the parent survey, we are starting a new PALS registration procedure that will ideally simplify and expedite the process. It will be in May, tentatively during the Ice Cream Social.

WEDNESDAY-TO-WEDNESDAY

The next two Wednesdays are unique!

- February 22—half day (12:15 p.m. dismissal); No After School available. Please be prompt in picking up your child at 12:15 p.m. Reports cards will also be emailed home!
- March 1—Ash Wednesday Mass: plan on different seating for some students and a prolonged Mass service.



Fruit of the Month:
(Fruit of the Spirit)
February: goodness



Word of the Week
persecute

This week's Good News...[Jesus said,] "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."
Matthew 5:43-44

Prayer of the Week

Dear God, it can be so easy to get upset and wrapped up in gossip that I hear. I assume that's it true based on really nothing more than hear-say which usually ends in being incorrect. Please help me to recognize these situations and stop and think: do I know for fact that what this person repeated to me is the truth? Did I experience it myself or am I just taking his/her interpretation as absolute truth? Is it helpful to repeat it to someone else? If I am concerned about what I hear, am I able to go and speak with the original participant directly and find the truth for myself? Answering these questions and seeking the truth will help me not accidentally direct my misplaced frustration towards others. Please help bless me with this patience and perspective. Amen



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Sportsmanship is contagious. Let's have an epidemic!



Track season is here; fourth through eighth grade athletes are eligible to participate. Practice begins tomorrow, Thursday, February 16, and will usually run Monday thru Thursday (no practice 2/22). Be sure to get your sports packet turned in to the front office; this includes school and diocesan permission forms, uniform order form with payment, sports fee (\$80), and an up-to-date physical! Questions? Speak with Mr. Schwab.

Are you able to help??? We need a parent volunteer(s) to run the long jump pit at the Salpointe track meets. No prior experience or knowledge needed—you will be fully trained to be awesome. All we need is a willing heart!

Track Meets: March 4, March 18, March 25, April 1-2, April 8. See the sports calendar on the school website for more information.

**LUNCH ORDERS DUE (NEW DATE!)—
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH**

THE EVENT'S GIFT BASKETS

Each homeroom is assigned a theme basket that we ask the homeroom's parents to donate towards. This year's themes are:

Kindergarten will have two baskets and share the collection of items

- Science basket
- Dress-up basket

Primary

- #8 Movie Night basket
- #9 Girl's Lego basket
- #10 Boy's Lego basket

Intermediate

- #11 Art & Music basket
- #13 Kids-in-the-Kitchen/Kitchen Everything basket
- #14 Emojis & Bacon basket

Advanced Intermediate

- #1 U of A basket
- #12 Family Game Basket & Outdoor Sports basket
- #18 Converse and Locker gear
- #17 Reading Treasure Chest basket

Jr. High

- #20 Salpointe basket
- #21 iBasket (Apple)
- #22 Pool or Summer Fun basket
- #23 Camping basket



Please Pray For

- Mr. Brian Crowley (a school father and alum) and his family, for the loss of his father uncle, who has been battling cancer.
- Mrs. Crandall and her family for the loss of her father, Leonard Branstetter

Thanks for the Tasty Treats:

Horn Family
Constatine—Valencia Family