



## Dates to Remember

**Feb 7:** Casual Day

**Feb 8:** Olympics begin – wear red, white, or blue uniform shirt

**Feb 13:** Spirit Day – 5/6 Boys' BB game @SPPS - 6<sup>th</sup> grade night

**Feb 13:** Valentine's Day Parties

**Feb 14:** Ash Wednesday – LENT begins – Mass @8:30 am

**Feb 16:** Early dismissal @11:30

**Feb 19:** NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day

**Feb 20:** GPD \$1 Casual Day

**Feb 21:** Spring Pictures  
February Birthday Day

**Feb 28:** Spirit Day – 5/6 Girls' VB game @NCES - 6<sup>th</sup> grade night



The Lenten season, an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus Christ through prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, is just around the corner. We begin our Lenten journey on **Wednesday, February 14**, by receiving ashes

on our forehead at Mass to remind us of our own mortality and the need for repentance. During the 40 days of Lent each of us will be working on ways to make room for God and become more like Him.

Each Friday @2:25 PM, we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus as we pray the Stations of the Cross at church.

On Friday, March 2, Mrs. Lake's 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade will present **Living Stations**, an opportunity for you to "be in the moment" of Jesus' journey to Calvary. Everyone is invited to attend one of the presentations; a school presentation at 2:15 pm or at 5:15 pm (at school) followed by Mass at SSPP church and a Fish Fry at the KC Hall in Nauvoo.



Soldiers put a heavy cross on Jesus' shoulders.

**SPPS will have a regular school day on Monday, February 5 (Nauvoo & Warsaw do not have school). The SPPS bus will run its regular route that day, but there won't be any Nauvoo buses running. Nauvoo bus riders need to let us know about your alternate arrangements.**

**Winter Breakfasts**, sponsored by the God's Portion Day Committee, will continue in February. Each grade level will be asked to help on the following weeks:  
**Feb 11** (PK/K families)  
**Feb 18** (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> families)  
**Feb 25** (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> families)

## Acts of Random Kindness

Students are encouraged to BE LEADERS FOR CHRIST every day - a leader is someone who does the right thing even when no one is looking – and we like to recognize those students with a weekly "ARK" drawing. Congratulations to our January recipients: **MaryKate Bendlage, Noelle Juhasz, and Harper Huston**. They will be honored with an ARK t-shirt at Mass on Friday, February 2.

To support the USA as the 2018 Winter Olympics begin, please wear a **red**, **white**, or **blue** uniform shirt on Thursday, February 8.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

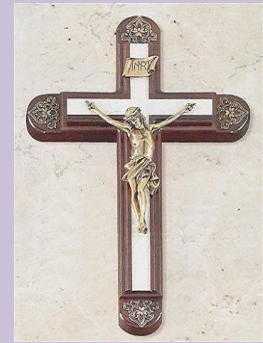
14 – Ian Carroll  
 Aubrey Huston  
 17 – Josh Walker  
 21 – Alex Pilkington

Mrs. Haas, Mrs. Hughes,  
 Mrs. Parrish, Mrs. Gray, &  
 Ms. Mary

**SPRING PICTURES** will be taken Wednesday, February 21 @8:30 AM. Students may wear appropriate non-dress code for their picture.

**DRESS CODE REMINDERS**

- ❖ SPPS uniform shirts are to be worn with jeans, slacks, dress pants, or skirts (leggings are NOT allowed)
- ❖ SPPS uniform shirts must be tucked in
- ❖ Tennis shoes must be worn for PE and playtime in the gym (no light-up shoes)
- ❖ Fridays/days we attend Mass
  - No jeans should be worn
  - Students should wear shirts WITHOUT writing or "characters" (unless it is SPPS uniform shirt)



*With the help of God's  
 grace,  
 we form the mind,  
 body, and spirit  
 of each child  
 within our school  
 family;  
 we form children  
 to be  
 Leaders for Christ.*

**SKATETIME:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be roller skating for PE beginning February 27. Permission forms are in this envelope.

We will honor our 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball players during the Feb 13<sup>th</sup> game and our 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' volleyball players during the Feb 20<sup>th</sup> game. Thank you Josh Walker, Julia Langford, and Clair Powelson for a great season! Good Luck!!

Midterm of the third quarter is just around the corner! **Progress reports will be sent home February 9.** Please continue to encourage your child to do their best, and if you have questions or concerns, please contact their teacher. Third quarter ends March 9, so there's still plenty of time to make improvements!

Winter is here and we continue to have recess outside as much as the weather and temperature will allow. Please make sure your child(ren) have a warm coat, hat and gloves; we do have some extra hats and gloves available for students to borrow if needed.

**SPPS follows the Nauvoo Public Schools regarding the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.** Be sure to listen to the local television and radio stations for information regarding school closings; you will also receive a message on our Remind system.

**VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES:  
Tuesday February 13**

**Preschool at 10:45 a.m.** with the help of Hannah Huff & Craig Metternich.

**K – 6th grade at 2:00 p.m.** with the help of

- Nicole Wheatley, Gaby Berry, & Autumn Schweizer (Kindergarten)
- Jocelyn Priebe, Kelly Feikert, & Kim Logan (1st/2nd)
- Shannon VanFleet & Sasha Rea (3rd/4th)
- Melissa Parker (5th/6th)

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Living Stations:** Friday, March 2

**St. Pat's Family Fun Night:** Saturday, March 17

**Ooey Gooey Fun Night:** Friday, April 13

**Fine Arts Night:** Friday, May 4

**GPD Auction:** Sunday, June 3

**Camp Ondessonk:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will learn about Camp Ondessonk a summer camp which allows students valuable outdoor experiences in a Catholic setting. You can visit the website for more information or pamphlets will be in the front entry. ([www.ondessonk.com](http://www.ondessonk.com))

**Chili Cookoff**

Chilly weather makes for some good chili soup! The God's Portion Day annual Chili Cookoff will be on **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 5:00-7:30 pm. **We are currently seeking teams to enter - get your business, a few co-workers, some family members, or just yourself to make a mean batch of chili.** Please call the school (453-2511) to register. There is no entry fee; all you need to do is come up with a theme and make your world famous chili. Don't want to make chili but enjoy eating it? Then please come and enjoy some of the best chili you will ever taste – your vote can even help determine the winner! Chili is for sale that evening along with a small concession stand with drinks, hot dogs, and more. Come join the fun...it's bound to be a rootin' tootin' good time!!!

Included in today's envelope is a note for you to let us know about plans for your child(ren) for next fall. This helps us to plan for next year by knowing class sizes and the number of teachers needed. Also, if you know of a family interested in SPPS, give us their contact information and we will follow up with them. Please complete this paper and send it back to school as soon as you can.

**PARKING LOT SAFETY**

- It is **ILLEGAL** for a driver to talk on a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle in a **school zone**, which includes the SPPS school parking lot and driveway.
- There is no parking on the blacktop/circle drive during the school day. The Circle drive is for dropping off/picking up only.
- If you need to come in, please park in the lot below the Circle drive.
- At dismissal, the first car needs to pull up to the basketball hoop so we can dismiss 3 cars at a time – this will speed things up.

**Habit 6: Synergize  
(Together Is Better)**

**I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different than me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone. I am humble.**