

*“Lord hear
our
prayer”*



Holy Cross  Academy

Excited to Share ECEC News for March 4, 2024

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

It was wonderful to see everyone in the building last week during parent teacher conferences. The teachers enjoy sharing highlights of your child's development. We know this is only a small snapshot of all the things your child can do. I am providing resources from the CDC. There is an app that you can use to help track different developmental skills and get related information. It is free.

We encourage families to use CDC's [milestone checklists](#) or [Milestone Moments booklet](#) at home to monitor their children's development

Helping parents to act on developmental concerns by encouraging them to talk with their child's healthcare provider and call their state's early intervention program. Support them by sharing CDC's [How to Get Help for Your Child](#) tip sheet.

Promote CDC's FREE [Milestone Tracker](#) app

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Each classroom is counting down the days of Lent. They are reading stories about Jesus journey, fasting and giving alms.

We have created a shortened version of the Stations of the Cross. We also have a Lenten tree in church, on which we hang a small symbol each day to reflect on one church symbol, versus or action.

Ms. Duggan will be sharing new works in the Atrium including the last supper, crucifixion, the tomb and resurrection. Please participate in weekly Mass with your family and take advantage of the Lenten activities at your church.



4TH GRADE FRIENDS AND THE HUMAN BODY ACTIVITIES

On February 5, the 4th graders visited the ECEC campus to help trace the ECEC children on large paper. In science class, Ms. Pam introduced the human body and Ms. Robbins 4th graders were learning about the human body. It is amazing how our curriculum spirals through the different grades. It was a wonderful opportunity to share what they learned.



LEAP DAY EVENTS FEBRUARY 29 !!!!!

We had an amazing day celebrating Leap Day. Activities were set-up in the cafeteria and foyer for the classrooms to participate in. We celebrated “Freddie” The Frog’s 29th Birthday. Ms. Angie even dressed up as a frog. We leaped from frog to frog and activity to activity. Children made towers with 29 legos, matched frogs to lily pads, scooped out frogs from the “pond” and created 5 speckled frogs.



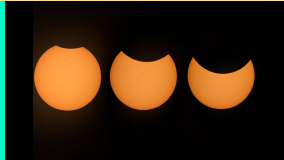
SPRING BREAK & EASTER BREAK

All children will have spring break the week of March 11 - 15.

School will reopen on March 18

Easter: Holy Thursday, March 28 dismissal at 11:45 a.m NO ASP

Closed: March 29 and April 1



APRIL 8 ECLIPSE DAY

The ECEC building will not be participating in the Eclipse viewing on April 8. If you would like to have your child view the eclipse, please pick up your child at the 11:45 a.m dismissal. Due to the safety of keeping all children wearing protective eye wear, there needs to be 1:1 supervision. The main part of the eclipse will be in view from 1:58-2:03 in the Webster Groves Area.

EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 26



March 26 Easter Egg Hunt (Rain date March 27)

We will be having our annual Easter egg hunt. **Please send in 12-18 eggs per child filled with stickers, toys, candy or coins.** We will also be looking for volunteers to help hide the eggs for each classroom. All candy should be wrapped and not loose inside the eggs. **Eggs due by March 22.**

- **Approved candies can include:** Skittles, Starburst, Smarties, Nerds, Tootsie rolls, Tootsie Pops suckers, Starburst jelly beans, Ring Pops, Sour Patch Kids or straws, Swedish Fish, Mike & Ike, Laffy Taffy,

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to help put out the eggs for each class.

Classroom Times:

9:00 Ladybug and Flamingo

10:00 Shining Stars and Chameleon

9:30 Butterfly and Tiny Tortoise

10:15 Rainbow

10:30 Frog and Zoo Train





LENTEN ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

March 25 Stations of the Cross with the 5th grade
Join us in church estimated start 10:00 a.m.

March 28 Holy Thursday Prayer Service at 11:00 a.m.
Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us for a prayer
service with the Stations of the Cross and a few songs.

Change for Change: continue to collect change for doing extra
chores and acts of kindness for others.

Return bags of change by March 28.



Lent for Preschool Families

Lent can be challenging for young families and talking about the meaning of Lent. We want to encourage you to focus on your family and being more present with each other. Try doing acts of kindness and service to each other and those you love. Say a morning prayer together before you leave the house in the morning.

Sunday:

Attend Mass as a Family. Call a family member to say, I Love You

Monday:

Spend time as a family with a dinner and game night

Tuesday:

Read a Bible Story and pray together

Wednesday:

Pray for those that are sick and hungry

Thursday:

Take a walk together as a family and find the signs of Spring

Friday:

Attend a Local Fish Fry
Give up the dessert
Give Thanks for each family member

Saturday:

Help a Neighbor with picking up sticks or trash in the neighborhood

KINDERGARTEN-8TH GRADE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Scholarships

Family & Student Information



Introducing Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Program...

**Application Period Opens
February 1, 2023**

About MOScholars

On July 1, 2022, the State of Missouri launched the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program known as MOScholars. It provides financial support to qualifying families to offset educational expenses including tuition.

Learn More

Visit
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Benefits

- A \$6,375 annual scholarship for eligible K-12 students
- **Renewable** through high school
- No repayment requirements
- No family tax liability
- Unused **funds rollover** to support future tuition obligations
- Access to premium education and resources

Who is Eligible?

Students must:

- Live in St. Louis City, Saint Louis County, St. Charles County or Jefferson County
- Meets designated federal income guidelines and:

Either

1. Attended a public school as a full-time student for at least 1 semester during the previous 12 months
 2. Is an incoming kindergartener or first grader
- or
- Have an approved IEP/ISP in place

<https://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/>

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K- 8th grade Archdiocese Based Scholarships:
NEW and RETURNING TTEF students will need
to apply online**

application visit: <https://tstef-stl.org/>

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UPCOMING DATES: INCLUDING SUMMER AND FIRST DAY OF FALL

- March 11-15 Spring Break for all students
- March 21 Free Vision screening at school
- March 28 Holy Thursday, 11:45 early dismissal ALL children
- March 29 Closed Easter Holiday (ALL Children)
- April 1 Closed Easter Holiday (ALL Children)
- April 4 Wear Red, Cardinal Home opener
- April 19 No School —Professional Development
- May 21 Spring Sing Program 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
(Similar to Advent Program)
- May 21 Last Day of 2023-2024 school year
- May 22, 23, 24 Closed



UPCOMING DATES: INCLUDING SUMMER AND FIRST DAY OF FALL

- May 28 First Day of Summer Program
- July 4-5 Closed
- August 7,8,9 Closed Teacher safety training
- August 9 Meet New classroom teachers
- August 12 Closed staff retreat
- August 13 First day of Fall, early dismissal at 11:45 for all children
- August 14 Second day of Fall, early dismissal at 11:45 for all children
- August 15 Full days with lunch and ASP start

**calendar dates are subject to change and parents will be notified when changes are made

Help Needed:

We are hoping to have someone shorten the pew benches to fit along the walls in the foyer. This would include cutting and re-attaching the end support. Contact the office you are able to help with this project.

