



Nazareth School

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Dear Parents,

Patience is the Core Value of April. It seems very fitting this April as we wait (im)patiently for the Easter holidays and holidays, and a bit of a break from our school routine. While waiting may test our patience, it does provide us with the wonderful gift of time and the opportunity to renew our commitments and goals and to consider our many blessings.

In that spirit, please note that 3rd Quarter Report Cards are in today's envelope. Before the Easter break, please take time to review academic goals and study habits with your students. Take time to decide how you and your children with their teachers can experience a very successful 4th Quarter.

With only two more weeks of Lent, our students are reviewing their Lenten promises and their commitments to serve others. Last Tuesday, we collected \$203.00 for the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) through our Jeans for Jesus fundraiser. On Wednesday, the 5th grade students led the school in a beautiful Stations of the Cross prayer service with frequent references to the plight of children around the world, especially missionary children. The reflections challenged all of us to use our time and energy to follow in the steps of Jesus and to develop relationships to create a better world for all children. Mrs. Rose reminded the students that the money they are collecting in their MCA coin collection box will also go to support missions throughout the world.

As we use this time of Lent to draw closer to God, our 2nd graders and several 3rd graders will experience long-awaited milestones in their faith journey. They will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Wednesday. Our prayers are with them at this special time. Additionally, next week their parents will conclude the parent preparation meetings for 1st Communion. The sacramental celebration of 1st Communion will be May 11th. As these children and their parents can attest, this sacred journey is one that requires a faith-filled heart and a patient commitment to a spiritual growth.

As any Nazareth student who has participated in the Science Fair can tell you, this is a major undertaking that requires hard work and patience as students develop and refine their projects of study. For two of our students, that patience and commitment to detail has produced newly announced awards. Gabriel Konja and Maddie Manriquez will be going to the California State Science Fair in Los Angeles April 29-30. Gabe received a special award in recognition of his project. Maddie will be honored at a banquet hosted by the San Diego Science Education Association in June. During the evening festivities, she will present her project and receive a monetary award. Mrs. Reed will also receive recognition as Maddie's mentor teacher. Congratulations to Maddie and Gabe, their parents and Mrs. Reed.

Approaching life's endeavors with the spirit of our Core Value of patience and a network of academic, social and spiritual support certainly contributes to success and meaningful milestones in our lives.

Blessings,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio, Principal