

## Virtue of the Week—RESPECT



Our virtue this week is RESPECT—The strength to show kindness toward others, recognizing their talents. One way many students DIS—respect one another is by speaking poorly of one another, criticizing one another, blaming one another...

If we all RESPECT one another we will enjoy our time together so much more.

### PRAYER

Lord, thank You for giving us the opportunity to gather and learn about the virtues. Help us to do it for your glory and honor. May we grow stronger in the virtue of RESPECT today and develop the habit of looking for ways to do good for others.

### Important Upcoming Dates

Mon. Jan. 18:	<b>No School.</b> Martin Luther King Day.
Jan. 31—Feb. 6:	Catholic Schools Week
Mon. Feb. 15:	<b>No School;</b> Presidents' Day
Mon. Mar. 8:	<b>No School;</b> Region I Faculty In-service
Sun. Mar. 14:	Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral @ 3:30pm
Mar. 29-Apr. 5:	<b>No School;</b> Easter Break
Tues. Apr. 6:	School Resumes
May 14-15:	State Track Meet;
	<b>No School (Fri. May 14th)</b>

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### Tax Credit Scholarships for 2021-2022

On Wednesday, January 13, 2021, the Empower Illinois portal will open for families to apply for a 2021-2022 tax credit scholarship.

These tax-credits, income-needs based scholarships offer up to 100% of K-8 tuition provided through the generous support of donors who receive a 75% credit on their Illinois income tax. The scholarships are a result of the IL Invest in Kids Act, which is in its fourth year of implementation. For more information, please visit the Empower Illinois website at [empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org). As of December 18, 2020, the Catholic Diocese of Peoria had received \$2,024,429 in donations with 398 scholarships awarded to our schools. **Thank you** to our donors for this incredible effort to assist families in providing opportunities to attend our Catholic schools!

## Happy Birthday...

Lily McKay—January 11th

Hannah Arbogast—January 13th

AJ Berberich—January 14th



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### School Reminders....

- **All parents and visitors must use the front door and check in with the office when entering the school.**
- **Please send coats, hats, and gloves with your children. They will be having recess and PE outside even if it is cold.**

**Thank you!**



## IESA Announcement on Tier 3 and Tier 2 Mitigations

To All IESA Member Schools:

IESA, IHSA, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Illinois Deputy Governor have met and relating to the resumption of school sports. Here is a summary report from Steve Endsley, Executive Director of IESA of their discussion to keep you informed.

"First and foremost, as of January 7, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health has made no changes to the current COVID-19 mitigations tier status. Illinois remains in Tier 3 status until at least January 15. As a result, IESA sports remain on pause. We were not given a date when interscholastic games would be allowed to start. We were told that if any region of the state meets the guidelines to move to Tier 2 mitigations, they may do so starting January 15. Please keep in mind that Tier 2 mitigations do not allow contests to be played. Volleyball teams would be allowed to practice as a medium risk sport, but games would not be allowed. If basketball is not moved from high risk to at least medium risk, basketball teams will still not be allowed to practice regardless of the Tier status. If a given region does not move to Tier 2 and remains in Tier 3, then the sports for the schools in those regions would remain paused.

For a given region to move back to Tier 2 mitigations, a region must experience less than 12 percent test positivity rate for three consecutive days AND greater than 20 percent available intensive care unit (ICU) and hospital bed availability, AND declining COVID hospitalizations in 7 out of the last 10 days. We encourage you to inform your community members as to what it will take to move to Tier 2 and how important it is to follow all COVID safety protocols so we can have a chance to resume our sport seasons. If the positivity rate continues to drop and would get below 6.5% we could then be looking at a return to Phase 4 which could mean contests would be allowed."

We are still paused, certainly through January 15. The metrics in our region will continue to be monitored for our mitigation status.

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## St. Pat's Nativity Story Adventure Trail

### 1. The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38



Thank you to the Rademacher Family

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus."

### 2. The Visitation Luke 1:39-45



Thank you to the Berberich

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the child leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"





### 3. The Nativity Luke 2:6-7

Thank you to the Engstrom Family

<sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she gave to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



### 4. The Shepherds and the Angel Luke 2:8-12

Thank you to the Nolte Family

<sup>8</sup> And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; <sup>11</sup> for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."





5. *The Visit of the Magi*  
Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12

Thank you to the Stevenart Family

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king they went their way; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; <sup>11</sup> and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



6. *The Presentation at the Temple*  
Luke 2:22-40

Thank you to the Johnson Family

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”