



# Building The Kingdom of God

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Helpfulness is a virtue that simply takes one person asking another “How can I help you?” Helpfulness manifests itself when you do useful things for others, such as things they cannot do for themselves, something they do not have time to do, or just little things that make life easier. Last week as progress reports went home, I had the opportunity to ask many times with parents and students “How can I help you?”

I have found a tremendous resource to help answer the questions posed last week in regards to homework, tests, and grades. It is the system we use for many daily tasks in the school, ASCENDSMS. From an administration point we monitor daily attendance, lunch count, and discipline with the program. The teachers use the system to post homework, grades, and links to outside resources as well as the E-Classroom page. Students should be using the system to follow up with home work and monitoring progress in classes. Parents can utilize the system to know what homework is due or has been completed, the academic grade, discipline notices, attendance records and notices from teachers.

We will begin using a daily email offered through ASCEND to send

reminders or notices so we can all connect on a regular basis. Did you know that you can sign up for alerts when your child has missing assignments or a grade change? ASCEND is a powerful tool that helps us all to make a connection between school and home. I am here to help you connect with ASCEND. Call, email, or stop in and we can work together to be proactive in your child’s education.

Yours In Christ,

Mrs. Kim Gondeck

Vice Principal

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**NO SCHOOL MONDAY, FEB. 20TH**

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Presidential Trivia

- The first inaugural ball was held in 1809 when James Madison took office. Admission was \$4.00.
- Gerald Ford was a fashion model who appeared in Look and on the cover of Cosmopolitan before starting his law career.
- Four presidents have received the Nobel Peace Prize: Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama.

**WELCOME! WELCOME!**

Our French students have arrived. We have pins with the US & the France flag for sale in the school office for \$2.00 or \$5.00 for 3.

**INDIANA 21st CENTURY SCHOLARS:**

21st Century Scholars offers income-eligible Hoosier students up to four years of paid tuition at eligible IN colleges or universities after they graduate from high school. Parents of middle school students can read more and enroll here:

<http://scholars.in.gov/about-us/>

**READ- A -THON:**

There is still time to sign your child up for our first ever Read-a-Thon from Feb.13 - 27. So far \$760.00 has been raised. We will read as a school community for at least 20 minutes.

Currently, classes are in this order for contributions—KG, 7, PK, 3, 6, 4 and 1. All money raised will purchase books for the QAS library.

**OUTSTANDING BALANCES:**

Please call the office to check your balance for lunch and Noah’s Ark.

**CPR:**

Students in grades 6, 7 & 8 will participate in CPR: Creating Positive Relationships from Feb. 21 to 24. This unique class offers students the great opportunity to learn about the other gender and think and practice positive relationships.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- Feb. 18—Choir sings at 4:30 Mass
- Feb. 20—**No School Presidents’ Day**
- Feb. 25—Trivia Night for Adults
- Feb. 27—ISTEP Part 1
- Feb. 28—Mardi Gras Family Night @ 6:00
- March 1—Ash Wednesday
- March 3—Stations of the Cross
- March 4—Choir sings at 4:30 Mass
- March 10—Stations of the Cross
- March 13—I Read test for all third graders

**USDA CORNER:**

Although this recent study was from Canada, the results in the US would be similar. “The average youth, age 9 – 18, consumes somewhere about 600 millilitres of sugary drinks per day, and that obviously comes with a lot of added sugar, so up to 13 sugar cubes per day.”

“After those aged nine to 18, Canadians aged 19 – 30 drank the next highest amount of sugary drinks, about 500 millilitres a day,” said the researcher.

The researchers estimated that over the next 25 years, sugary drink consumption will be responsible for nearly a million cases of Type 2 diabetes, 300,000 cases of heart disease such as heart attacks and 100,000 cases of cancer.