

To: St. Mary Families  
From: Lisa Seeley, Principal  
Date: February 9, 2018  
SUBJECT: Mardi Gras

Please set aside the evening of February 24 for Mardi Gras! This is a fun event!  
Preschool parents get in free!

**Reminder: ½ Day February 16 for Y5-6 grades; Dismissal at 11:30**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to Camp Wolverine on February 26-March 2.  
Please also keep them in your prayers for a safe trip and also a fun week. The students partake in many team building activities and learn something about themselves as well as their classmates.

Last week I re-read *The Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education* by NCEA's President Karen Ristau. In reading this I chose a few quotes that I feel highlight Catholic schools and Catholic education:

“The Catholic school community, therefore, is an irreplaceable source of service, not only to the pupils and its other members, but also society.”

“In the pluralistic society of today the Catholic school, moreover, by maintaining an institutional Christian presence in the academic world proclaims by its very existence the enriching power of the faith as the answer to the enormous problems which afflict humankind.”

“Here young people are helped to grow toward maturity in faith.”

“...the Catholic school sets out with a deep awareness of the value of knowledge as such.”

The Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education: *The Catholic School (1977)* New Translation. Karen Ristau (NCEA 2009).