PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

St. Catherine of Siena Newsletter February 13, 2019

WEEKLY REFLECTION!

In Tuesday's Gospel, Mark 7:1-13, the Pharisees were questioning the disciples behaviors concerning purification. Jesus quotes Isaiah who prophesied about hypocrites. The moral question is what are the intentions of the person. We should not confuse our intentions with our feelings. We may intend to be hopeful, positive, and helpful, but at any moment can feel hopeless, negative, and want to be alone. A person is not hypocritical when they act hopeful and helpful, even though they may not truly feel that way. A hypocritical person is a person who deceives people into thinking they are what they do not intend to be.

Let us all examine our true intentions behind our relationships.

Important Items

- February 18: No School President's Day
- February 19: Accreditation Review Visitors from the Diocese will be on campus.
- March 1: Parent Formation Class

Curriculum

St. Catherine of Siena will be under review for accreditation next week. Everyone at St. Catherine's has been making strides to accomplish these goals over the past couple of years and will continue to make adjustments as the years continue. The following are the goals established by the St. Catherine of Siena Accreditation Team.

Goal #1: Develop and enhance quality educational/instructional systems so every grade performs at their Grade Level Equivalency in ELA on ITBS.

Goal #2: Increase student and parent communication concerning student progress from a variety of data points throughout the year.

Goal #3: Increase the student proficiency rate by 7% in math.

Saint of the Week:

Our Lady of Lourdes

Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Three years later, Bernadette Soubirous began to receive visions from a lady who identified herself as "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents whose faith was lukewarm. During her interrogations, Bernadette said she saw, "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." There was a yellow rose on each foot with a blue girdle.

Through Bernadette, a humble young girl, Mary revitalized millions of people's faith. People continue to flock to Lourdes.

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