PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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WEEKLY REFLECTION!

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. During this time, Jesus was transfigured before them (Mark 9:2-13). What they saw was not of this world. Peter in his lack of understanding and uncomfortableness did not know how to respond to this mystical experience. Like Peter, we are so limited in our understanding of who and what Jesus is.

Jesus was not who the Jewish people thought the messiah should be. His teachings were to love our enemies, which is not something they were accustomed to hearing. Even to this day, it's a difficult expectation to fulfill.

He was going to suffer and die, and things were not going to turn out the way the disciples had planned. Jesus wanted Peter, James, and John to experience the transformation to give them hope, as times were going to get extremely tough for them. We may have had the pleasure of experiencing the divine presence of Our Lord, and can look back at that experience to regain hope.

Important Items

- March 1: Parent Formation Class
- March 6: Science Fair
- March 6: Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 7: Band performance

Curriculum

- Teachers in grades 4 & 5 will be attending professional development on Guided Math.
- Teachers will begin to help the students prepare for this Lenten season. Continue to carry on these conversations with your children. The way in which parents portray Christ will remain with their children for the rest of their lives.

Saint of the Week:

Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin

As a young girl, she lived in fear of her father, a violent man prone to jealousy and drunkenness. She spent a lot of time working in the fields. People often made fun of her.

Later, she joined the Sisters of Saint Dorothy and was assigned to work in the kitchen, bakery, and laundry. After some time, Maria received nurses' training and began working in a hospital with children. Later, when the hospital was taken over by the military in WWI, she fearlessly cared for patients amidst the threat of air raids and bombings.

Let us pray to her to help all those who are suffering from any form of spiritual, mental, or physical abuse.

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