

# Mrs. Weis's Newsletter

## February 2021

### Dates to remember:

February 1-5: Catholic Schools Week & MAP Testing  
February 8: No School - Teacher Retreat  
February 9: No School - Student Conferences as needed  
February 10: Struggle for Independence *Storypath* begins!  
February 11: Spirit Day - Wear Red for Valentine's Day!  
February 12, 19, 26: Early Release at 1:43 pm  
February 15, 16: No School - Presidents Day/Winter Break  
February 17: Ash Wednesday

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

#### Religion: Unit 4 – The Church and Lent: A Time for Scrutiny

Students will:

- examine the Gospels in the New Testament and the ways in which Jesus shared the Good News of salvation
- examine how the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the early Church
- discover how the church's mission and work is rooted in the Gospel
- explore Lent as a time to turn away from evil and sin
- recognize the Lenten scrutinies
- learn about the Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, a key principal of Catholic Social Teaching
- discover the two main creeds of the church—Nicene and Apostles'
- identify the essential characteristics that distinguish Christ's Church and her mission— one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

#### Grammar:

- Middle School Grammar Program using grammar program GrammarFlip

#### United States History: Struggle for Independence Storypath

- Students begin an 8-week *Storypath* focusing upon the events and attitudes that led to American independence. In the *Colonial Boston and the Struggle for Independence Storypath*, students will immerse themselves in life in colonial Boston by creating families, homes, and businesses and then are confronted with the events of the time. Students will examine how they are being treated as colonists by Britain. They must decide whether they will support the loyalists or patriots. **The main goal of this *Storypath* is to provide students with a realistic view of the life and challenges of colonial New England and a deep understanding of the events that led to American Independence.**