



Sabres' SCOOP

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Upcoming Events:

Friday, 2/12: NO SCHOOL

Monday, 2/15: NO SCHOOL – President's Day

Wednesday, 2/17: Ash Wednesday – Livestreamed Mass

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Happy Valentine's Day!

Each homeroom celebrated in their own style. Treats were passed out, movies/shows were watched, music was played. One thing in common: smiles were abundant!



Who is St. Valentine & Why do we Celebrate Valentine's Day?

February 14 is an interesting day for Catholic Christians. We live in the midst of a secular culture that celebrates Valentine's Day, which supposedly marks the joy of romantic love in our lives. However, the Catholic faith prescribes that we celebrate the Memorial of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, a monk and a bishop whose lives did not include romance as we think of it.

So, who and what are we called to celebrate on February 14 each year?

St. Valentine of Rome lived and ministered as a priest during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius, in the early 200s. Claudius began to understand that single soldiers fought more vigorously and valiantly than married soldiers, that is, they were willing to die more readily for the Empire. So, he made it illegal for young men to get married. In direct violation of the Emperor's edict, Valentine performed clandestine marriage rites for the young couples. That's how he came to be a patron of young lovers. For these illegal, but Christ-centered acts, Valentine was martyred in about the year A.D. 269.

Take note, though, that St. Valentine was not simply a patron of romance in the way we think of it today. He was committed to uniting young men and women in the Christian understanding of marriage: one man and one woman, until death do they part. He was a priest of the Catholic Church, and he was martyred for his faith in the Lord, and for his commitment to Christian love and marriage.

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In 1969, as one of the effects of the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church implemented an updated liturgical calendar. The new calendar removed the celebration of St. Valentine's feast day because there was so little that could be accurately known about his life (although still celebrated in the Extraordinary Form). In its place on that day, the Church began celebrating the Memorial of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, the apostles to the Slavic peoples of Europe.

Regardless of whether we prefer to celebrate St. Valentine or Sts. Cyril and Methodius, it is most appropriate and fruitful for us to celebrate agapé love, the charity that it takes to lay down one's life for the good of another. And, we celebrate mission, the tireless efforts of men and women to bring that love to individuals and societies who do not already know. Mission is the expression of love, and agapé is the essence of mission. All three of these men went on mission because they were driven by agapé for others.

On this February 14, let's celebrate nothing other than agapé (charitable love) and zeal for mission. That is the way that we will change the world!

Sts. Valentine, Cyril, and Methodius, pray for us!

From an online article by the Catholic Exchange. Read the full article here: <https://catholicexchange.com/who-what-do-catholics-celebrate-on-february-14>



Please Pray for the Following 7th
Graders as they prepare to make their
Confirmation in a couple of weeks:

Max Brass
 Carlos Cortes
 Brodie Maringer
 Abyjah Raymond-Ulmer
 Domenic Rios Cruiz
 Camila Valle Flores
 Amy Valverde Rodriguez
 Andrew Weigand



February 16 -19 Lunch Menu

15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb	18-Feb	19-Feb
No School	French toast sticks	Pasta Bake Ash Wednesday	Chicken Day	Pizza
Presidents Day	4 French toast 2 turkey sausage links Mandarin oranges	Penne Pasta, tomato sauce and cheese casserole, with garlic bread choice of fruit	Breaded Bonesless Chicken mac & cheese pineapple tidbits	WG Cheese Pizza Carrots and Broccoli Applesauce