Monday Notes from Principal Mrs. Hunt, February 3, 2014

Please read the following:

**1.**  HSA Meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

**2.**  The 2014 Mardi Gras was a tremendous success for the school and a most enjoyable evening for all who attended the event.

Co-Chairs for Mardi Gras – Nikki Whye and Marnie Andrews are to be congratulated for their expert direction, production and creativity of Mardi Gras 2014. Claire Donnelly – decorations, Sarah Boyle – program and advertising, Kassi Mancini – Greater Giving Technology were invaluable with their expertise and hard work.

Thank you to the many parents, faculty, and staff who helped with silent and live auction, class baskets, set up, check in, cleanup and working throughout the night.

A special thank you to Jesse Carrillo and Cornerstone Show Productions for donating the incredible decorations and props for the evening of the Mardi Gras.

**3.**  A very inappropriate/illegal incident involving one of our teachers occurred over the weekend. Two Instagram accounts were created about the same teacher, disclosing personal information. It is believed that Cosgriff students may have created the accounts.

If this occurs again, the school will report the account to Instagram and take legal action as necessary, to protect the faculty and students.

**4.**  Parent Reminder: Students have been asked not to use their cell phone while in the school building before, during and after school. Cell phones must remain in backpacks at all times. Cell phones will be taken away if students are witnessed using them. Parents will be required to re-claim them from the administration. We have office telephones for occasional student use and ask that students know the pick-up plan before they are dropped off each morning. Thank you for your support.

**5.**  If your child is in need of financial tuition and for the 2014-15 school year. Turn in your FACT application by Thursday, March 6, 2014.

**6.**  For the first time, Cosgriff School will host the first round of basketball playoffs, starting tonight March 3. Mr. Allen needs parent volunteers to help with check in and concession sales on Thursday, 3/6 and Friday 3/7 between 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please email Mr. Allen right away, if you would like to fill volunteer hours and help with the tournament ballen@cosgriff.org.

**7.**  The Christian Virtue which students will discuss and practice in March is Justice, the quality of being just and fair. One adheres to moral principles and conforms to rules and standards. Justice includes fairness, equality tolerance, loyalty, caring and understanding. Classroom conversations will also include Social Justice, a respect for life that leads us as Catholics into action both locally and globally.

**8.**  The Student Council has chosen Vital Ground as their school service project for the month of March. Founded in 1990, Vital Ground has helped protect and enhance nearly 600,000 acres of wildlife habitat in Montana, Wyoming, Alaska and British Columbia specifically to protect Grizzly Bears. Our school will collect money to support the efforts of Vital Ground and promote the cause for social justice at Cosgriff School.

**9.**  Thank you to Mr. Huntzinger and the Fourth Grade Students for hosting the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 1, 2014. Mr. Huntzinger and the students work very hard in preparation for Friday student masses and special Sunday masses during the school year. Each grade level leads a mass one Sunday per month. Unfortunately, only ten 4th, 5th 6th grade choristers were present at the mass yesterday. Please make a concerted effort to support your child the choir and Mr. Huntzinger by getting your child to church on those important Student Choir Sundays.

**10.**  Signup for Parent Teacher Conferences on March 12 and March 13. Seventh and Eighth grade students will meet teachers in the Gym during the regular conference days and times. If possible, students with last names beginning with A-M attend on March 12, 2014 and all others attend on March 13, 2014. Grades Toddler though 6th grade go to [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C44AAAD28A5F49-spring](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AAAD28A5F49-spring) to sign up.

**11.**  All students will attend mass on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 9:00am Formal Dress. Students will not attend mass on Friday, March 7, 2014 – No Formal Dress.

**12.** **Mardi Gras School Goal Prize.** We reached our goal of 10,000 Opportunity Tickets (SOLD) for Mardi Gras. ALL students receive free spirit top on FAT TUESDAY, March 4, 2014. Thank you for all your support in helping to reach our school goal.

**13.**  St. Patrick’s Day Float preparation will be Saturday after noon March 8, 2014 and Friday, March 14, 2014. Email Monica Frederick if you are interested in helping with the float at monica-frederick@msn.com

Thank you, Mrs. Hunt