

**By the Numbers...**

**120 Families who need to create a FACTS Management account (Deadline: May 1)**



**35 Families with missing follow-up registration/permission forms**

Please take care of the above items before your child returns to school on April 24<sup>th</sup>.



**Sign In at FACTS (Tuition) Management. Complete by May 1 for optimal billing. Late registrations will make monthly payments higher. Click [HERE](#) to register!**

**EdChoice Deadline – Next week!**

If you're considering applying for the EdChoice Scholarship, please submit your request/application and proof of address (utility bill) to the parish office, next week, over Easter break. Mrs. Ingram will be notified, and will come in to process the paperwork to the ODE online portal. The parish office will be open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The priority application period closes Sunday, April 30, but Mrs. Ingram is out of the office from 4/24 – May 1 so next week is your best (last) opportunity. Across the state, many qualifying families who applied during the July window were denied, because funds ran out last year. Please don't miss your chance! [EdChoice forms](#)

ALL SCHOOL	SECOND GRADERS	ALL SCHOOL
Our annual Walk-a-thon is scheduled for Friday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> . Sponsorship forms have been sent home. Want to volunteer? Go to <a href="#">Sign Up Genius</a>	First Communion Masses occur at 5:00 p.m. 4/29, and at 9 and 11 a.m. on 4/30. Keep our children in your prayers as they prepare.	All families MUST have an account with Facts Management. Enroll by May 1 to avoid higher payments.

**Parent to Parent: Gethsemane Days**

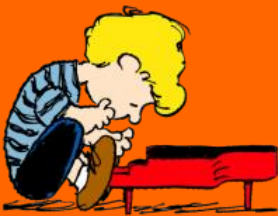
We all have them – those days where one more whine from a child might send us over the edge, those days when the bank account shows more month than money, or those days filled with dread or tension as we watch a loved one suffer. I call them Gethsemane Days (I doubt that's original). They are days when we pray in quiet desperation and usually for the wrong things like a nanny from the sky, money on a tree, an easier life, or a mistake in the lab results.

While praying in Gethsemane, Jesus prayed for the "cup to pass by" him *if possible*, and if not, "then Your will be done." And so he suffered, surrendering himself to God's will. During his tortuous walk to Calvary, he fell three times. More importantly, he got UP three times. There were also moments of grace along the way: Mary's presence in the crowd, Veronica's kindness, Simon's strength – brief respites on an otherwise hellish journey that led to crucifixion. I used to wonder why we acknowledge those events, but I realize now that somewhere in the midst of bearing a personal cross, I have experienced similar moments of grace at the hands of others. Jesus' Way of the Cross is our way, too.

The best part of drawing this parallel is the Happy Ending. While our own resurrection is in the distance, our less spectacular and human recoveries make it possible for us to face a new day. We stumble, and we get up. Better yet, we can be the grace for someone else's journey. As we move toward Eastertide, my prayer for all of us parents is to be light in the darkness for each other, to know more faith than despair during trials, and to have more grace for the journey. May all your Gethsemane Days become Resurrection Days. *Peace.*

**Looking ahead...**

- **Monday, April 24 School Resumes.** Eighth graders and Mrs. Ingram: pre-dawn departure for Washington, D.C.
- **Wednesday, April 26** Mass at 8:15 for grades K-3. Join Us!
- **Friday, April 28 No Kindergarten.** Teachers will be assessing new kindergarten students for next fall.
- **Friday, April 28** – Spirit shirts or Reds shirts with uniform bottoms. Return from Wash. D.C. - late afternoon
- **Wednesday, May 3** – All school Mass 8:15 – All are welcome!



**PIANO, ANYONE?**

**Mrs. Lana is offering private piano instruction this summer!**

If you have any interest, please [email her](#) directly by April 26.

Indicate your child's availability this summer, and put "piano" in the subject line. Based on your feedback, details regarding location and available time slots will be communicated for registration purposes. St. B. students pay \$30 for a 30 minute lesson. (20% discount)

Easter Blessings!

Schoolbelles sale begins TODAY! Stock up on warm weather uniform essentials. See the [FLYER](#).

\* Did you know Schoolbelles now carries our logo for white polos? \*