

# Redemptorist St. Gerard School Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!!!

Dear RSG Families:

Let me begin by wishing you all a Happy New Year filled with many successes and continued progress. During the winter break, I hope you had a chance to catch up with friends and family and enjoy some rest and relaxation. I certainly spent time reflecting on 2020 and think about the work and opportunities that lie ahead in 2021.

As we approach the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. King's work, and his legacy, I am reminded of one of my favorite quotes of his, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

One of the things I appreciate most about our Redemptorist staff is that we are not silent about the things that matter and together we continue to provide a service for our children and families. At Redemptorist, we place great value on seeing our students showing continued success and academic progress as they move through their academic journey. I am excited to begin our work for the second half of the school year to ensure that learning continues. As we ring in the New Year, we see this as an opportunity to check in with students and families to ensure that our students are on-track, prepared and ready for the second half of the year, ACT Aspire and LEAP equipped and are motivated for unforeseen challenges. What I have observed, as we approach the midpoint of the school year, is that students are academically stronger and that our instructional and support team remain energized.

RSG continues to strive to become a school focused on educational equity and find unique and innovative ways to partner, support and create opportunities that make our neighborhood school a place where all children can enjoy learning, develop strong relationships, and continue to grow each day socially, emotionally, and academically. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Cheryl Domino

### New Year's Prayer

*Lord, you make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this New Year and for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name. Amen*

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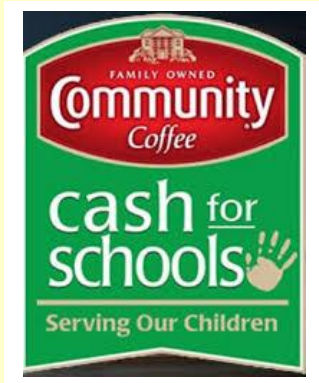
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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1/5/21 - Beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks.
- ◆ 1/7/21 - Report Cards Go Home Via Email.
- ◆ 1/15/21 - Honors Day at the Movies
- ◆ 1/18/21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- ◆ 1/19/21 - 1/22/21 - ACT Aspire Testing - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Attendance is Mandatory**
- ◆ 1/20/21 - Presidential Inauguration
- ◆ 1/31/21 - Catholic Schools Week

## Report Cards!!!!

Redemptorist students will receive their report cards, via email, on Thursday, January 7, 2021. If you have concerns about your child's academic performance or grades please contact the teacher or our school counselor, Ms. Oliver, to set up a conference.



## Community Coffee Labels

Parents,

The Community Coffee Company kicks off its 27<sup>th</sup> annual Community Cash for Schools programs for the 2020/2021 school year. The Community Cash for Schools program helps participating schools earn money by simply collecting UPC labels from the Community brand products. We are asking each student to bring Community Coffee UPC labels and turn them in to their homeroom teacher. Thanks for your continued support!!!



## ACT Aspire and Leap Review 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

LEAP testing will begin soon! We here at RSG have begun the LEAP count down. Parents, please assist your child in preparing themselves for their standardized test.

ACT Aspire: From grades 3 through 8, ACT Aspire offers a unique, connected approach to measuring student progress. The system is anchored and provides empirically based readiness benchmarks at every grade.

LEAP 2025: Students in grades 3 through 8 take assessments in English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. These assessments are aligned to the Louisiana Student Standards which were developed with significant input from Louisiana Educators.

April 21 – 27	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	ELA/Math Science/Social Studies (Paper Based)
March 29 – 30	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	ELA/Math Science/Social Studies (Computer Based)