



February 2, 2010

Dear Parents,

Lent, the traditional season of penitence and fasting that prepares us for the joy of Easter, begins on Wednesday, February 17th. On that day, which is called Ash Wednesday, we will have an All-School Chapel service at our usual 8:30 am time.

During the service, it is traditional to offer the imposition of Ashes at that service for those who would like it. The finely ground ashes are made from burned palms from last year's Palm Sunday service.

At one point in the service, those present are invited to come forward. One of the clergy uses the ashes to make the sign of the cross on the forehead to remind us that "whether we live or die, we belong to God." It is only by God's most gracious gift that we are given life. We will use an Ash Wednesday liturgy that was written especially for children.

Some will want to "wear" their ashes for as long as they last during the day. Others may want to wash them off right after the service.

You are always invited to attend our Chapel Services at 8:30 am on Wednesdays. There will also be three other services of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes on that day at Church of the Resurrection at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, and 7:00 pm.

Chaplain Molly

ASH WEDNESDAY 2010

I ___do ___do not give permission for my child to receive the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 17th.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

Signed: _____