



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK
we celebrate one
of our
form patrons –

**Dom
Helder Camara**

He is remembered for his social and political work for the poor and for democracy during the military regime in Brazil from 1964 - 1985. Dom Camara is quoted as saying, *"When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist."*

He wrote this piece during a sleepless night. It leads us perfectly into Lent:

We must have no illusions.
We shall not walk on roses.
People will not throng to hear us
and applaud
and we shall not always be
aware of divine protection.
If we are to be pilgrims for
justice and peace
we must expect the desert.

NEXT
MONTH

On **SUNDAY 4TH MARCH**, we will celebrate our second Community Mass at St Mary's RC Church in Middlewich. This is another excellent opportunity to share the Lenten journey across the parishes and school community.

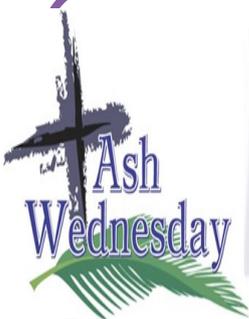
We invite our students to come and join in the preparation from 3.00pm and family and friends to join us for the parish Mass at 5.00pm with refreshments later.

More details will come out to parents via Parentpay and the parish newsletters.

Please do join us.



**GET
INVOLVED!**



Next Wednesday, St Valentine will have to move over a little and make some room for **ASH WEDNESDAY**. This year, to begin the season of Lent, we will be having services throughout the day so that all our students can share in a period of reflection and receive the Ashes. We will then begin to think about our Lenten Charity challenge which will begin when we return from half-term.

Mairie Gelling, School Chaplain

Here's what's happening!

SCHOOL CLOSES
Friday 16th February
SCHOOL REOPENS
Monday 26th February

have a good Spring Break!

SPORTS

Monday 12th February
EAPI (A LEVEL SPORTS SCIENCE MODERATION)
3.30 - 6.00pm

Wednesday 14th February
NETBALL PRACTICE—all years
3.15 - 4.15pm



YR 11 FOOTBALL TEAM

This week Our Year 11s played Upton High School in the Quarter Final of the County Cup. They were beaten 4 - 0!

UNLUCKY!!



GOOD LUCK to our Year 9 Netballers and U13 Footballers. whose tournaments are on Tuesday 27th February!



YRS 8 - 13 SKI TRIP

DEPARTS: Thursday 15th February
RETURNS: Thursday 22nd February

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING
Thursday
15th February
4.30 - 7.30 pm
School Hall



CONGRATULATIONS to twenty four of our students who represented Mid-Cheshire on Saturday 3rd February at the Cheshire Cross Country in Delamere Forest. Everyone of them turned up to run the tough course with guts and determination in freezing cold, muddy conditions. *Well Done!*



NEXT MEETING
Thursday 15th February
12.30pm -1.00pm
In the Conference Room

Weekly attendance update

Period: 29/01 - 02/02/2018

	Bernadette	Camara	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	98.85%	97.04%	95.00%	98.52%	98.89%	93.21%	99.26%	NA	97.25%
Year 8	93.45%	92.41%	94.14%	94.29%	88.28%	95.36%	97.50%	NA	93.63%
Year 9	95.93%	96.92%	95.60%	95.52%	93.79%	96.43%	96.07%	96.07%	95.79%
Year 10	98.52%	97.78%	96.40%	93.57%	98.93%	95.86%	95.36%	92.08%	96.06%
Year 11	98.40%	94.40%	93.79%	97.27%	95.60%	100.00%	95.20%	94.00%	96.08%
Whole School	97.03%	95.71%	94.99%	95.83%	95.10%	96.17%	96.68%	94.05%	95.69%

"EVERYONE MATTERS, SO ATTENDANCE MATTERS."



Allotment Project

Students in the Autism Resource Centre (ARC) at St Nicholas High School are taking part in an **Allotment Project** which aims to develop their independence and social skills as well as enhancing their Science, Maths and English skills through gardening.

The Project will allow students to utilise the outdoor space in the school to grow their own fruit and vegetables. Some people with autism can be over or under sensitive to strong smells and tastes and therefore can find some foods too bland or over powering.

The main aim of the Project is to help students become familiar with a wider variety of food, whilst learning key skills in taking responsibility, ownership and communication skills. The layout of the allotment and the techniques used to grow the fruit and vegetables will be planned and implemented by the students themselves. The students are also looking to sell excess fruit and vegetables grown in the allotment to the staff and the school community to help fund this.

We would like to ask if you have any tools, plant pots, compost or any other gardening items you would like to donate to the ARC for this project. If you do, then please contact Mr Patel (f.patel@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk)

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN ...

Remember it is Ash Wednesday on 14th February, which means that NO MEAT IS SERVED THAT DAY!



HAPPY
CHINESE NEW YEAR
2018
YEAR OF THE DOG



JOIN US ON
THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

*Chicken & Black Bean Sauce
served with Egg-Fried Rice*

OR

*Szechuan Chicken Pot
served with Noodles*

OR

Sweet & Sour Quorn

PLUS

Mini Cuplet Drink

*Included Free
Spring Roll & Fortune Cookie*

£2.40

DON'T MISS OUT!

SHROVE TUESDAY 13th February



At lunchtime
Dining Room

pancakes!
PANCAKES!

Good Hand Washing

Standards of personal
hygiene for infection
control



Please remind your child to thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water for at least 15 seconds after visiting the toilet and dry them.



**WINE TASTING
EVENING**
FRIDAY 2ND MARCH
7.00 – 11.00 PM

ALMOST HALF AVAILABLE TICKETS NOW SOLD!

Don't delay - get your tickets for this fabulous fun event NOW. Jon Campbell of Define Food & Wine will be hosting this very popular evening for the third year running, including tutored tasting of quality wines, a fun wine quiz and tasty sharing platters. Wines will be available to purchase and enjoy on the evening and to order for collection from Define. Tickets are just **£15** per person and can be purchased via Parentpay. Further information is available on the PTFA section of the school website.

CUT OFF DATE FOR TICKETS is NOON on Monday 28th February - just 40 more tickets available.

THIS ESSENTIAL COURSE for students in Years 11, 12 and 13 (also open to adults), will run on Saturday 17th March from 9.30 am until 4.30 pm. The course leads to the **CEIH Emergency First Aid at Work** qualification and the certificate is valid for three years. The cost of the course is **£65** per person. This course will run with a minimum of 12 (max 18) attendees. If you or your son/daughter are thinking of taking part, please complete your booking forms and make your payment soonest. Further information and an application form are available on the PTFA section of the website.



Big Heart Ball



**THERE ARE JUST TWO SHORT WEEKS LEFT TO GET YOUR TICKETS
AT THE DISCOUNTED PRICE OF £45 PP
(deadline for discounted rate is MIDNIGHT on Sunday 25th February)**

Venue: The stunning Vale Royal Abbey and grounds

Date: Friday 15th June 2018, 7pm until 1am

Tickets: **£45** per person (if purchased before February half term)

Welcome reception* *Fabulous 3 course meal and coffee

Disco and dancing* *Amazing auction and raffle* *Fun and laughter

Designated charity ChAPS (Cheshire Autism Practical Support).

Further information is available on the PTFA section of the website.

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER RUN A MATCH/MATCHED FUNDING SCHEME?

Matched Funding can make a huge difference to the amount we raise at any event. The level of your involvement is up to you - we have lots of areas where you could help, especially with our up-coming Ball. Every additional pound raised has the potential to improve our children's day-to-day learning and social experience at St Nicholas'. If you feel able to help in any way, big or small, please email: kim@copley.co.uk

