



## DIVINE WISDOM CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The season of Lent is one of soul-searching, repentance and reflection. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for Baptism. By observing the 40 days of Lent, we imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. The purpose of the liturgical calendar is to relive the major events of Jesus' life in real time, which is why Lent is forty days long.

During the season of Lent, the **Academy** will provide many lessons and opportunities for Penance, giving, abstinence, and prayer. Families are welcome to join us on this journey. Below please find a calendar of prayerful events planned to take place during this Holy season:

**Wednesday, 1 March 2017:** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Students in grades 1 through 8 will receive ashes during a 10:30am Morning Prayer service.

**Stations of the Cross:** Each individual class will pray the Stations of the Cross, in addition the **Academy** upper grade students will be participating as a community.

**Grades 5 through 8:** 14 March 2017 at 1pm; **Saint Anastasia Church**  
4 April 2017 at 1pm; **Academy** school yard

**Lenten Penance Service:** Students in grades 3 through 8 will participate in a Lenten Penance service on 29 March 2017; 10:30am Grades 3,5,7.  
1pm Grades 4,6,8.

**Holy Week Liturgy:** Traditionally the entire **Academy** community celebrates liturgy together at **SRB Church**. Unfortunately, due to the Public School Spring break, we are unable to receive bus service to bring the Douglaston students over to Bayside. As a result, the two campuses will be holding separate Holy Week liturgies.

The Douglaston campus Holy Week liturgy is scheduled for Wednesday, 12 April 2017, at 10:30am, at **St. Anastasia Church**.

I thank you for all you do for **Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy**, and I thank you for sharing your faith with your children.

Peace,  
Michael A. LaForgia

*Serving the Parishes of St. Anastasia, Saint Robert Bellarmine, American Martyrs, Saint Paul Chong Ha-Sang*