

# Lower School Newsletter



February 2021



## From the Principal's Office

Dear parents, students and staff,

It is important to remember the procedures that keeps us safe, healthy, and active as a school community. Keeping us safe is a combined community effort of care, responsibility, and support.

The keys points continue to be the use of face masks, ventilation, hygiene– washing hands, regular cleaning and disinfecting, and keeping distance.

It is extremely important that you report of any positive test result to our COVID Coordinator, Nurse Laura - [nurse@aquinasmadrid.es](mailto:nurse@aquinasmadrid.es)– immediately who will instruct you on how to proceed.

Do not come to school if you or your child shows any of the COVID related symptoms as: fever, chills, cough, nasal congestion, loss of smell or taste, shorten of breath, sore throat, diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, body aches, headache or stomach ache. We need to understand the importance of acting for the common good. We have come to a time when all of us need to consider carefully our choices and actions as these impacts others. Please remember the Bs, at all times!

On another note, if your child is sick, it's better if he/she takes time to completely recover. Do not force them to be online. Online school is only for students that are enrolled in Scenario 2 and that are quarantining for ten or more days.

Wishing you a healthy and safe February,

*Mrs. Carbo*





# Happy Birthday

Rodrigo Ruíz de Angulo

Laura Alonso

Daniela Fernández

Martina Arellano

Amaía Sarró

Sara Sánchez

Miguel Maíz

Theo Fernández

Carlos Alonso

Jorge Guevara

Bruce Krahn

Alessia Blasco



A birthday wish is sent your way  
hoping you'll have a wonderful day.  
Surrounded by people you hold most dear,  
gathered to celebrate one more year.

A happy day is wished for you,  
I hope it lasts the whole year through!

## Important Dates



### FEBRUARY

12	Valentine's and Chinese New Year Celebrations- Bring something red
16	Shrove Tuesday—Cupcake Day
17	Ash Wednesday—Imposition of Ashes
18	Semester 1 Report Cards
19-22	- No School—
24	100th Days of School

### MARCH



22- 25	Catholic Schools Week
26	Easter Holidays begin Early dismissal

### APRIL



6	Back to School from Easter Holidays
10	Possible First Reconciliation



# BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB



Happy Birthday Javi!  
Thank you for bringing  
wonderful books!



## RECOMMENDED READINGS

### *Sleep*

*The Pandemic's Impact on Children's and Their Parents' Sleep. From unrecognized shared vulnerabilities to sleep troubles.*

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/once-upon-child/202010/the-pandemics-impact-childrens-and-their-parents-sleep>

### *Live Video Lessons: 5 Ways Kids Struggle and How to Help*

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/for-educators/partnering-with-families/live-video-lessons-5-ways-kids-struggle-and-how-to-help?>

## P. E. UNIFORM REMINDER

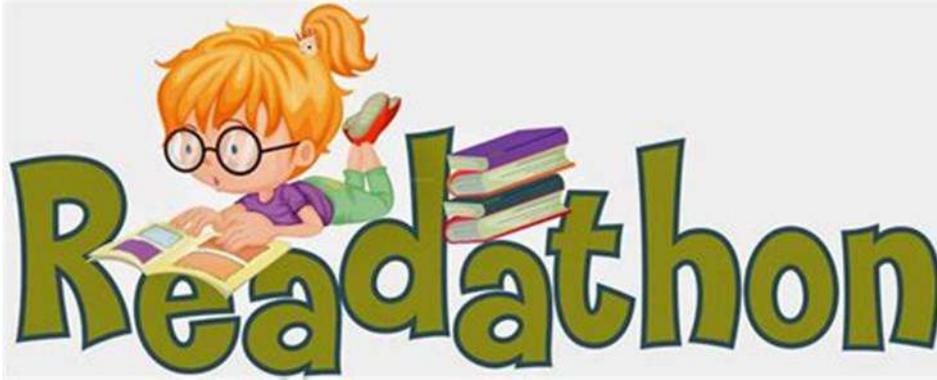


Please remember that P. E. shorts are worn exclusively during the warmer months. In Winter, the Physical Education uniform consist of long sweat pants which are more suitable for cold temperatures.

**TIGHTS AND SHORTS** are **NOT** acceptable at any time.



Henryk Wasowicz to  
First Grade!



Lower School is excited to introduce this new fundraising event : **Read-a-thon . Read-a-thon** is a fun way to reinforce students' reading skills while teaching them to make valuable impact on the lives of others. All the money raised by our students will help Casa Cristo Rey's project of feeding hungry people in Madrid. The food will be prepared at their place and distributed directly to people in need. With 50€ they are able to feed a person for a month! Ours students will have the opportunity to read while fundraising and win fun prizes in school as well!

#### ◆ **What is Read-a-thon?**

Read-a-thon is an activity in which children are sponsored to read as many books as possible within a determined period of time. Before this challenge starts, sponsors are sought who pledge to pay certain amount per book read, and at the end of the set time, the money is collected on the final number of books read or the final amount of time spent reading. This fundraiser involves no selling bake sale products like before, only pledges for sponsorship from family and friends that will become money to feed people in need. We want to make sure that Read-a-thon is a fun and meaningful exercise for our students. All Lower School students will receive a certificate of achievement.

#### ◆ **What are the goals of this Read-a-thon?**

**Goal #1:** To motivate children to read for fun, enjoy reading more, and help overcome obstacles.

**Goal #2:** To encourage children to help others, to continue growing in this year's CSW theme of Faith, Excellence and Service.

#### ◆ **How does a Read-a-thon works?**

This **Read-a-thon** will be held over a two week period, from February 12 –26. During this time, all students will try to read as much as they can and will keep track of what and for how long they read. They can read anything they want. They can listen to read-a-loud, they can read to siblings and friends. Sponsors will agree to donate one cent for every minute read, or a fix rate of 3€ per book when the children finish.

#### ◆ **What about prizes for students?**

Classes or students who read the most minutes or raise the most money for Casa Cristo Rey, will earn prizes like PopCorn parties, extra recess, books, and more.

#### ◆ **What counts as reading?**

Every time your child spend free reading, or listen to read-a-louds. Free time at school reading also counts.

More details, as well as forms will be send next week!





# What's Been Going on in Lower School?

## LEARNING IS FUN



## SCIENCE



## READ

