

# CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ROCHESTER

**February 16th, 2024**  
A Bi-weekly Newsletter



Dear scholars and families, faculty and staff:

We were blessed to be invited by the Bishop Kearney staff to join them for their Ash Wednesday Mass, celebrated by Bishop Matano. We were asked to sit 'front and center' in the auditorium, and so we literally had front-row seats to one of the greatest Ash-Wednesday-and-Valentine's-Day fusion homilies I've ever heard. Among many things, the bishop told that the definition of true love is "willing the good of another." He also reminded us that God loves us with an intense, personal love, as if we were the only being in all of creation.

During the homily, I can't count the number of times I thought about Mr. Kunz and my five years of being his colleague at St. John Bosco Schools and the early days of Chesterton Academy of Rochester. During any conversation with him, it was clear that he truly cared about you and wanted what was best for you. Students rarely misbehaved in his class, not because he was loud or draconian, but because he loved them, and they knew that he loved them. And in typical 'Bosco' fashion, he was almost always seen with a smile on his face. I will frequently be reminded of his example as I have been since beginning my position here as headmaster (mostly because Dr. Murphy put a photo of him on the filing cabinet in my office, pictured here on the right).

Our faculty is currently discussing St. John Bosco's preventive system of discipline in our bi-weekly meetings. We are discerning how to teach and discipline with truth and love, as our Lord did in the Gospels.

One of my favorite quotes that he often said (and I think it was often during Lent) was this: "You all know the three things that are free and that everyone needs, but almost no one has enough of, right? Do you know what they are?" And he would put up his hand, counting them out: "Sleep, water, and silence." And I'll just leave it at that.

God bless,  
Mr. Klosterman

## UPCOMING DATES

### **February 16**

Upperclassmen Retreat at  
St. Ireneus Center

### **February 19-23**

Winter Break - no school

### **March 1**

Lenten Retreat - no classes

### **March 14**

Chesterton Academy Soiree



Richard Joseph Kunz

April 8, 1940 - January 26, 2024

[His obituary can be read here.](#)

## CHESTERTON CORNER

Chesterton's essay on [Cheese](#) is very witty. My prayer is that it does not lead anyone astray from any dairy or cultured fasting.

## Prayer Intentions

Please keep these following intentions in your prayers:

Mary Sarah Hanna, junior at Mercy High School, who had a seizure Sunday morning and is currently recovering in the hospital.

Mr. Richard “Dick” Kunz, long time teacher at St. John Bosco Schools and Chesterton Academy of Rochester, who passed away on January 28th. He was an amazing teacher and role model for all the students he taught throughout the years. Please pray for his family, particularly for his wife, Ann Marie, and for the repose of his soul.

Mr. Rick Monczynski (father of Michael ‘21) and his family, as they continue to try to determine the cause of his health concerns.

The priests who are actively supporting our school this school year: Fr. Peter VanLieshout, Fr. Peter Mottola, Fr. Vince Gonyo, Fr. Joe DeMaio, Fr. Michael Meyer, Fr. Michael Copenhagen, Fr. Antinarelli, and Fr. David Tedesche. Please keep them as well as their parishes, ministries, and intentions in your prayers.

## Represent our School at your Parish!

Thank you to our students who spoke about Chesterton Academy at their parish after Mass a couple weekends ago for Catholic Schools Week:

Patrick McLaughlin (Our Lady of Victory)  
Claire Spears (St. Jeromes)  
Matthew Stansbury (St. Louis)

If you would like to speak at your parish about your experience here at CAR, let Mr. Klosterman know. It's a great way to get the word out about our school!

## Lent is Here!

Are you looking for something to do as a family during Lent? Check out the [Screens-free Saints Challenge](#).

You can also try reading through the Church Fathers using [this Lenten Reading Schedule](#).

The Chesterton Schools Network is also sending out daily Lenten quotes and reflections. [You can sign up to receive them here](#).

Or maybe spend some more time in adoration at the St. James perpetual adoration chapel. (To schedule a weekly time to adore our Lord in the Eucharist, email [perpetualadoration@dor.org](mailto:perpetualadoration@dor.org).)

## White Horse Student Leadership Conference

The CSN team is working on the exciting possibility of hosting our first official White Horse Student Leadership Conference in June of 2025.

This conference is based on the successful pilot program held in Kansas City in 2019. The goal is to help our students develop leadership skills, foster friendships across our growing community, and bring the faith alive!

We need your input so please take a few minutes with your family to complete the brief [survey here](#).



# WINTER SPIRIT WEEK - JANUARY 29- FEBRUARY 2

## 'RHYME WITHOUT REASON' DAY



About-to-get-sued,  
Japanese dude, and  
Bad attitude



Fairy, Berry, Dairy, and Cherry



Brown, Crown, and Nervous breakdown



Shock and Clock



Formal and Normal



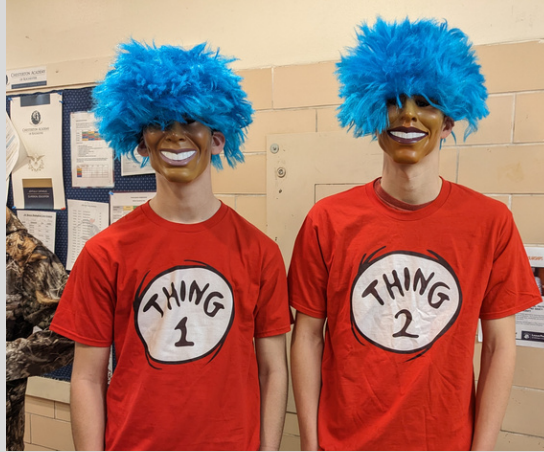
Clarence Clemence from the East Street Band  
and a Hillbilly with a Banjo in his hand



Uncle Sam and Abraham



# 'DYNAMIC DUO' DAY





ST. JOHN BOSCO SCHOOLS  
PRESENTS

# *“Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent”*

Join us for an inspiring talk on parenting by  
Dr. Ray Guarendi



*“This presentation will foster self confidence, peace  
of mind, and will put authority into your hands  
where it belongs.”*

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SJBS Gymnasium  
501 Garfield St East Rochester  
March 7 at 7 PM  
Doors open at 5:30 PM

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For Details and Registration  
[www.johnboscoschools.com/dr-ray](http://www.johnboscoschools.com/dr-ray)  
\$10 suggested donation