

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
 Slow to anger and abounding in kindness  
 Psalm 103: 8

**St. Veronica Catholic School**  
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**Calendar Review**

- Thursday, March 4 Men's Club Meeting – 6:45 p.m. – Falcon Hall
- Friday, March 5 First Friday – 8:30 p.m. mass  
 FULL DRESS  
 Stations of the Cross – immediately after mass  
 Yearbook Ads due – electronic submissions, please!
- Saturday, March 6 Luck of the Irish Dinner and Raffle  
 Come and enjoy the fun!
- Monday, March 8 VIP/Grandparents' Day – 12:30 p.m. dismissal
- Tuesday, March 9 Reconciliation for students in grades 2-8  
 Band Practice from 3:30-4:30 (Parish Center)  
 Cheer Squad 2011 – Planning Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 11 **Festival 2010 Planning Meeting**  
 Since the festival is the service project for grades 4 and 5, if your child is the only child or the oldest, this meeting is mandatory for at least one parent.
- Friday, March 12 Stations of the Cross – 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 13 St. Patrick's Day Parade – Good luck, Mr. McClanahan and all our musicians!  
 First Reconciliation – Religious Education students  
 Please keep them in your prayers!
- Sunday, March 14 Second Sunday of the month – GBD Mass!  
 What does GBD mean? A few people have asked since the calendar went out – keep reading – you will find out!
- Monday, March 15 12:30 p.m. dismissal  
 School Guild Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Falcon Hall
- Thursday, March 18 12:30 p.m. dismissal – NO P.M. EXTENDED CARE – PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY

**Dates to Remember**

- Friday, March 19 No School – Faculty Inservice
- Monday, March 22 No School – Faculty Inservice
- Thursday, April 1 Holy Thursday – 12:30 p.m. dismissal  
 NO PM EXTENDED CARE
- Good Friday, April 2 Easter Vacation begins – classes resume on Monday, April 12 with a 12:30 p.m. dismissal
- Save the date for Summer School! June 21- July 16  
 July 4 holiday – July 2 and July 5

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**BINGO SCHEDULE**

**WORKERS MUST ARRIVE BY 6:00 p.m. BINGO NOW STARTS AT 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, March 3	Wednesday, March 10	Wednesday, March 17	Wednesday, March 24
Adao, Schirmer Bonnin, Mendoza, West/Parras	Avelar, Gutierrez, Mitchell, Bosch, Fontenot, O'Reilly	Campbell, Ponce, Agler, Castro, Harper, Ruegg, Wilson	Dabai, Ledesma, Reynoso, Cole, Marsh, Suarez, Mott

### **Three Cheers for Our School Band!**

Watch for Mr. McClanahan and our school band in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 13. Our students will join with students from other Catholic schools in a jazzy march entitled "Boogie Blues.!" The Parade begins at 11:30 a.m. at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Market. It goes all the way to the Civic Center. Look for our students – as you noted at Christmas – they really are a very talented group and sound so good! Your cheers will make the long trek so much better!

**Please Excuse My Error!** Please make note that the date and time for the Parish Penance Service is incorrect. For this season of Lent, a Deanery Penance Service will be offered at St. Robert Parish on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. If you have not been to reconciliation lately, this is a wonderful opportunity to reintroduce yourself to this sacrament and experience the unconditional love of your Lord. It begins in a group setting with prayer, readings from the Scripture, and a reflection. Then, there is an opportunity for individual confessions. A closing prayer or some kind of dismissal ends the evening. Personally, I think the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the most misunderstood sacrament we celebrate. It is not about judgment or a list of wrongdoings, it is about coming home into the open arms of the Heavenly Father – read Luke 15 – that is what reconciliation is all about!

**GBD** – Since we are on the topic of liturgy, what exactly does GBD stand for? Well, though I used it first, I am not too fond of the term "Jammers for Jesus." So, I was trying to find something else that would help highlight this wonderful addition to our Sunday liturgies. GBD simply means that the **Guitars, Bass, and Drums** will be at mass. I am most grateful to the parents who share their musical talents with us – even if it is not with an instrument but with a lovely voice – and love this opportunity to worship with you. We are truly blessed with so much goodness and song! It is our desire that you leave mass tapping your toes to the beat or singing a tune – with a song in your heart – all is well.

### ***One Little VIP/Grandparents' Day Note***

We say this every year and I would like to remind you that if you are helping for this day next Monday, younger siblings should be home with a babysitter. It is a very lovely day, but one filled with activity and people – we have so many people here that day. Younger siblings really need to be at home. Thank you for your understanding.

**A Stark Reality** This week, two school families (the Lopiccolo and the Adao families) facing heartbreaking news approached me and asked if they could place flyers in our weekly envelope about relatives who have been recently diagnosed with leukemia. Both are searching for donors, and they are asking anybody who is able, to become part of the Marrow Registry. You can find the information listed on each flyer. I do not know how much more I can say. My heart aches for all those families facing serious illness, especially in family members at such a young age. Please read the flyers, gather your own information, talk about it with friends, and maybe, you can make a difference. This is a very personal decision – you might want to offer in prayer and if God so inspires you – you can make one at 10:00 and move over to the other at 11:00.

***Jingle – Jingle – Jingle*** Student Council has distributed "You Can Make a Difference" boxes for our Holy Childhood Lenten Drive. It is amazing what change your change can achieve. Maybe it could be a family Lenten promise that we empty our change at the end of the day. Boxes are due back during Holy Week (between March 29 and April 1). Didn't find a box? You might want to check someone's backpack!

***Here We Go – Do You Feel Lucky?*** Here we go! We are down to the wire! If you want to drop off a donation for however much you can manage, the Guild will gather the portions and put you on a ticket so you can win a percentage of the pot – that is if your ticket is a winning ticket. \$10 - \$20 – \$50 – whatever! The Guild will gather all these to make a hundred and place you on a ticket! Yes, times are tough, but, if you win, what a difference a few dollars could make in your pocket right now! Make sure you made your dinner reservation – the sixth grade families are planning a wonderful feast!

### ***Fifth Grade Altar Server Training***

Thank you to the fifth grade parents and students for faithfully making your first round of training. The second round, the practical side of being an altar server, begins next week. Again, please be present at one of the three options.

*Tuesday, March 23 – 3:10 p.m.*

*Wednesday, March 24 – 4:30 p.m.*

*Friday, March 26 – 2:45 p.m.*

It is our desire that after Easter, we can have the fifth graders shadow the older students and have some hands on practice. Thank you again for encouraging your child to serve!