



February 11, 2026

Wednesday Weekly

*Thank you to everyone who has completed the paperwork for **re-enrollment**. If you have not yet done so, please return your form as soon as possible. The registration fee is discounted to \$50 per family if paid in February.

*We continue our celebration of **Black History Month** throughout the school.

*****Thank you to *Ms. Rollins* for the inspiring works of art created in Grade 3-8.

******Grades 7-8* are learning about HBCU in their High School Bridge classes.

******Grades 3-4* are researching noted figures in African-American history.

*****The back side of the newsletter highlights spots around the area that further celebrate Black stories. Special thanks to the Collaboration for Early Childhood for the information.

*The **FSA/Parent Cafe** meets tonight at 5pm in the Tutoring Center in the gym.

*Congratulations to our **Lady Wildcats** who won their first play-off game last night. Their next round happens Thursday at home at 5pm.

*Students may dress in **pink/red** on Friday for the small fee of \$1. All money collected will be donated to the *American Heart Association*. February is American Heart month.

*Please check with the classroom teachers regarding **Valentine's Day** guidelines for any celebrations that may be happening on Friday.

*The **African-American Heritage Mass** will be held on Saturday, February 14, at 4:30pm at St. Giles Church. All are welcome!

*There is **no school** on Monday, February 16, in recognition of Presidents' Day.

*Students in grades **K-8** will have a *Paint & Sip* class on Tuesday, February 17, to create works celebrating Black History Month

*Also on Tuesday, February 17, the **5Essentials Survey** opens. This survey comes from the Archdiocese of Chicago and goes out to all parents/guardians of students in its schools. The

link will come to your email. Please respond; your feedback will help us grow and improve as a school. All answers are anonymous.

*February 18 is **Ash Wednesday**, the start of the Lenten season. We'll celebrate Mass that day, rather than on Tuesday. All students in Grades K-8 will receive ashes on their foreheads.

***Trimester 2** ends on Friday, February 20.

*Our very own **Loren Benson**, Class of 2026, is reading at the African-American Prayer Service on Friday, February 20, at Holy Name Cathedral.

***Tax information** for 2025 can be easily printed from Facts.

****Log-in* to your account.

***Click on *View Details* (which is to the right of the Plan & Billing title).

***Select *View Payment Summary*.

***Choose *2025* from the dropdown menu.

*Remember that **tuition payments** are due on the *15th of every month*.

*The **Children's Clinic** at Madison and Humphrey has extended its walk-in hours to every Monday from 8am-12noon for sick patient visits.

*The **Neighborhood Bridge** is a non-profit organization specifically designed to help our families with a number of different services. Please reach out to any staff member if you need help.

Dates to Remember

2/11 - Fenwick tutoring/Parent Cafe-5pm

2/12 - Fenwick tutoring

2/13 - Out-of-uniform for \$1/BSF Law Class-Gr 7

2/14 - Happy Valentine's Day/African-American Heritage Mass-4:30pm at St. Giles Church

2/16 - No school-Presidents' Day

2/17 - Survey opens/Paint & Sip/Tutoring

2/18 - Ash Wednesday/School Mass-8:30am/Fenwick tutoring

2/19 - Fenwick tutoring

2/20 - African-American Prayer Service/End Trimester 2

Catholic Corner

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, and we will mark that day with Mass. All of us at Mass will have ashes marked on our foreheads in the shape of a cross. These ashes remind us to turn away from sin and back to God.

COMMUNITY BINGO

BLACK HISTORY

How to Play:

Explore these local places with your little ones and discover Black history, creativity, resilience, and stories!



Bust of Percy Julian
Scoville Park, Oak Park



Underground Railroad
Memorial honoring the site
of the Ten Mile Freedom
House in Maywood



Geraldine McCullough's
"Pathfinder" Sculpture at
Village Hall in Oak Park



Forty Acres Fresh Market
in Austin



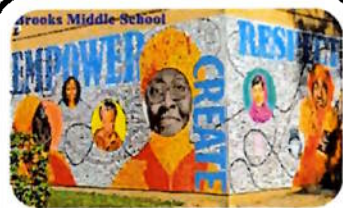
Read more about each of
these places at:
collab4kids.org/bh-bingo



Fred Hampton Aquatic
Center in Maywood



Aspire Center for Workforce
Innovation in Austin



Gwendolyn Brooks Mural at
Brooks Middle School in
Oak Park



Chieftan Statue by
Geraldine McCullough
in Austin