



# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello all,

I'm sure you are familiar with the old adage: *Give a man a fish; he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish; he will eat for a lifetime.* Often times the phrase is used to rank the two types of charity. And at other times, the phrase can be used to deny charity altogether. At Duchesne we participate in both types. Our first major work of charity is the Adopt-a-Family drive during Advent. This program fits squarely in the “give a man a fish” type of charity. We recognize that Christmas can be a mentally and emotionally difficult time for those families who cannot provide gifts for their loved ones. The goal of the Adopt-a-Family program is to ease that burden (if only for a day).

During Lent, our charitable giving easily fits within the “teach a man to fish” model. Each Lent we strive to raise \$5,000 to purchase an “Ark” through Heifer International. The “Ark” is not literal, nor do we strive to purchase, “Of all kinds of birds, of all kinds of beasts, and of all kinds of creeping things, two of each.” Instead, the “Ark” is used as a symbol and a goal to raise enough money to purchase a variety of animals. According to Heifer International’s website, the gift “Ark” includes: “two water buffalo, two cows, two sheep, and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more.”

The donation, however, doesn’t just include the livestock. If it did, we would still be in the “give a man a fish” framework. In addition to the livestock, our donation to Heifer International includes education. Communities are gifted animals that are best suited to each community’s environment. And then communities are taught how to sustainably farm the animals and derive income from those farmed resources. Finally, communities that are given animals are also required to give as a gift the first babies of the animals they were given. To use another adage, they pay the charity forward.

At our Ash Wednesday Mass, I encouraged students who give up tangible items during Lent to think about donating the money they save through their fasting to Heifer. If they do, we shouldn’t have any trouble reaching our goal. We will also have numerous fundraising opportunities during Mission Week.

Pax,

Dominic D’Urso



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## Announcements

February 15

**Home Girls Basketball**

February 16

**No Classes:** The faculty will have our annual retreat on the 16th. We will not have classes, please pray for us.

**Home Boys Basketball**

February 19

**No School:** President's Day

February 20

**District Basketball:** The district basketball tournament begins this week for both our boys and girls teams. We will be hosting the boys tournament.

February 26

**NCAA Eligibility Program:** A representative from the NCAA will be on campus to help families whose children are interested in playing collegiate sports. Please see the flyer from Mrs. Grass for more information.

February 29-March 2

**School House Rock:** The Spring Musical is finally here. The Duchesne Performing Arts department presents *School House Rock*. That's right, all of your favorite throwback cartoons will be on our stage in live action. I'm particularly excited for "I'm Just a Bill." The show begins each night at 7:00.

March 4-8

**Mission Week:** Our students and Campus Ministry have planned a variety of activities leading up to our Mission Week pep rally.

March 9-17

**Spring Break**