

St. Ann School

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Wednesday Memo

Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM

Total for 20 Lunches for Feb. : \$55.10

Monday, Feb. 17	Creamy Turkey & Noodles
Supervision	Ellison, Pigarelli
Tuesday, Feb. 18	Sloppy Joes
Supervision	NEEDED, Balthazor
Wednesday, Feb. 19	Pancakes & Cheese Omelettes
Supervision	Balthazor, Opitz
Thursday, Feb. 20	Pizza Dippers
Supervision	Bailey, NEEDED
Friday, Feb. 21	BBQ Riblette
Supervision	Milota, S. Nelson



Volunteer Lunch Supervision Needed in February

We are in need of Volunteer Lunch Supervisors for these dates in February: 18, 20, 26.

If you can help with any of these dates, please sign-up on sign-up genius.



St. Ann School Movie Night

St. Ann School Movie Night will be held on Friday, February 21 at 7:00 PM. In the gym. We will be showing the movie EPIC. Parents or a responsible adult must accompany your child to this event. Free popcorn and beverages will be available.

Basket Raffle Winners

Here are the winners from our 11th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Basket Raffle at St. Ann School on Friday, January 31, 2014:

- iPad Air - Megan Schmitt
- Kindle Basket - Bill Rupp
- iPod Basket - Maya Lusk
- Wisconsin Sports Basket - Melissa Diener
- Date Night Basket - Liz Waldorf
- American Girl Doll Basket - Jason Schaefer
- Toys for Boys Basket - Keegan Langenohl



Don't forget to order! February has two free items. Every order \$40 or more comes with free Five Cheese

Garlic Toast. All orders \$90 or more online with the promo code: FEBBONUS will receive free Cheese Ravioli! It is time to qualify for the new Frequent Buyer gift! Make two purchases of \$40 or more between February and April then one more in May to receive your free Storage Basket at your May sale pick-up! All orders need to be placed by Thursday February 20. All paper orders need to be turned into the Market Day box outside of the teacher's lounge by 3pm and all online orders at marketday.com need to be placed by 11pm. Pick-up is on Monday February 24 in the gym at 4:30-6pm. Please let me know if you will have any problems picking up your order. We have very limited space to store orders. Call Koreen Kuhn at 712-4126 or email at jhkuhn@charter.net.

Conference Schedule

Your conference schedule, if you requested a conference, will be sent home in your family envelope today.

Snow Make-up Day



Please mark your calendars. April 21 is now designated as a make-up day for the days off of school in January due to extreme cold temps.

St. Ann School Self-Study

St. Ann School is involved in the Catholic School Improvement Program's Self-Study Process. The Self-Study is a part of the assessment process during which staff members collect and analyze data about our school and make recommendations for improvement. In your family envelope today is a Parent/Guardian Survey. Please complete the survey and return to the school office by Friday, Feb. 28.



Principal's Corner

Jesus' Message of Love

What was it about Jesus that made others sit up and take notice? He must have expressed himself with great confidence and his personality must have been one that attracted notice. Yet, there was something else that made him so effective. He spoke to the needs of the human heart and to the human problems of the time. He addressed a people caught in spiritual darkness and turned on for them a life of peace, justice and truth. He spoke to people dragged down by illness of body and spirit and showed them that healing could come through faith. Most of all, he recognized that so many lived in a loveless world. To these he promised his abiding presence and the compassion, kindness and strength of the Holy Spirit.

During the month of February, the month of LOVE, let each of us within our family setting listen to and believe in the person of Jesus as we mutually share the lesson of love that he taught us through his words and actions. Let us imitate his compassion and love as we meet the needs of the human heart and react to the problems of our time.

~ Joan Leonard

Catholic Schools Week In Review

Our Catholic Schools Week celebration was elongated this year due to two days of bitter wind chills that canceled school. However, the activities that were part of our special week warmed the hearts and spirits of our students, staff and parents. The students learned about many interesting careers on Wednesday, January 29, which foreshadowed their own aspirations in life through the career costumes they wore. A special thank you is extended to the following parents and a parishioner who shared about their chosen careers: Kristin Danninger, Travis Gille, Hank Koshollek, Rachel Langenohl, Brett Lusk, Mike Maloney, Tamara Mehring, Sarah Nelson, Nick Probst, Marcie Ross, Jessica Royko, Stephanie Schipper, Scott Trautman and Liz Wolter.

The students and staff enjoyed wearing their pajamas and gathering together as Faith Families to perform Science experiments on Thursday, January 30. Ask your child(ren) to explain kinetic energy, electrical circuits, density, chromatography or how to make sidewalk chalk. On Friday we celebrated our all school Mass celebrating our Catholic school uniqueness. During the Mass we honored Dorothy Daggett for her Outstanding Service to St. Ann School. Dorothy served our school for 17 years as Director of the Hot Lunch Program. Dorothy and her husband, Ed, were one of the first families to send their children to St. Ann School. Dorothy prepared delicious lunches and taught the kids to be consistent in their sharing of "please and thank you" plus table etiquette. On Friday afternoon, students enjoyed an outing to Keva Sports Center.

The Spaghetti Supper and Basket Raffle was a wonderful way to celebrate our St. Ann School Community. A special thank you is extended to Stephanie Schipper, Julie Mathias, Erin Milota and Karla Maloney for all their hard work in organizing this special evening for our school community.

We celebrated "Hats Off to St. Ann School" and the gifts and talents of many of our students on Monday, February 3 during our annual Talent Show. We concluded the week by dressing as our Favorite Super Hero. Throughout the week, the students shared their knowledge of our Catholic faith, the Bible and the lives of the saints, by competing in classroom Religion Bees. A special congratulations to the classroom winners: Benjamin Apel (Grade One), Ty Fernholz (Grade Two), Ellee Milota (Grade Three), Andy McCoy (Grade Four), Jackson Talbert (Grade Five), Patrick Wolter (Grade Six) and Collin Maloney (Grades Seven-Eight).

As we look forward to the activities of the remainder of our school year, let me end with one of my favorite quotes which summarizes our mission at St. Ann School.

**Be it known to all that enter our school,
That Christ is the reason for this school,
The unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,
The model of its faculty,
The inspiration of its students.**

It's a CLASS ACT

Kindergarten News by Mrs. McGuire



Kindergarteners are busy as usual these days trying to learn how to make letters touching lines on our papers, learning to sound out sentences and using periods and spaces, rhyming words, saying the sounds in the middle of words, learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. (how he was like Jesus), how to be loving, the Revolutionary War, what it takes to be a president, learning how plants grow, etc. We are done with our North and South Poles unit, and our teeth unit, and we are getting ready for Valentines Day, learning about mail carriers, St. Valentine, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, then on to Lenten activities! We enjoyed Catholic Schools Week with the talent show, Keava, Career Day, and dressing up in many different ways! We look forward to Father Randy's visit next week and going to Ash Wednesday Mass and many field trips coming up!

We are in need of size 13, 1 and 2 shoes for boys and size 1 and 2 shoes for girls, if anyone has slightly used shoes that your child has out-grown. Many thanks for all the Kindergarten parents who help us in our classroom! We appreciate you!

Just Like the Big Kids by Mrs. Fields



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This is probably my favorite time of the school year. Notice I did not say *year*, because I have just about all I can take of the snow and cold. I specifically said *school year*. Let me explain. In the fall when things are just starting out, the kids, and even the teachers, are a little nervous. The students are busy learning the classroom rules, figuring out where things belong in the classroom, getting acquainted or reacquainted with each other and starting the learning process for the year. Then come the holidays and things are thrown into a minor frenzy. The kids are sometimes sleep-deprived, sometimes sugar-filled, and all of the time excited about up-coming events.

But now, after the thrill of the holidays has diminished, the real excitement begins for me. My kids are settled into the routines and need less and less reminders about where they should be and what they should be doing at any particular time. Things really start to connect in their brains and with their muscles. We have had some great discussions in the last few weeks. Their vocabulary is increasing. They can sit longer and stay involved in the conversation. They wait for each other to talk. They are just like the big kids.

I start to try new things in my classes because I believe they are ready for some new challenges. Last week, the 4K class started journaling. They all can draw. They all can tell the story or part of the story. Some can write letters, a few can write captions. In the midst of it all, they figured out that they were journaling, just like the big kids.

Tuesday, the Pre-K 3 class conducted a real science experiment, just like the big kids. They set up the materials, made predictions (smart guesses), recorded data, examined the data, and made some conclusions. I watched them ponder the possibilities, watch what was happening, take a moment to think things through, and listen to each other.

I am not sure who is more excited and proud right now: me, for the incredible progress they have made, or them: because they believe they are now **just like the big kids**.

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Español Clase by Señorita Vandenboom

Hola de la clase de español! We have been busy in the Spanish classroom! Younger elementary schoolers have been learning, drawing, writing, and singing about the body and moving on to things we use in the classroom. Older elementary students have been studying how to talk about the weather, the seasons, the months of the year, and their favorites of these. Our middle schoolers have been navigating their way through Spanish grammatical processes and rules. They have been describing themselves, other people, and giving directions in paragraph form. I am excited for this second semester and to see all that we will accomplish!



Corporal Works of Mercy: Visit The Imprisoned

The Corporal Work of Mercy for the month of February is “Visit The Imprisoned.” As a school community, we would like to collect items for the family visitation area of the prison in Oregon. The Prison Ministry Committee suggests the following items for dads and their children to use during their visitation time: craft project kits, crayons, markers, coloring books, story books, construction paper, stickers, activity books, seasonal holiday items for Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter. Thank you in advance for your generosity for this special project of love.

St. Ann Drama Club Presents.....

May 9-10 at the Stoughton Opera House

The St. Ann Drama Club, an after-school theater program for 4th through 8th graders, is officially underway. Auditions were held the week of February 3, and rehearsals began February 10 in Healy Hall.



The 36-member cast, under the direction of Stoughton's own children's theater-guru DeeDee Bouzek, will perform in Peter Pan, Jr., May 9-10, at the Stoughton Opera House. Six SHS theater students will assist DeeDee, including four St. Ann's alumni: Natalie Clerkin, Lauren John, Kristin Nett, and Abby Wicks, plus Leo Endres and Jack Greenwood. Tickets will be on sale in the school office by May 1.

The St. Ann Drama Club has been entertaining the Stoughton community for over 20 years with high-quality musical theater. After settling into their new roles, the cast practices 3 to 4 afternoons per week until the performance. Parent volunteers keep the club afloat, and put in many hours at home rehearsing lines and practicing songs.

So, if you hear a faint tinkling in the halls or a tick-tock coming from behind closed doors this spring, don't worry. You've just arrived in Neverland. See you at the Opera House!

~ Tonya Talbert

