

# St. Ann School

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# Wednesday Memo



**Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM.**

**Total for 19 Lunches for February: \$55.10**

<b>Monday, Feb. 23</b>	<b>Baked Potato Bar</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>NEEDED, NEEDED</b>
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 24</b>	<b>Soft Chicken Tacos</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Ellison, Lang</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 25</b>	<b>Mini-Corn Dogs</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Probst, Lang</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb. 26</b>	<b>Pancakes &amp; Cheese Omelets</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Bailey, Breton</b>
<b>Friday, Feb. 27</b>	<b>11 AM Release</b>

## St. Ann's Syttende Mai Royalty



Congratulations to 3rd graders Cole Sarbacker and Alena Wood who were chosen as the 2015 Syttende Mai Prince and Princess. Cole and Alena are pleased to be able to represent St. Ann School in the Syttende Mai festivities and to be part of

the May 16 children's parade in downtown Stoughton.



The next SCRIP order is Monday, February 23. Please turn in your

order form by that Monday or email neumeyerdiane@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.



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## Monsignor Healy St. Ann School Scholarship

Just a reminder that the deadline for submitting a form for the Msgr. Healy Scholarship is February 27th. Two - \$1000 scholarships are available to two different families. Application forms are on the ministry counter at church or in the school office.

## Our Faith Stories

**Our Faith Stories - featuring  
Tim Tyson and Beverly DeGroot  
Sunday, February 22 - 6:30 pm  
Healy Hall**

### St. Ann Parish, Stoughton, WI

Each month two of our parishioners share their "Faith Stories." This event will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, at 6:30 pm. Bev DeGroot and Tim Tyson will share with us how they see God working in their lives. This powerful witnessing inspires, gives hope and shares the peace of Christ. Please join us!



Don't forget that February has a lot of free stuff happening! First, any online purchase will earn \$20 to spend with Shutterfly. Second, with any \$90 online purchase and the promo code: FEBBONUS you will receive free Cheese Ravioli. Third, with the purchase of any three pre-portioned Cookie Dough flavors, you will receive a free Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough. The fourth and last item is to start earning your Frequent Buyer Gift. Make two purchases of \$40 or more between February and April, then one more in May, to receive a free set of Collapsible Storage Bowls!

All orders are due **today, Wednesday**, February 18. Paper orders are due by 3pm in the Market Day box outside the teacher's lounge and online orders are due by 11:00 PM at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com). The pick-up date is on Monday, February 23, at 3:30 to 6 PM in the gym. Remember we have very little freezer space so please plan on picking up your order on time. If you have any questions or need to make other pick-up arrangements, please contact Koreen Kuhn at 712-4126 or at [jhkuhn@charter.net](mailto:jhkuhn@charter.net).



# Principal's Corner

## Notes on Dress Codes and Electronic Devices

Just when I think I have just about every aspect of this job under control, something new pops to the surface. I can't decide if the swirl of action will keep me young or age me quickly. You can decide, I guess.

Every so often, the staff and I sit back and take a big picture look to see how things are going and if there's anything that needs addressing. Last week we met and as a result have targeted two particular areas of concern that we feel are causing distractions. Earlier in the year, I began to observe one or two female students coming to school sporting the latest fashion in pants. Although it made me go, "Hmmm," I refrained from stepping in and addressing the situation, deluding myself that it would simply go away. Unfortunately, the trend has only gotten more popular, and so now I find myself, rather than reflecting on the significance of Lent in our daily lives, talking about a fashion trend that is in nature a contrast to our dress code. Yes, Moms and Dads, I'm talking about the leggings. Actually, it's not the leggings themselves but the latest trend of wearing short shirts with them. I know this is the current debate in many social circles: What constitutes leggings/tights/yoga pants versus sweat pants or snugger jeans? My staff and I spent many minutes laughing about the list of definitions we could toss out to families to distinguish between them. The only indicator that came close was the "snap test." In other words, if a student can pull the fabric and it "snaps" back into place, then chances are, what she is wearing is leggings or tights. In the end, however, we decided that parents and students instinctively know the difference and really a formal definition is not needed. So, I am instituting the official "Legging Policy" which states that all leggings worn must have shirts long enough to properly cover, in Virginia's words, the *derriere* (She's much more cultured than I am). And just to clarify and to avoid future bending of the rules, "covering" does not mean pulling one's shirt down or bending one's knees in order to shield the posterior. The shirt must be in rest position and covering in order to qualify as proper dress. I know it may take a week or so for the policy to become standard procedure at home, but eventually, I will have to make phone calls home; otherwise, I will be making a trip to St. Vinnie's and purchasing '80s ugly sweaters as substitutes for shirt/leggings violations.

In addition to dress, one other habit has been making its way into our classrooms, and that is the casual use of cell phones. Originally, I was a strong advocate for the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy as a way for students to have access to their apps for school-related things, such as Kindle books. However, teachers have brought it to my attention that students (and yes, even parents) are abusing the policy by actually texting and/or phoning their kids during class or in-between. I readily admit being an abuser of this myself with my sons at the public school. I guarantee that if I were to pause and text one of them at this moment, I would get a quick response. So I understand how tempting it is to quickly contact your child with a question or to tell him/her about a change in plans. The use, however, is becoming a distraction for the classroom. Therefore, I am asking parents to refrain from calling their children directly on their personal devices during school hours. If a need should arise, you are more than welcome to contact the office and have a note sent. In addition, students are increasingly using their devices for non-curricular activities, such as to Instagram or Snap Chat friends, and that is a complete violation of policy, especially because cameras are involved. Before I get to a point of banning devices to backpacks during the day, the teachers have agreed to first try a basket policy where students leave their devices in the basket during class. That way, if they are needed for something curriculum related, the students will have quick access to them.

Thanks for taking the time to read and to enforce the revised policies. I know to many of you they are minor, but we want to continue to promote a positive environment here at school and keep our kids focused on their learning. If you have any questions, definitely email or stop in to chat.

Kara Roisum



## Nine Ways to a Fruitful Lent

This Lent the students of St. Ann School and Religious Ed will be participating in the Nine Words experience. Many of you received the book *Nine Words* which the parish handed out at all Masses on Christmas. The nine words are fruits of the Holy Spirit as described by St. Paul in Galatians 5:22-23. To expand on the themes in this book, our students will receive a cross on Monday with one of the nine words along with an activity. Then when your family attends Mass either Saturday or Sunday, your child will place the cross in the offertory basket at Mass. They will receive a new cross in their classroom on the following Monday. We think this is a wonderful opportunity to make Lent and participation at Mass a heartfelt experience for families. Please encourage your child to fulfill their weekly offering as a way to increase their love of God and those around them during this Lenten season.

## ADULTS!

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

Will it help you become a better mother, father, husband, wife, friend? Do something that will.

Have your **Best Lent Ever** with Matthew Kelly, America's best-selling Catholic author. This Lent, get simple yet life-changing spiritual coaching via daily emails from Matthew Kelly.

Learn more at **BestLentEver.com**. The only cost is your commitment to live better each day this Lent.



## Two Events— One Night Camp Gray Family Night for K and Up

### Grades 6-8 Middle School Lock-In

A flyer was sent home about our family Camp Gray Retreat Night on Friday, February 27. All families of students in grades K and up are invited to this fun team-building faith-filled event from 5-10 PM. Dinner will be served that evening. After the family night, there will be a Middle School Lock-in for our students in grade 6-8. Please fill out the forms that were sent home (and also emailed) and return to school as soon as possible so we can plan for this fun evening.

## Yearbook Order Envelopes



Our Yearbook is a great way for your child to save memories from his/her school years at St. Ann School. If you wish to order a yearbook, please fill out a separate Yearbook Order envelope for each child in the family. If you have more than one child you may pay by one check for all your children's orders, but be sure that you turn in one order form/child to the school office. **Checks should be made out to St. Ann School.** You may choose instead to pay online in which case you do not have to fill out an order envelope. Questions? Call the school office, 873-3343.



## Please Save Inkjet and Laser Computer Printer Cartridges and used Cell Phones



Please save your empty inkjet and laser cartridges and old cell phones for St. Ann School. Please check out this website for list of cartridges and cell phones to save:

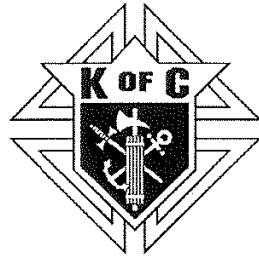
[http://www.rrewards.com/qualifying\\_items.aspx](http://www.rrewards.com/qualifying_items.aspx) or we will send home a list to you if you request.

**Ask the business where you work to save them for us also!**



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**St. Ann's Knights of Columbus  
Fish Fry**

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**Friday, February 20, 2015**

**St. Ann's School Gym**

**5 - 8 PM**

**All you care to eat!**

Children (5 and under) FREE

Youth/Senior (6-12 & Seniors 65+) \$8.50

Adults (13+) \$10.50

macaroni & cheese meal \$3.00

deep fried or baked fish

coleslaw, garlic roasted potatoes or French fries,

dinner roll, dessert

coffee, milk, lemonade

takeout available

