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Wednesday Memo



Total for 20 Lunches for
Oct. : \$60.90

Monday, Oct. 28 Supervision	Breaded Chicken Patty Matheny, Sarbacker
Tuesday, Oct. 29 Supervision	Walking Tacos Horton, Pedersen
Wednesday, Oct. 30 Supervision	Grilled Cheese & Soup Langenohl, Clark, L.
Thursday, Oct. 31 Supervision	Mini-Corn Dogs Pedersen, Langenohl
Friday, Nov. 1 Supervision	Subs Mehring, Neumeyer

Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM.

Reminder:

11:00 AM dismissal on Friday, October 25.

Halloween Dress Up Day



This year, students will be allowed to wear costumes in school for Halloween. A donation of a non-perishable food item will be required from those students who wish to dress in costume for the day on Thursday, October 31. You may recall last week's 5th grade article, in which Mrs. Stano described the

empty shelves in the pantry at the Catholic Multicultural Center.



Therefore, we will be donating all non-perishable food items to the Catholic Multicultural Center. So

please be generous with your contributions to this food drive.

Guidelines for costumes are as follows:

- No weapons or semblance of weapons
- No gruesome or gory costumes
- No immodest costumes

Catch A Bite at Culvers



Join us at Culvers on Wednesday, November 6. Bring The Culvers' Card and you will receive a 5% discount and St. Ann Home & School

will receive an additional 5% donation.



All Saints Day School Mass Reminder for Grades 1-4

Students will be celebrating All Saints Day at 8:10 AM Mass on Friday, November 1. **Students in grades 1-4 are to dress as their favorite Saint or Patron Saint.** Saints costumes should be very simple: often a robe or tunic can depict a saint or a special symbol of that saint. All students in these grades are encouraged to dress in these costumes on this day. Here is a fun website for ideas for saint costumes:

<http://catholicicing.com/all-saints-day-costume-ideas-for-boys/>

<http://catholicicing.com/all-saints-day-costume-ideas-for-girls/>



Principal's Corner

An Invitation To Be Humble In Prayer

In this upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading from Luke, we hear the story of two men praying. One man, a Pharisee, prays with a sense of boastful, self-righteousness about not being like others, especially the people in the temple praying who are greedy and dishonest. The man in Jesus' story denies his sinfulness before God and tries to manipulate God's love by making himself look good at the expense of others by proclaiming his practice of tithing and fasting. He speaks of others' failures to make his accomplishments look even better.

The other man, a tax collector, prays with humility, lowering his eyes and beating his chest in sorrow for his sins as he recognizes that he has offended God. He knows that he has sinned and knows that he needs God's help to become a better person. He is humble, is sorry for his sins and is very aware of his need for God.

The second man who prays with humility has an appropriate attitude towards prayer. All that he has, everything that he has accomplished, all of his special gifts are because of God's presence in his life. He has and will continue to use his special gifts and talents to praise God and to be good to others. He also will continue to ask God for forgiveness and right direction when he sins.

This week as you listen to the Gospel story from Luke 18:9-14, take a moment to reflect upon the following questions. "How is my prayer like that of the Pharisees? Like that of the tax collector? Which of these people would I like to be like?" As you pray, may you become humble as the tax collector and realize that you need to be dependent upon God. May you trust that God will take care of you and provide for all your needs. May you be given the courage to accept the fact that the events of life are fragile and must be handled with prayer.

~ Ms. Leonard

Saying Thanks To Our Neighbors

After our all school Mass on this Friday, October 25, the students and staff will organize in their Faith Families and go to the yards of various neighbors of our school to rake leaves. It is our way of saying THANK YOU for being a wonderful neighbor of our school.

Many Thanks to Our Home & School Association



St. Ann Home & School Association recently donated \$7,000.00 to St. Ann School to enhance our ability to provide programs, library materials, field trips, classroom supplies, etc. Thank you to all families who support St. Ann School through our Home & School fundraisers.

Reminder:

Please bring a rake to school on Friday, October 25 for our Faith Family Neighborhood Raking Project. You can label your rake with your name on masking tape so that you are sure to get it back.



It's a CLASS ACT

News From the Art Room

By Mrs. Jamison

Have you ever wondered, what, exactly, is a Religious Icon?

The icon, from the Greek word ikon for image, is a type of Christian spiritual art, which grew out of the Byzantine culture.

Icons always portray religious themes: God, angels, sacred events from the Bible, the transfigured humanity of Jesus, Mary the mother of Jesus, the saints and fathers of the Church, and holy days, among other themes. They are found in churches, at wayside shrines, and in homes.

Icons are important, not only as examples of early Orthodox Christian art but especially as devotional tools for prayer. They are considered to be "prayer made visible."

Icons have a distinctive look. They are paintings, typically in a traditional style on wood. Unlike Western paintings that attempt to duplicate a three-dimensional image in two dimensions, figures in icons appear flattened. The formal figures are often frontal, with large eyes that engage viewers and draw them into the icon and thus, closer to God. Icons are painted in reverse perspective from the viewpoint of God, who is within the painting, rather than from the viewer's perspective.

Icons have a very stylized tradition that has not changed much through the ages. The colors are dark and rudimentary, true to their origins. The colors are stylized and in the tradition of the original, limited color varieties available to ancient painters who had to make their own paint colors from plants and shrubs.

The colors used tend to be generic, dark and intense. Green and brown were used as a basis of skin color as many of our ancestors had olive and or dark skin. The colors used in the clothing of religious icons are deliberately chosen for their spiritual symbolism: gold symbolizes the radiance of heaven, red symbolizes divine life, blue symbolizes human life and white symbolizes the uncreated essence of God. Jesus is typified with a red undergarment and blue outer garment to symbolize God in human form. Mary is typically seen in a blue undergarment with a red outer garment which symbolizes a human granted gifts by God.

The next time you walk by or are handed a small reproduction of an icon, spend some time in silence and witness how the iconographer made prayer visible.

Science Curriculum at St. Ann School

By Mrs. Grutzner

In science, our school has increased the hands on experiments for kids with the use of the FOSS Kits. Starting in first grade, students have the opportunity to use these kits to enhance their learning experiences. For example, in first grade, students study mealworms and their life cycle. They also look at weather, clouds, wind, and temperature. In second grade, kids study live crayfish and learn about their ecosystem. They also examine rocks, pebbles, and soil as they focus on the sizes of soil.

Moving into third grade, students see firsthand how important machines are to our world as they build simple machines. Next, they use their sense of hearing as they listen to sound waves. In fourth grade, they look at the skeletal system within the human body. Students create their own skeleton and label the major bones in the body. Next, they dissect owl pellets, and students look closely at the skeletal system of a rodent. Finally, they recreate the joints of the elbow, wrist, and thumb. They also learn about the water cycle, study rocks and minerals, and set up parallel and series circuits in electricity and magnetism.

As they move up into the upper grades, they create rivers in their Landforms unit and study how deltas are formed. They also make lever and pulley systems, and dissect sharks, frogs, and worms. Finally, they study solar energy. In our seventh and eighth grade classes, they are utilizing a more advanced FOSS kit called CPO science this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grandparent/Special Person Day, Friday, Nov. 8 Reminder

Reservations are required and are due October 30. We need accurate numbers for seating and refreshments and activities.

Please make sure that you have made a reservation if your child is planning to bring a guest to either the morning or afternoon session. Please call the school office if you did not receive a reservation form. As a reminder, due to space restrictions, we will not be able to accommodate younger siblings and parents. We look forward to honoring your child's grandparent/special person on this day.



Bring on the Vino!



The wine raffle was so successful at the 2013 Spaghetti Dinner that we are hoping to make it bigger and better in 2014! In preparing for that event, we are asking for a bottle of wine to be donated by each family. FOR EACH BOTTLE OF WINE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BETWEEN NOW AND FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22ND, WE WILL ENTER YOU IN A DRAWING TO WIN A \$50 GAS CARD. Just in time for your Thanksgiving Holiday travels! So when you bring in your bottle, be sure to put your name on it so you can have a chance to win!

Save Boxtops, Milk Moola, Coca Cola, Tyson, Campbell's & Kellogg's

By Jim Opitz

I would like to thank everyone for saving box tops so far this year. We have earned over \$680 already. The cutoff for mailing in box tops for the first quarter is the end of October so please drop off all your box tops as soon as possible so we can get them mailed in. I think we can get it up to \$750. I want to challenge each family to find at least 10 box tops and bring them in by next Wednesday.

If you do any online shopping go on to www.boxtops4education.com and set up an account. The Marketplace is a collection of over 400 online stores that have teamed up with Box Tops. When you start your online shopping here, you'll earn eBoxTops® for St. Ann School with every qualified purchase at no additional cost to you.

We have started collecting Coke rewards. These are on all Coke products. Save your caps from all the bottles and drop them off. All the cans have codes inside the boxes. Just drop off the codes and we will take care of entering them in for you. This is another good way for us to earn playground equipment.

We have mailed in the first Milk Moola for the year, earning over \$90. This year, Milk Moola is the only milk caps that we are doing since we need 1000 caps to redeem. Make sure you check your caps from Kwik Trip. Milk Moola is on more than just milk. They have also added ice cream this year. Each cap is worth 5¢. Glazer donut ovals can also be turned in earning us 10 cents an oval. This adds up quickly so it doesn't matter if you don't use a lot every one counts.

We have started collecting the Tyson project A+ this year. Each one is worth 24¢. There is a minimum of 100 to send in. Watch for the Tyson project A+ on all precooked Tyson products

We have been collecting a lot of Campbell's Labels for Education, which has expanded to include many other brands including Pepperidge Farms, Goldfish, Bic, Dannon, Emerald, Glad, Pace, Pop Secret, Prego, SpagettiO's, Swanson, and V8. Make sure you send in the UPC code. Even if it doesn't say the point value if we have the UPC we can get the point value and get credit. The points we earn from these allow us to earn playground equipment and other supplies for the school.

Kellogg's has also been added this year. Inside every Kellogg's package with the Kellogg's FAMILY REWARDS on the box there is a code that we can enter to earn money for our school and also earn free books. If you cut the code out and drop it off we will take care of entering it. For every 8000 points, we earn \$5. Each box is worth 50 to 250 points.

You can drop all these off by the teacher's lounge between the 1st grade room and kitchen. We will try to keep it updated on the bulletin board on our totals.