



St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

SAINT ANN SCHOOL
— putting faith in education —

11/29/17



Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive no later than 11:10 AM (10:55 AM if possible).

Total for 14 Lunches for November: \$41.30.

Monday, Dec. 4	Hot Ham or Hot Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Supervision	Bailey
Tuesday, Dec. 5	Chicken Fajitas
Supervision	Ihlenfeldt
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Baked Potato Bar
Supervision	Schafer
Thursday, Dec. 7	Rotini & Meat Sauce
Supervision	Nemeckay
Friday, Dec. 8	Sloppy Joe's
Supervision	Wiese

Salad Bar included with hot lunch.

Salad Bar costs \$1.75 for cold lunch students.

Don't forget to order SCRIP!

Remember Scrip for your holiday shopping and everyday needs. They also work as great gifts.



Coats for Kids

The Stoughton Knights of Columbus, along with Stoughton area churches, are once again sponsoring a Coats for Kids campaign for local children. Please bring in your gently used winter coats, hats, mittens, snowpants, and scarves to help Stoughton children in need stay warm during this upcoming Wisconsin winter. Donations can be dropped off in the bin by the school office or dropped off at the Stoughton fire station. Donations are being accepted until December 4.



HOLIDAY Bazaar

The annual Middle School Holiday Bazaar, hosted by our middle school students, will be held on Friday, December 15, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Students will be selling crafts and baked holiday items ranging in price from \$0.50 to \$4.00. Items include candy sleds, chocolate covered pretzels, holiday slime, stuffed snowmen, scarves, and more. All food items will be individually wrapped with ingredients on the packaging. The money profited from this event will go towards upcoming spring middle school field trips such as Washington, D.C., and the science field trip.

Candy Canes for Sale

Candy canes will be for sale during the lunch hour every day starting Monday, December 4. Each candy cane costs \$0.25. What a deal! The sale will run until Wednesday, December 13. Purchased candy canes will be delivered to kids' stockings hanging on their lockers. Students can buy a candy cane for themselves, for friends, or for school staff. All monies will go towards upcoming field trips for the middle school.

1st Reconciliation Retreat

There will be a 1st Reconciliation Retreat on Sunday, December 3, at 1:30 p.m., in Healy Hall. Please contact Shaun Kleitsch in the Parish office with any questions.

Advent by Candlelight

Enjoy a relaxing, spiritual evening with others at St. Ann's Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m., in Healy Hall.

Eucharistic Adoration

Pray in the presence of the Lord at Eucharistic Adoration, every Monday from 12:00-1:00 PM, and Saturday mornings at 8:00 AM. Stay the entire hour or just a few minutes.



Parents Night Out Hosted by 8th Grade

Do you need to get your Christmas shopping done? Do you need a date night? The 8th grade class is offering to watch your kids the evening of Friday, December 8, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., in the school gym. All monies raised will go toward the 8th grade field trip to Washington, D.C., in March. Prices for this service is \$15 for one child, \$25 for two children, and \$30 for three or more children. These prices are per family, not per child. There will also be adults on site to supervise. To register your child/ren for babysitting or if you have any questions, please contact Lisa Clark at 608-877-4344. All registrations are due to Lisa by Thursday, December 7.

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Principal's Corner

Strengthening Our Faith—NCYC

As many of you know, two weekends ago I had the opportunity to chaperone a group of high school students to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis. Eight years ago, my daughter attended NCYC and still describes the impact that weekend had on her and her faith. The most memorable recollection she has is the overwhelming camaraderie she felt with over 25,000 other teens who shared her love of Jesus and passionately practiced their Catholic traditions.

Having listened to her description of the event, I gladly volunteered to chaperone to see for myself what NCYC was all about. The Diocese organized the trip, and we met early at St. Peter's in Madison, to attend 6:30 a.m. Mass before boarding the two buses and heading to Indianapolis. The joy we felt was palpable, and our ride was both a mixture of laughter and excitement on the pilgrimage we were about to take.

Over the course of my teaching career, I have experienced numerous retreats and conventions, many geared toward teens. NCYC, however, was an event unlike any I had attended. I have never been around so many faith-filled and polite teens. It didn't matter if it was a crowd gathered before the Matt Maher concert or during one of the numerous breakout sessions on faith and the issues teens face today: Every person I came across was kind and extremely friendly. There were teens who came as far away as Hawaii and Alaska or nearby as a mile or two from the stadium. We were all joined together to hear the resounding message of love and unity. The keynote speakers who addressed us each morning spoke of Christ's unending love and challenged the "young Church" to leave their comfort zone and spread the word of God's love. The final evening culminated with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop José Gómez of the archdiocese of Los Angeles who was heralded with cheers as he processed out of the church. Keeping "hip" with the younger crowd, he waved his cell phone's flashlight, sparking the 25,000 to do the same in solidarity. It was an awe-inspiring finale to an amazing weekend.

I share this story with you for a couple of reasons. For one, I want to encourage all of you to consider sending your kids to this event when they reach high school. I completely understand the temptation to prioritize all the other activities in which your child participates and leave NCYC off the list of options; however, as one who has taught and worked with high school students and who is now almost finished raising her own children, I know how desperately teens need connection, especially when it comes to their faith. I agree with my daughter that short of World Youth Day, NCYC offers teens the chance to be joyous in their faith together. The second reason I share my story is for the inspiration it can bring for the "young Church." For at least one of the teens who attended, NCYC has now become the catalyst for him to attend Frassati Fest, a similar Diocesan youth conference, in the Wisconsin Dells in February. As parents, we never truly know when our teens will encounter Christ and, therefore, providing them with as many opportunities to do so is extremely important in the formation and strengthening of their faith. At St. Ann School I like to think that we are helping our families plant the seeds of our children's faith, but ensuring the likelihood of these seedlings' survival means the constant fertilizing of the roots. NCYC is just one of many ways that we can do this for our children.

Kara Roisum, Principal