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St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Mission Statement

The Staff, parents and community of St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School work together to offer students a safe supportive and nurturing Catholic environment. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to Gospel values and discipleship.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Wednesday, February 1, 2012



Hello on this Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week!

It has been a great week so far. It started off with St. Elizabeth teachers and families talking in their parishes and with a Pancake Breakfast at St. Michael's in Wilmont. Huge thanks to the Weingartz and Conley families for organizing it and to Sarah Weingartz, Grace Conley and Hadlee Kohl for being the hosts. The breakfast made a profit of \$500.00 to start our "stage fund." Isn't it awesome? This is support from a community for Catholic education in our school!

On Monday Mrs. Territo's 1st and 2nd graders received the visit of their grandparents and special people in their lives. It was a beautiful morning that they spent together. It is always such a pleasure to have the families participate in our activities. That is another of the reasons for the success of the children and our school: whole family involvement.

A huge thank you goes to all the families that have donated fleece for our project on Friday. We are going to be able to help a lot of people! This project wouldn't have been possible without this help and without Tonya Hawken's organizational skills to rally people from the whole community to come and work with the children on Friday. Today they are busy making sure that fabric pairs have the same size. This is whole community involvement and support! On Friday, the children can bring jeans to change into after church.

Congratulations to both boys' basketball teams for winning their games on Saturday. Good luck tonight. Go eagles! Check tournament schedule in Sports section. Girls' volleyball schedule will be handed out at practice today. Full volleyball schedule will be posted in the Sports section of our website.

The children have already made their pictures for the St. Elizabeth Parish Birthday Postcard. The winners for each grade and the Grand Prize winner will be announced on Saturday. The winners of the essays will also be announced on Saturday. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize essays will be displayed in our bulletin board.

Our visit to the Lutheran Home yesterday was a huge success. The residents enjoyed the children singing to them and receiving the cards that they made for them. They also enjoyed doing activities with them. They enjoyed cookies and punch and then we went to DaVinci's for lunch. They were very hungry by then and ate a lot of pizza and salad! Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and the children couldn't build snowmen or go sledding. Well, maybe next year. What a difference from last year that we had three snow days during Catholic Schools Week!

The \$100 Dinner Dance is coming up VERY soon. Home & School is counting on your generosity to make up the classroom baskets that always bring in a lot of money! Our president has asked me to remind you that the baskets need to be ready so that they can be displayed in church and outside and tickets can be sold in advance, especially to give those that are not coming to the dance the chance to participate. So donations need to be in by Friday. Also, tomorrow is our Home & School meeting. Be here at 6:30 PM. Come and find out what is going on. The meetings do not last more than one hour.

I will see everybody at 5:00 PM mass on Saturday. This is a MUST for all Kindergarten through 8th grade students. It is OUR Catholic Schools Week mass. After mass is the potluck and open house. We are counting on everyone to be here.

The NEHS and NJHS will be serving lunch to the Knights of Columbus. They are a huge support to St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School. It is our way to thank them for all they do for us and for others. Tomorrow and on Friday, step in for a cup of coffee and a muffin when you drop off the children in the morning or when you pick them up. Let us show you how much we appreciate you!

Let us pray,

Beloved God,

Touch the hearts and minds of many young people today, that they may give themselves in generous service to you and your family, the church. Grant that we may be blessed with sisters, brothers, deacons, lay ministers, and priests who respond positively to the mystery and miracle of your call to "Come, follow me." We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

LITURGY CORNER

Mass
Friday, February 3rd
8:30 a.m.



GATHERING
Intro Reader:
Katie Childers

WORD
Scripture Reading:
Hadlee Kohl
Jack Starling
Responsorial Psalm:
Caden Goodrow
Intercessions/Reader:
Macey Hawken

TABLE:
Gifts to Fr. Tipton:
Jack Sirianni
Jacinta Walther



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
LOOKING AHEAD**

CONFIRMATION
Tuesday, May 1st
7:00 p.m.
St. Norbert

**1ST EUCHARIST
CELEBRATION**
Sunday, May 6th
11:00 a.m.
St. Elizabeth



**DAILY
REMINDERS
MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!!!**

Thursday, Feb., 2
NO PRESCHOOL 3
Preschool-8th
**JEANS WITH
SCHOOL LOGO
T-SHIRT/SWEATSHIRT**
FIELD TRIP TO METRO
SKATE
IN BAY CITY
Departure 11:30
after lunch

Saturday, Feb., 5th
5:00 p.m. Mass
Wrap-up Catholic
Schools Week
Potluck & Open
House

Monday, Feb., 6th
5th-8th grade
Temple Theatre



**MID-
WINTER BREAK
MON-WED
FEB., 13-15
SCHOOL RESUMES
ON FEB., 16**



Lunch

Menu Change:

Thursday, Feb., 2
#1 Main Entree:
Chicken Tenders
(instead of meatballs)
Buttered Noodles
Green Beans/warm
pretzel, chilled pears

ALSO:
Ash Wednesday,
Feb., 22nd
Menu will be changed
to a **NO MEAT**
ENTRÉE

All Friday's in Lent
#1 Main Choice
Cheese Pizza

Mrs. Cameron – Kindergarten

It has been a wonderful beginning to a week celebrating our faith and education at St. Elizabeth School. On Tuesday, the Kindergarteners, First Graders, and Second Graders spread our love of our Savior, Jesus Christ to the residents at The Lutheran Home. As the children sang through the halls and in three separate meeting rooms at The Lutheran Home, faces of the residents lit up! Some residents sang along with us, others tapped hands to the music, and others smiled with delight.

Curriculum for February is:

Math – identifying 1 cup and 1 quart measuring, problem solving, paying for items to \$1.00 using dimes, comparing lengths, counting by fives, counting nickels, paying for items using nickels. **Handwriting** – Vv, Ww, Yy, Xx, and reviewing all known letters. **Reading/ Phonics** – letter sounds – r, d, and short o. Sight words – go, for, will, be, make, & play. We will continue to work on blending sounds, segmenting sounds, reading with expression, and pausing for punctuation. **Religion** – *Jesus the light of the world, and We celebrate God's love and give thanks at Mass.*

Scholastic book orders due on Friday, February 3rd.

We are in need of items for our basket for the \$100 dinner dance. If you are too busy to shop and you would rather make a cash donation and let someone else shop that is fine. A parent has offered to shop. This is a great fundraising opportunity for our school. Last year we made \$1,800 on the raffle tickets sold for all of the classroom baskets. Many businesses will donate goods or services.

A few ideas:

- *St. Laurent Brother's Candy & Nut Shop, Bay City
- *Hausbeck Pickles, Saginaw
- *Napolitano Bread, Saginaw
- *American Gourmet Pretzel Co., Essexville
- *Fudge, Frankenmuth
- *Spirit Tickets
- *Loon's Tickets
- *Movie Tickets
- *Any Local Restaurant

The PENNY WAR IS STILL ON! Bring your pennies to the potluck on Saturday!

Be a blessing to others and you will be blessed! Mrs. Cameron

Mrs. Territo – 1st & 2nd Grade

1st/2nd kicked off Catholic Schools Week with a wonderful Grandparents/Special Person Day celebration on Monday! Every child enjoyed having their special person there for the prayers service, craft making and snack. On Tuesday all of the SEACS students went to the Lutheran Home in Frankenmuth. The 1st/2nd grade students, along with the kindergarten students, sang a selection of songs for the residents throughout the halls and in the gathering rooms. What very valuable experience for your children. They were rewarded with a pizza lunch at Da'Vinci's in Frankenmuth. We will continue or Catholic Schools celebration with an assembly on vocations on Wednesday, a field trip to Metro Skate on Thursday, a fleece blanket service project on Friday, and an all-school mass and open house on beginning at 5pm on Saturday. Tri-fold boards are once again available in the office for any families that didn't get theirs.

There will be no Jean Day on Wednesday this week; instead we will have a Jean Day on Thursday for our Metro Skate field trip. Please pair the jeans with any type St. Elizabeth shirt. Let's show our school spirit!

The \$100 Dinner Dance is less than two weeks away. Please remember your donation for our classroom gift basket. The theme for our basket is "Michigan Vacations: Camping and Beaches."

Due to our mid-winter break, the 1st/2nd grade will celebrate Valentine's Day with a classroom party on Friday, 2/10. Valentine cards or treats, for all students (19), can be brought in that day to pass out at the party. Please contact me if you'd like a class list.

Our curriculum this month will cover:

- 1st/2nd English—Grammar, parts of speech, sentence structure
- 1st Religion—Focus on learning The Hail Mary and The Lord's Prayer
- 2nd Religion—Continue preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation with Mrs. Bremer
- 1st/2nd Social Studies—Continue family histories
- 1st/2nd Science—Finishing properties of solids and liquids, magnets
- 1st Reading—continuing small group work, comprehension, phonics
- 2nd Reading—continuing small group work, comprehension, phonics
- 1st Math—Estimating, measuring, weighing, sorting and graphing, money
- 2nd Math—Fractions, dividing a set, tallying, counting by 5's, money

Mrs. Redwanz & Mrs. Wolschleger – 3rd & 4th Grade

We have been busy enjoying Catholic School's Week here in the 3/4th grade. Lots of fun activities have been going on in and out of the classroom! Tomorrow we will be going roller skating in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to join us, but will need to drive separately, as there is not enough room on the bus. Parents can also pay when they arrive.

We hope to see you all in church on Saturday for the wrap-up of Catholic School's Week. After church we will be having a potluck and a social studies scavenger hunt. Please remember to turn in your state project by Friday. Yesterday all the children in 3rd and 4th grade received an awesome dictionary which includes information about the 50 states. The children may want to use their dictionary for help finding the information for their state. Thank you so much Reese Chamber of Commerce for donating these!

Please remember that our class is collecting Michigan college items for our basket for the \$100 Dinner Dance. Thank you Lupcke, Hawken, Starling, Dudzik, and Simerson families for donating items already! So far we have a Michigan State clock, U of M candies, U of M calendar, an autographed poster, and a couple Michigan T-Shirts. Other items that could be added are sporting event tickets, souvenirs, etc... All items need to be in by Monday, February 6th.

Have a great week!!

Mrs. Bojo – 5th & 6th Grade

We are having a great Catholic Schools week so far! We had a nice time making crafts with the residents at the Lutheran home and worked hard making thank you notes for our parishioners. Just a reminder, that all 5th and 6th graders are expected to attend mass this Saturday. We would like to have them sit in the "5th and 6th grade" section as a class. Thank you!

Thank you to all parents/staff/parishioners/community members whom have donated fleece for our blanket making this Friday! We will be starting around 9:30AM, if you would like to join us! All our welcomed!! BTW – we are still accepting donations of fleece. Thank you!

Don't forget 5th & 6th graders are going skiing next Wednesday at Apple Mountain!! Yay!! We are also going to the next play in the series, "I Have a Dream". *We will leave around 9:30AM.*

Religion – finish Unit 3: Community of Jesus with a focus on following Jesus and serving others as a member of the Church.

5th Reading – read the following stories: LaBamba and The Fear Place with a focus on the following comprehension strategies: Story Structures, Summarize, Cause and Effect, Predict/Infer, Making Inferences, Predicting Outcomes

6th Reading – read the following stories: Amelia Earhart: First Lady of Flight and The Girl Who Married the Moon with a focus on the following comprehension strategies: Fact and Opinion, Question, Making Judgments, Making Inferences, Summarize, Noting Details

Spelling – 5th – Final Schwa + /l/ sound, Review, Words with –ed or –ing,

More words with –ed or -ing

6th – /iz/, /iv/, /ij/, Review, Suffixes: -ent and –ant, and Suffixes: -able/-ible, -ate

English – finish Unit 2 Nouns

Math – 5th –classifying quadrilaterals, mixed measures, expanded notation, multiple-step word problems, average, naming numbers through hundred billions, perimeter, measures of circle

Math 6th– Diving decimal by whole number, writing decimal number in expanded notation, circumference, pi, mixed numbers with regrouping, dividing by fraction, rounding decimal numbers

Social Studies –Chapter 5 Europeans Settle throughout North America and Chapter 6 Life in the British Colonies

Mrs. Papesh – 7th & 8th Grade



NEHS & NJHS NEWS - Our Teddy Bear toss was a wonderful event. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the cause and the boy's basketball teams as well. We'll be taking them out to the Sheriff's office possibly next week. We are just waiting to hear back from them and the Advertiser.

We are really enjoying Catholic Schools Week! Thanks parents for awesome support of our school. Please join us for 5:00 mass on Saturday and the potluck after.

IMPORTANT - Next Monday, the 5th-8th will be going to the Temple Theatre for the "I Have a Dream" performance. We do need drivers to take 15 students. We would leave around 9:15 am and be back fairly soon after noon. Please let me know ASAP if you can help. We would really prefer not to buy a bus if possible.

Yesterday I sent home a letter about DC please ask your child about it if you have not seen it. We are about 3 weeks away from needing firm commitments from the adult chaperones.

Curriculum:

Religion - Life in Jesus. Through the Sacraments of Initiation, we enter into new life in Jesus and the Church.

History & Reading - The American Revolution, Read Johnny Tremain & Sarah Bishop

Science - Moving the body - bones, joints, ligaments, muscles. The nervous and endocrine systems.

Pre-Algebra - Similar & Congruent figures, measurement, probability and odds, counting principle. Percents - fractions, proportions, and the percent equation.

Algebra - Solve & graph inequalities, absolute value equations & inequalities. Solve linear systems.

5/6 Science - Continue Physical Science Unit - Acids & Bases, chemical reactions. Force & Motion - Newton's Laws, friction, inertia.

\$100 Dinner Dance Info

Good News!!

We have sold the first 115 tickets and now have opened up 5 more tickets to sell to make 120 tickets total – as of right now we have 4 left. (#117-120)

Just a reminder that today, **February 1st** is the deadline to pay-off your ticket that you may have a deposit on.

Please come in and pay-off your ticket A.S.A.P.

THANK YOU!!!

SPORT'S CORNER:

Our Boys' Basketball teams will be playing in tournaments this Saturday, February 4th at Auburn Area Catholic Schools.

Games will begin at 9:00 a.m.

GOOD LUCK EAGLES!!!

Our Girls' Volleyball teams have started practice this week. **Best of Luck in your season!!!**



\$100 Dinner Dance Basket Themes

- **KINDERGARTEN** – Tri-City Goodies (anything to do with the Tri-City area, products made, restaurant certificates, golf, family fun, etc.)
- **1ST/2ND** - Vacation in Michigan (items related to camping or beaches)
- **3RD/4TH** – Michigan Colleges (anything from any college in Michigan, including tickets to sporting events)
- **5TH/6TH** – All Things Detroit (items/events tied to the Motor City – sporting events, dining, music, products made in Detroit)
- **7TH/8TH** - Up North (tied to Upper Peninsula, Mackinaw Island, Traverse City, etc.)



REMEMBER, Classroom Basket donations are due on Friday, so that they can be put together for Saturday, February 11th dance. Please check to see what is needed for the baskets. This is a great money maker for the Dance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 755-0893.

Aileen Stuart

2012 CA\$H 52 WINNERS

MONTH	DATE	TICKET	WINNER
Jan.	4	131	Kaye Hausbeck
	11	306	Bette Leutz
	18	484	Val Kwapis
	25	632	John DuRussel

We are down to **95** tickets to sell.....

Families, please stop in the office to purchase one or two cash 52 tickets and we will be done with this fundraiser! The sales have been ongoing since September, and we hope to have all tickets sold before LENT! I challenge you to help us meet or beat this deadline!

Thanks!

Becky Boensch