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St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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, January 11, 2012



Good morning,

The first week of school went by so fast that it seems we never had a break! So much is going on that time flies. Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner and we are getting ready to celebrate. Thanks to all the funds raised with Box Tops we will be able to have a lot of fun and do a lot for others. So keep bringing the Box Tops!

Congratulations to the 5-6 grade team. They won both games on Saturday. Good luck to both teams on your next games. Go eagles!

I am having trouble with the school web site. I can't upload files. I am waiting to hear from the Internet provider. Hopefully I will be able to update our website this week. This is what happens when an amateur plays web master ☺

The two interactive boards that were donated in December are up and running in the 3-4 and 5-6 grade classrooms. Another one has been ordered for the kindergarten room. We are still trying to figure out all the capabilities. Just like with any new technology, it will take some time until it is fully utilized... and then it will be time for newer technology. I don't think we will ever be able to be first in the race, but we surely will try hard to keep up.

Last week the children, the teachers and I wrote our new year's resolutions and had a special prayer service. With everyone praying for everyone else it will be easier to keep them.

When you don't see a jean day in the calendar, be aware that any Wednesday may be a jean day. Some are free, some are "for sale." The money goes back to the classrooms for something special, so if in doubt, you can always contribute to a good cause.

As Martin Luther King Day approaches, let us pray for unity and peace,

God of all nations and Creator of all peoples, heal all that divides us.

Teach us to live together in peace.

As our world is one, so our future is one.

Give us one heart and one vision.

***Make us one body in Christ Jesus,
and fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit.***

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



LITURGY CORNER

Mass
Friday, January 13th
8:30 a.m.

Intro Reading:
Hope Histed

Scripture Reading:
Lauren Hecht and
Carly Schluckbier

Responsorial Psalm
Ryan Fisher

Intercessions:
Mark Fritzer

Gifts to Fr. Tipton:
Jack Dudzik
William Yearta



*We still have \$100
Dinner Tickets
available.*

*The BIG Event is
coming up.*

Save the date:

***Saturday,
February 11th***



JANUARY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Wed., Jan., 11th
Confirmation Prep
Session 1
at 6:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth

Tues., Jan., 17th
K-2 & 5-8
Field Trip to
Temple Theatre



JUST A
REMINDER
MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!!

Jan., 19th & 20th
NO P.M.
REESE PUBLIC
SCHOOL BUS
TRANSPORTATION



LUNCH CHOICE:

Thursday, Jan., 19th
HOT DOG OR
HAM & CHEESE SUB

Friday, Jan., 20th
PIZZA OR TACO

The third choice on both
days will be vegetarian salad

Monday
Jan., 23rd

NO SCHOOL
Professional
Development Day

Mrs. Cameron – Kindergarten

We are having a great week! Thank you Mrs. Wasik for helping our class on Tuesday. Please, remember to return library books to the classroom on or before Tuesday of each week. We are going to the library every Tuesday afternoon. Thank you, Mrs. Barbat for helping the children in the library.

January 17th and March 5th we will be going on field trips to the Temple Theater in Saginaw. The January performance is magic and illusions, teaching the students about Ecology. The March performance is a string quartet performing all musical styles. The permission slip for both performances went home this week. Parents are welcome to join on us on these performances.

Please remember to pack hats, mittens, boots, and snowpants for your child. We do go outside to play. We may get snow on Thursday, so we may finally get to wear those snowpants.

Please check the snack calendar for your snack day. I didn't send a snack calendar for December and the students ate all the extra snacks in the cupboard. They are a hungry bunch and frequently ask for an afternoon snack as well. Thank you for your support!

We need to start gathering items for our basket to be raffled off at the \$100 dinner dance. Our theme is items or goodies from the Tri Cities. I will begin to compile a list of ideas for our basket. Some businesses will donate items or services too!

Have a terrific week! Blessings, Mrs. Cameron

Mrs. Territo – 1st & 2nd Grade

This week began our Language Arts group activities in the 1st/2nd grade classroom. Thanks so much to **Leslie Kern, Fiona Wurdock Swift, and Jennifer Bouvy** for volunteering to assist with group work in the classroom one day a week. In addition to reading, the students have been engaged in activities such as: Writing Silly Stories, Cut and Paste Spelling, Dictionary Details, Zingo Bingo, and playing the Memory Game. I'm finding not only are the students more energized and enthusiastic, but we are actually getting more accomplished. Also this week, 1st/2nd grade students wrote their own prayers to share with the rest of the school at the cross during Morning Prayer. Please, practice the prayer with your 1st grade child so that he/she will be ready to read it on their assigned day.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will be exploring our own families' histories in Social Studies in the up-coming weeks. The focus of our activities will be for the students to develop an understanding of generations within their families. To this end, the students will be asked to interview a grandparent (or special person.) During Catholic Schools Week, January 29-February 4, the 1st/2nd students will host a special event for their grandparents to attend. Please watch for more details to come home with your child.

Next Tuesday, Kindergarten and 1st/2nd grade students will travel by bus to the Temple Theater in Saginaw to attend CLAP (Creating Love, Appreciation and Patronage for the arts) is an educational program that introduces K-8th grade students to all facets of the performing arts. A field trip permission slip has been sent home today which gives permission for this field trip, as well as another trip we will make to the Temple Theater in March. Please return the signed permission, along with the admission fee of \$8, which covers both field trips, before 1/13. Please be aware that students are asked to bring a sack lunch and drink both days.

Please remember that all students are asked to contribute either \$6 each month or donate 20 individually wrapped snacks for our morning snack time. If you have not dropped off your snack donation for January, please do so. Thank you. As always...please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.



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

Reminders: Next Friday is the end of the 2nd marking period. Keep working on those goals! Also, book reports and the memorization of the Confiteor prayer are due next Friday.

Book orders have been passed out and are due by Monday. Each child received a \$4.00 scholastic gift certificate for Christmas from Mrs. Redwanz. These certificates can be redeemed with this order. The way that the certificates work is you can get up to \$4.00 off on a single (1) book. If the book costs more than \$4.00 you just need to pay the difference. However, you cannot get money back if the cost of the book is less than \$4.00. When using your certificate, please fill out the certificate with the name and price of the book and send it in with your order to Mrs. Redwanz. Also, to make ordering easier and more convenient for you, you can now order online using a credit card. You just need to enter our classroom activation code **F9MCW**. By ordering this way, the class will earn free books to add to our library!!

Mrs. Bojo – 5th & 6th Grade

It seems today many of the 5th and 6th graders are making either their AR or AM goals!! Great job!! The end of the marking period is next Friday, so we need to keep working on making these goals!

Unfortunately, our ski trip to Apple Mountain was cancelled due to weather. I received a call from the director and she felt that the rain would make for a dreary experience; therefore we rescheduled the ski trip for February 8th. When we do go, students are allowed to wear jeans, but I HIGHLY encourage them to wear or bring snow pants.

Yesterday a permission slip went home for a series of plays that my classroom will be attending. Please sign the slip and return with the \$8.00. The \$8.00 pays for all 4 plays for students. The first play is on January 17th at the Temple Theatre.

On January 24th, the 4th – 6th graders will have the opportunity to experience snow carving behind the scenes at Zehnder's. Please look for that permission slip in the next week as well. We have to fill up these cold winter days with fun-filled experiences the students will enjoy!! As always, feel free to join us!!

I would like to take this time to congratulate the following students on being selected for their new roles in the National Honor Society. We have new officers for this year and they are:

President – Jill Barber
Vice-President – Carly Schluckbier
Secretary – Brianna Corrion
Treasurer – Allison Hawken

Congratulations and good luck in the upcoming year as you serve your peers in these new roles!

Have a good rest of the week! ☺ ~Mrs. Bojo



Mrs. Papesh – 7th & 8th Grade

The students have had a good week progressing towards their AM & AR goals! I'm glad they're showing some determination; only a week to go!

Next Friday the 20th will be another Everything Pop Sale! We are in need of lots of items like pop tarts, fancy popsicles (we have a ton of slim push up pops), ring pops, and some pop. Any donations would be appreciated and would give them a credit at the sale.

Extra credit is due on Monday.

The 5/6 grade science class has a significant project due next Friday. It has a flavor of the new common core standards that the Diocesan schools will be implementing over the next few years. Parents are encouraged to help out and see what kind of learning this will entail. 7/8 students can look for a similar History project in the 3rd marking period.

Have a great rest of the week!



Ca\$h 52 news

Congratulations to Kaye Hausbeck, the first winner of the year: \$100

We now have less than 200 tickets remaining to sell.

If each family would commit to selling a few more tickets, we'd be there in no time! Please, consider helping finish **OUR** school fundraiser which raises over \$6000!

Thanks in advance,

Becky Boensch
Cash 52 chair



\$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.)

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

Aileen Stuart



BOX TOPS News

The last check we received was for \$480.00 and we will be getting another check for \$668.40! WOW!!! Keep collecting Box Tops and remember to ask extended family and friends to collect them for you.

Thank you to Lori Weingartz for taking care of preparing the mailings. Also, thank you to the Student Council for organizing the collection competitions.