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of Saginaw.*

OUR Faith

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OUR Mission



St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, JANUARY 23RD

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 19, 2012



Good morning!

I am sorry about the late closing yesterday. I live in Saginaw and I need to rely on the local district and they were not closing. As soon as Ms. Jill arrived in Reese, she sent me a text message suggesting I close because of the icy condition of the roads. When I got on line to close, I found that all the neighboring districts where our families live or drive through were closed. I started the emergency chain, which includes the parents that live the farthest from school. It took me half an hour to post the closing in all the TV channels, send messages via Twitter and Tuscola Today, and lastly to post the closing in our web page. Remember that Little Bloomers child care is open, even on snow days, unless there is a power shortage or the storm is extremely severe, in which case Little Bloomers closing would be posted as well. If there is a two-hour delay, pre-school classes are cancelled for the day. Let's hope that next time this happens I do get a call early enough to warn you.

We have finished planning our Catholic Schools Week and it is going to be great! We are ready to celebrate "Faith, Academics and Service" in different ways. For instance, we have invited members of our parish community, St. Norbert's and Christ Lutheran Church to join us and teach our students how to make blankets to donate to different places. This is a great way of working with the community to help the community, so come and join us too. With January being ecumenical month, we will be visiting seniors in the Lutheran Home in Frankenmuth. Check the complete list of activities in this newsletter. Also, check the insert about the pancake breakfast at St. Michael's in Wilmot. The Weingartz and Conley families with the help of the Wasik family will host a pancake breakfast to collect funds towards a stage for our Christmas plays.

We are very thankful to Tonya Hawken and her mother, Julie Mosier and Kathy Lenhard for their many donations of fleece to make the blankets. We could still use some more! We want to make at least 42! There are a lot of people who could use them.

Remember that tickets for the \$100 Dinner Dance are on sale. If you have never come, this is a good opportunity to have fun, enjoy a delicious dinner, win some money, and dance to a live band! Needless to say, you will be helping our school and socializing with other parents and parishioners. The \$100 ticket is good for two people. It is your ticket to a chance of winning \$3,000! It is your chance to fight cabin fever.

Every day I thank God for bringing me to such a giving community that believes in what we do and helps us financially to be better. This week we received the donation of a new Netbook for the 3-4 grade classroom. Thank you to Mike and Julie Mosier for this gift!

Remember that there is no school on Monday for the children. We have professional development. Tuesday is the first day of the third marking period. With a long weekend, the children should have a fresh start.

We now see many churches of different denominations, yet all who live in Christ are called to unity through the Holy Spirit. All those baptized in Jesus Christ share the light of Christ. During this Ecumenical month, let us pray for Christian unity:

Gracious Father, You give us new birth in the waters of Baptism and speak to our hearts through the scriptures. Heal and renew your Church, overcome all that divides it, so that Christians may soon gather at one altar, to proclaim your saving love to the ends of the earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY CORNER

Mass
Friday, January 20th
8:30 a.m.

Song Announcer:
Corbin Bouwy

Lector/s:
Kinsey Brissette
Kirk Barber

Scripture/Reader:
Brooke DuRussel
Isabella Gnida
Laken DuRussel

Responsorial Psalm:
Ashlyn Wolschleger

Intercessions:
Abigail Yearata

Gifts to Fr. Tipton:
Luke Holtz
Gillian Brissette

Reese Academic Boosters Fundraiser

January 22nd
Mark Bauer's BBQ
Chicken Dinner
\$8.00 per dinner

TAKE OUT ONLY

11:15-1:00 p.m.

Pick-up at Mike Sahr Crop Insurance on Main Street
Pre-sale tickets available from:

Ann Janson -868-9754
Tina Chase - 798-6547
Limited dinners are available on the day of the sale.



**4th WEEK OF
JANUARY
CALENDAR
AT A GLANCE**

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



**Friday, Jan.,
20th**
“Everything Pop
Sale”
**7TH & 8TH GRADE
D.C. FUNDRAISER**

**Monday
Jan., 23rd**
NO SCHOOL
Professional
Development Day



**Tuesday,
Jan. 24th**
4th-6th Grade
ZEHNDER SNOW
FEST

Wed., Jan., 25th
Hearing & Vision
Screening
with a
Representative
from the Tuscola
Health
Department



LUNCH CHOICE:
Friday, Jan., 20th
PIZZA OR TACO

NO VEGETARIAN
AVAILABLE

Mrs. Cameron – Kindergarten

This week we had great time learning about recycling and reusing items at the Temple Theatre. Thank you to the Wojdula family for the donation of books and to the Barbat family for the donation of dress up clothes.

Our interactive projector was installed yesterday. Thank you again to all of the families that have made donations to our school and made this addition to our classroom a reality. The students and I are excited to begin using this new technology!

During Catholic Schools Week, we will be making fleece blankets for a few different community organizations. We need donations of fleece to make this service project a success!

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. Some businesses will donate items or services too!

Have a terrific week! Blessings, Mrs. Cameron

Mrs. Territo – 1st & 2nd Grade

Lots of things are happening in the 1st/2nd grade classroom! In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day we read about the Noble Peace Prize winner’s life and tragic death. We discussed the Christian values Dr. King preached and the peaceful methods he encouraged to challenge inequality. We closed our discussion by making “Peace Doves” to help us remember that Jesus, himself, preached a message of Love and Peace between all people.

Yesterday’s field trip to the Temple Theatre to see “Steve Trash the Rockin’ Eco Hero” was great. The kids really enjoyed the magic tricks and illusions and we all learned something about *recycling, reusing, and reducing*.

Lots of small reminders from the 1st/2nd grade classroom:

- Please check your child’s book bag for their grandparent interview packet, if you haven’t already seen it. The completed packets are due back, with an RSVP, before Tuesday, 1/24.
- The 7th/8th grade classroom will be having an *Everything “Pop” Sale* this Friday to raise funds for their Washington D.C. trip this Spring. All students will have an opportunity to purchase a treat from the sale.
- The last day of the 2nd marking period is Friday, 1/20. We will be AR testing every day this week. Any tests taken after Friday will be credited to the 3rd marking period.
- As a school-wide service project during Catholic Schools Week, all St. Elizabeth students will be making fleece blankets to donate. We are asking for donations of fleece so that we will have enough to make one blanket per two students. That’s a lot of fleece needed!
- And lastly, please remember your donations for the 1st/2nd grade gift baskets for the \$100 Dinner Dance. Our gift basket theme is *Michigan Vacations*—camping and beaching in Michigan.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It truly is the parents of St. Elizabeth that help to make us such a strong and caring school community!

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

Next Tuesday Mrs. Redwanz and the fourth graders will be going with the fifth and sixth graders to **Zehnder's Snowfest in Frankenmuth**. We will be leaving around 9:00 am and will return by 2:00 pm. The children will be snow carving at Frankenmuth Riverplace. They will also get a tour at the Frankenmuth Woolen Mill and the Splash Village water park pump station. **Students will need to either bring a sack lunch or order a lunch for \$5.50.** Students can either order cheese or pepperoni pizza or a hot dog & chips; both come with a pop. If ordering a lunch, students need to let Mrs. Redwanz know by Friday. Also, we are in need of a couple drivers. Please let us know if you would be able to go along and drive.

We are in need of fleece! During Catholic School's Week, the students will be making blankets for the needy. Any donations of fleece would be greatly appreciated!

This Friday is the last day of the marking period. Please let us know if you would like to set up a conference. We would be more than happy to discuss your child's progress.

Reminders: Book reports are due on Friday. Science projects are due on Thursday, January 26th. The southern states/capitals test will be on Monday, February 6th.

Good luck to Leslie Licudine as she participates in the Regional Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee this weekend!

Have a wonderful three-day weekend!!

Mrs. Bojo – 5th & 6th Grade

This Friday is the last day of the 2nd Marking period!! Keep working towards meeting those AR and AM goals!! Almost all of the 5th and 6th graders have met one or both of their goals or are very close!
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We are still scheduled for our Apple Mountain Ski trip on February 8th. I hope to still have all the parent drivers. If you are unable to drive on our new date, please let me know. Thanks!!

The Steve Trash play at the Temple Theatre was very good! I enjoyed learning a lot more about the three "magic words" Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. I hope the kids had a good time and learned more about recycling, as well.

On Tuesday, January 24th we are going to Zehnders with the 4th graders to have a "behind the scenes" look at the Snow fest. Students need to make sure to dress warm, as we will be outside for a major portion of the day. Students have a choice for lunch; they may bring a sack lunch or purchase a lunch there. The lunch cost is \$5.50 and is either a hot dog, chips & pop or ¼ slice pepperoni or cheese pizza and pop. We do need to know lunch choices by Friday, though, to send in our order.

This Friday is an "Everything" pop sale sponsored by the 7th and 8th graders!! Remember to bring your quarters!!

Book orders are due January 24th. Thank you!

We are asking for donations of fleece material from parents/friends/neighbors/anyone with extra. We will be using these materials to make blankets for several different local facilities. We would like to have enough materials so that all students have the chance to make a blanket with another student.

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

Mrs. Papesh – 7th & 8th Grade

I hope everyone enjoyed the snow day. Now a few students will really need to work hard these last two days to reach those AM goals. Don't be surprised if they spend all their time in school on Accel Math and take all their assigned work home tonight and tomorrow.

Our trip to the Temple was nice! We saw the Earth friendly Magician Steve Trash Rockin-Eco Hero! He did a great job! Thanks to all the parents who were able to join us. Next trip is February 6th to see "I Have a Dream" which is based on the work of Martin Luther King Jr. This trip is 5th-8th grade focused and parents are welcome to join us. We would prefer to drive on this trip versus paying for a half filled bus. Please let us know if you can help.

I would like to congratulate the boys basketball teams on a great job with their victories on Saturday. It was my first time watching the 7/8 and I was very much impressed. Try and make it to one of their home games on January 25th or January 28th. Both teams are fun to watch. On the 25th game the National Honor Society kids are planning a Teddy Bear Toss for kids who end up with police/fire department encounters. Bring a small teddy bear or stuffed animal to the game and help comfort a child in a traumatic situation.

Our Catholic Schools Week activities are taking shape nicely. The kids are going to have a very memorable week culminating in 5:00 mass on Saturday, February 4th!

Finally, I've just about got DC scheduled completely. I will be sending home another note with fairly concrete costs in the coming week. It could change if we gain or lose chaperones but you'll get the general idea.



\$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



\$100 Dinner Dance Ticket Sales Update:

There are only 25 tickets left for this event, so stop by the office and get your ticket today.

Tickets are \$100 for two people. Included in the price is a delicious dinner, drinks, silent auction and a raffle with a chance to win \$3,000!




2012 CASH 52 WINNERS


MONTH	DATE	TICKET	WINNER
Jan.	4	131	Kaye Hausbeck
	11	306	Bette Leutz
	18	484	Val Kwapis
	25		
Feb.	1		

Your name could be listed above winning \$25.00, \$100.00, even \$500.00!!!! You can't win unless you purchase a \$10.00 ticket. There are 52 winners every year and you can win more than once!!

There are 190 tickets left to sell for the CASH 52 Raffle. Please stop by the office today and purchase your ticket or call, 868-4108 and we will arrange to get a ticket sent home to you.



St. Norbert's
All you can eat PERCH FISH FRY
Friday, January 20th
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Dine in or Take out
Adults: \$10.00 Ages 5-12: \$5.00
Fries, potato salad, bakes potatoes, vegetables, salad, desserts and beverages included.



ATTENTION!!
7TH & 8TH GRADE
BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYERS
MAKE-UP GAME SAT., JAN., 21ST AT
3:00 P.M. IN TAWAS