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of the  
Catholic Diocese  
of Saginaw.*

*OUR Faith*

*OUR Kids*

*OUR Mission*

## *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.*

Thursday, December 1, 2011

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Good morning,

I can't believe our first snow day was in November! I am sorry for those that drove to school. Next time you see a 2-hour delay, please check the TV or the school web page again before leaving home. If roads have not been cleared by 8:30, school will be cancelled, as was the case yesterday. I got the closing call at 8:30 and immediately made my calls, posted it in all the channels and the web page too. If parents are willing to help with calls in the morning, we can create a parent phone chain. I will look into how to send a mass cell phone message.

Remember that tonight is the Home & School meeting. There was a mistake in the calendar. The meeting starts at **6:30 PM**. Come and find out what is going on with your Home & School.

We officially welcome Lauren, Grant, and Corbin Bouvy to 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade and their parents matt and Jennifer. Lauren and Grant came to our preschool a few years ago. They are parishioners at St. Elizabeth and we are very happy to have them with us!

If you have not returned the Ca\$h 52 tickets you were required to sell, we want to remind you that you are still responsible for them. This is a huge moneymaker for our school. Raffles are done with a State of Michigan license and every ticket must be accounted for. It is important that you return the tickets. The first drawing is the first Wednesday in January.

I want to share that we received the donation of two I-Pads for the kindergarten room. The school will also get the donation of an interactive board to be operable in January. The families want to remain anonymous. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity they give us to improve our technology! Many thanks!!!!

Next week is the Senior Luncheon and our students will provide the entertainments. Mrs. Papesh's class will help by serving the food. Students are also busy working on the Christmas play. Right now they are getting ready to go outside. Please, remember to send clothes for outside play, including snow boots, snow pants, jackets, hats and mittens or gloves, water proof preferably.

The weather helps us realize that we will soon be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. I know that the children get excited about Santa, but please, help us keep them focused on the real reason for Christmas. I love the magnets that the Knights of Columbus sold: "Let's put Christ back in Christmas." As we approach the second Sunday of Advent let us pray:

*Bless the Lord on this Advent day.  
Bless the Lord and prepare His way.  
Blessed be the Lord forever.*

*Lord our God, you bring light and joy to he darkness of this world. We believe that the Son of God has come to us and we look for him to come again. May his coming bring us the light of His holiness. Bless us and help us carry the light of God's presence to all we meet this day. We ask this through Jesus who is our light and our salvation forever and ever. Amen.*

*As we continue with the duties of this day, let us say: Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly.*

### **LITURGY CORNER**



**Friday, December 2**  
8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, December 8**  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception

### **DON'T FORGET**

**HOME & SCHOOL  
MEETING**

**TONIGHT**

**AT 6:30 P.M.**

**\$100 DINNER DANCE  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
FOLLOWING HOME &  
SCHOOL MEETING**  
It would be great to see  
some new faces!!





## LOOKING AHEAD IN DECEMBER

**Thursday, December 1**  
6:00 p.m.  
Home & School Meeting

**Thursday, December 8**  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception

**Friday, December 9**  
NO SCHOOL MASS  
7/8 Grade Pop Sale

**Sunday, December 11**  
11:00 a.m. Mass  
Children's Advent Liturgy

**Wednesday, December 14**  
JEAN DAY

**Wednesday, December 14**  
First Reconciliation  
6:30 p.m. at St. Norbert's

**Friday, December 16**  
Student Council  
Christmas Scavenger  
Hunt

**Tuesday, December 20**  
6:30 p.m.  
Christmas Program

**Wednesday, December 21**  
through  
**Monday, January 2**

CHRISTMAS BREAK

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**  
CLASSES RESUME



### Mrs. Cameron – Kindergarten

We are busy in Kindergarten counting pennies and practicing buying items with pennies. We are also busy practicing our songs for the Senior Luncheon and the Christmas Program.

Thank you to Mrs. Barbat for showing us how to make things with ordinary household sponges. We had a lot of fun!

Thank you and God's blessings to a very special family that donated two iPads to our classroom. The children will be using the iPads to learn sight words, read books, count, and so much more during our center time. I am so excited for the children to be able to have and use this technology!

**December book orders will go out on Friday and will be due back on Monday, December 5th.** If you have any Christmas presents in the order, let me know and I will leave the books in the office for Santa to pick-up.

All of you have been so generous with snacks that the snack cupboard is full. I will not send home a snack calendar for December. There will be a new snack calendar in January.

Our classroom Christmas party will be on December 16th in the afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m.

The snow is here and the children are going outside daily. Please remember to send your child with snow boots, snow pants, a hat, mittens, and extra dry socks. Today was our first day outside in the snow and I had two come in with wet socks.

Blessings, Mrs. Cameron



### Mrs. Territo – 1st & 2nd Grade

I hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed the long weekend. We are delighted to welcome our new student, Corbin Bouvy, to our classroom!

Weekly book reports began this week. Information, along with sample book reports, was sent home on Monday. One book report will be due on Thursday, every week. Please review your child's completed book report before they turn it in. All three sections need to be completed using complete sentences.

Please remind your child that each sentence needs to have: a naming part, an action part, correct capitalization and punctuation. Thanks for your assistance with this!

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will begin taking a Friday spelling test this week. Like the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, new words will be introduced each Monday. The students will study and work with the word set throughout the week to prepare for the test on Friday. Spelling tests are usually given on Friday mornings before mass.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be working on a special holiday art project in the next few weeks and we are in need of some materials. If you have old jigsaw puzzles (missing pieces are ok) or old CDs around the house, we could use them for our project, if you'd like to donate them.

One last item, I'm noticing that many of the students' crayons and colored pencils are in need of replacement. A 24 pack of crayons and a 12 pack of colored pencils would make a great stocking stuffer idea!

Finally, I'd like to share another conversation I had with one of my students:

Student: Mrs. Territo, you forgot to have us pray.

Me: Yes, that's because I'm old. I forget things.

Student: How old are you, Mrs. Territo?

Me: I'm 135 years old.

Student: No, you're not. You're only 70-something!



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

Congratulations to Zebulon Lupcke for winning the second division in the Yule Light Night Poem Contest! Your poem was awesome!!

We would like to give a nice warm welcome to our three new students, Mitchell Sheridan and Lauren and Grant Bouvy. We are so happy to have you in our class!

We have begun practicing for our spectacular Christmas program. Students that have speaking parts have been given their lines and should be practicing at home. The program is scheduled for Tuesday, December, 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

We will be having a Secret Santa gift exchange in the classroom on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We have decided instead of the children bringing in treats for the entire class, we would just have an \$8.00 gift exchange. Last year we did this, and the children really enjoyed it. We will be drawing names on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. The children then need to keep who they got a secret until the gift exchange on the 20<sup>th</sup>. In the past, students have found it fun to secretly give little notes and little candies throughout the week prior to the exchange. However, the total gifts should not exceed the \$8.00 limit. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please see either Mrs. W or Mrs. Redwanz.

Have a wonderful week!



***Mrs. Bojo – 5th & 6th Grade***

A “Huge” thank you to all the students and families for their donations to our food baskets, Send Santa to Bagdad, and cookies for the Hunger Solution Center! What a great example of service to others these experiences are!

Our classroom snack drawer is pretty much empty! We need several students to please bring in snacks for our snack drawer. Thank you!!

***A reminder that Scholastic book orders are due back by Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.***

The 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are going to see an exhibit of King Tut at the Dow Event Center on December 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We are in need of chaperones/drivers. If you can help us out please send me an email and I will give you more specific times. Thank you!!

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



***Mrs. Papesh – 7th & 8th Grade***

I hope everyone enjoyed the “Snow Day”?

We will be going to see the King Tut Exhibit on December 14th in Midland, we will need a couple of drivers. Please let me know if you can help out.

Next Sunday the 11th is the “All School Mass Children’s Advent Liturgy” please join us!

Finally, December 9th is another “Everything Pop Sale”. We are doing well on supplies. Thank you!!

Have a great rest of the week!!



The Choir & Band of Reese Public High School warmly invites you to join them to celebrate the Sounds of the Season on

***Thursday, December 15th***

***7:00 p.m.***

***Reese High School Auditorium***



**Saturday, February 11, 2012  
26th Annual St. Elizabeth School  
Home & School Association  
\$100 Dinner Dance Tickets  
On Sale NOW**

*Amanda Hecht, Chairperson*

*Make sure to come into the office and reserve your \$100 Dance Ticket. A \$25.00 deposit is all you need at this time to reserve your ticket # and seat. The seats fill-up fast, so if you want a good seat and your favorite # come on in and purchase your ticket!!!!*

**CASH 52 UPDATE**

*Becky Boensch, Chairperson*

**HELP!!!** 268 tickets **ONLY** have been turned in and only 33 more days until the first drawing for 2012 (January 4th). We need your help in selling all 1,000 tickets.

In order to make money on this fundraiser we need to sell at least 350 tickets.

If you have tickets in your possession that are not paid for at the time of the first drawing your ticket is not eligible to be in the drawing. An alternate ticket will be selected.

\$6,000 is usually made on this fundraiser!!

So we need your help in turning in tickets that you may have or selling more tickets if you can.

Thank you!!



**LITTLE BLOOMERS CORNER:**

*FROM YOUR DIRECTOR, JILL MUYLLE*

**REMEMBER!!**

*Below are some important dates to keep in mind with the holiday season approaching:*

*CLOSED - MONDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH THROUGH DECEMBER 30TH.*

*LITTLE BLOOMERS WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012.*

*Please mark your calendars!! Thank you.*