

OUR Faith

OUR Kids

OUR Mission

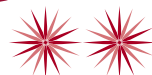
St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Wednesday, September 28, 2011



LITURGY CORNER

Friday, September 30th
8:30 a.m. School Mass



Parents/Grandparents
are Welcome to join the
Liturgy on Friday
mornings!



Monday,
October 3rd

**REMINDER!!
DRESS CODE CHANGE**

**NO MORE SHORTS OR
CAPRIS**

UNTIL MAY 1ST

**WANTED
BOXES, BOXES,
BOXES!!!**

**BIG ENOUGH FOR
SOUP SUPPER
TAKE-OUT
QUART CONTAINERS**



Good Wednesday to all!

First of all I want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Weingartz for the float for the Reese Homecoming Parade. Next I want to thank the Starlings for helping them decorate it. Lastly I want to thank the teachers that went and the parents that took their children to the parade so they could ride or walk with us regardless of the miserable weather. All these children won a free jean day! (Most of them cashed it in today). I would like to see more students on October 9th for the Caro Pumpkin Festival Parade. **Remember that this Sunday, October 2nd Home & School is hosting a "Decorate Your Pumpkin Sunday."** (Dads, you can watch the games in the library).

Picture Day is this Thursday. Students can dress up this year. It is a chance to have pictures taken in their Sunday best. This means NO jeans or sports teams shirts or t-shirts. Students can bring school clothes to change into after pictures so they do not ruin their nice clothes. Please, send the envelope with your payment with the children. They are to give it to Mrs. Histed. Pre-3 pictures will be taken on Thursday; Pre-4s on Friday.

At the end of this week, I will audit students' attendance. I have noticed that many children are getting to school after 8:00. Starting time is 7:55 as stated on page 17 of our handbook. We ask parents' cooperation in this respect. The children are evaluated on being prompt and prepared. Students who arrive late are not prompt. This means that they will get a 2 or a 3 in their report cards.

On Thursday, October 6th we have a Home & School meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. After the meeting, Mrs. Laurie Reed, Astronomy professor at SVSU, will visit us with telescopes. I think it is a great opportunity for the children and the adults as well to have a closer look at God's creation. So come to the meeting and stay on to enjoy our universe through a telescope.

There are some parents that did not sign all the forms in the registration packet at the time of enrolling the children. This means that your children may miss out on something such as a walking fieldtrip because you did not go through all the papers in the green folders. Please, when you come into the office, ask Ms. Theresa to show you where to sign.

Soup Supper is soon approaching and it is one of our biggest moneymakers for Home and School. If you have not signed up to help on any of the preparation days and one shift on the day of the event, do it soon. It is a **MUST** for all families with students in K-8 to participate. Preschool families are welcome to help too. It is very rewarding to see that some have already signed up to help. Home & School works hard to raise funds for the school and for all the children. You are all part of it, whether you come to the meetings or not. It is your chance to get to know other parents and once you are working it is fun! Oh! **We need a lot of small boxes for Soup Supper take out (around 400).** If you can get some, bring them to school, please!

Congratulations to the students being inducted in **NEHS and NJHS. Ceremony is to be held at St. Elizabeth Church at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 30th.** All are welcome to attend. **Students being inducted and members of the NEHS and NJHS may dress up this day too. All the rest will wear their dress code as they usually wear to church on Fridays.**

Starting next week, students can no longer wear shorts and capris. Should we find out that the temperature would be above 80°, students will be allowed to be comfortable and wear shorts or capris on that day.

Please, 5-8 grade parents whose children are participating in band, **remember that at 6:00 PM tomorrow Herter's Music is coming.** I ask that you come and hear what they can offer. After that, we will see how the school can help you with the instruments. We have only 9 instruments for the time being.

Have a wonderful rest of the week!
Ms. Gabbie

WEEKLY NEWS
YOU CAN USE IN THE CLASSROOM!!!

SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
PICTURE DAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
PRE-4 PICTURE DAY

Thursday, September 29th
6:00 p.m. Herter Music
at St. Elizabeth School

Friday, September 30th
National Elementary & Junior
Honor Society
Induction Ceremony.
Ceremony will take place at Church
10:00 a.m.

**LOOKING AHEAD IN
OCTOBER**

Sunday, October 2nd
"Decorate your Pumpkin
Sunday" - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 6th
6:30 p.m. Home & School
Meting
7:30 p.m. Telescope Viewing

Sunday, October 9th
Caro Pumpkin Festival Parade
St. Elizabeth will have a float in
the parade – Parade begins at
1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 10th
FREE Columbus Day Pizza Lunch
Provided by the
Reese Knights of Columbus
**NO SCHOOL LUNCH PROVIDED ON
THIS DAY**

Monday, October 10th
MICHIGAN BLOOD DRIVE
2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 19th
Annual Soup Supper
Dine-In or Take-Out
4-7 p.m.

Monday, October 31st
End of First Marking Period
**NO REESE PUBLIC
SCHOOL BUS**

Mrs. Cameron – Young Fives/ Kindergarten



This week the Kindergarteners made applesauce. It was so good! The children were surprised that the applesauce was sweet even without adding sugar! Thank you to all the families for donating apples. We will be doing an apple taste test and graphing our favorite apples too!

We are taking our first field trip on Oct 10. We will be going to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm. A field trip form will be coming home next week. October 10th is Columbus Day and the Knights of Columbus purchase and serve a pizza lunch for the entire school.

We are encouraging all adults to donate blood at our blood drive on October 10th. It is an opportunity to save lives and also earn a few dollars for playground equipment for our kids.

Soup Supper will be on October 19th 4pm – 4pm. It is a great fundraiser needing a lot of help. Ask grandma and grandpa to bring the kids for soup and donate a few hours of your time. It is a lot of FUN! We also need help preparing for the soup supper. In addition to working on the 19th, I will be helping make the dough for the noodles on Sunday, October 16. If you cannot make it on the 16th, sign up for another day to help for an hour or two.

Keep reading and practicing those sight words at home. Have a great week! Blessings, Mrs. Cameron

Mrs. Territo – 1st & 2nd Grade

The exciting news coming out of our 1st/2nd grade classroom is our upcoming field trip on October 10th. We will be traveling by bus to Johnson's Giant Pumpkin Farm in Saginaw. The 1st/2nd grade students will take the Educational Tour which includes a visit to the pumpkin patch, the Science Station, the Native American teepee, a tour of the grounds, and a cider and doughnut snack. The field trip is scheduled for October 10. Watch for more information.

This Friday will be the first Spelling test for the 2nd grade students. Each Monday morning, students will begin working with a new spelling list. I have suggested the students write their words into their planners on Monday. Students will complete several activities with the words each day and should be studying them throughout the week. First grade students have begun their spelling curriculum by reviewing handwriting and phonics. Spelling tests for 1st grade students will begin later in the marking period, when they will follow the same routine as the 2nd grade students.

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we now have 3 opportunities each week to work with the older students on AR tests. Please encourage your children to read every night. As they complete a book, send the book into school so that they can test on it. If they are not able to bring the book in, write down the title and author and send that in with them. Since we were unable to take AR tests for the first two weeks of the year, I have decided to lower the AR point goal for our 1st and 2nd grade students for this marking period only. In order to meet their goals, 1st grade students are required to achieve 6 points, 2nd grade students must achieve 8 points. Most of the books at our level are valued at .5 points each. While I do try to incorporate AR books into our reading lessons whenever possible, the program is designed to award students for reading done outside of the classroom and tested in school.

Progress reports will be coming home in the next week or so. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Redwanz – 3rd & 4th Grade

Our class had a great time last Thursday at Project RED. We learned about shearing a sheep, farm equipment safety, soil conservation, transplanting plants, and so much more! The children really enjoyed sitting in a huge John Deer tractor, petting the animals, and seeing a swarm of bees. Caden even spotted the Queen Bee!! Thank you, Mrs. Sirianni and Ms. Mary, for going with us and sharing such a great day.

Tomorrow will be school picture day. This year we are allowing the children to dress up for pictures. This means that they do not have to wear their school uniforms, but they must look nice. No jeans or t-shirts. Please remember to send in your child's money and order form tomorrow so that Mrs. Histed knows what package you want for your child.

Remember, book reports are due October 24th. Also, your child has received their AR goal for this marking period. They must meet this goal by October 31st, or their reading grade will go down ½ grade. If they exceed their goal by 1 1/2, they will get an extra reward. For example, if their goal is 10 points, they must get 15 points to exceed.

Please remember to sign your child's planner every night. Also, please remember to check TeacherEase and our classroom blog daily.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Bojo – 5th & 6th Grade

Hartley packets went home on Thursday. Students have already started bringing them back to school along with the money for Hartley! Thank you! The forms are due back to me by October 19th and the money is due by October 28th.

A “HUGE” thank you to the Syring, Simons, Fisher, Corrion, Wark, Boensch, and Holtz families for all the baked goodies they provided for our bake sale! Everything was so delicious!!! We raised \$110.00!! We will be having our second bake sale on October 14th, as we still need a little more money for the camp counselors.

Just a reminder – every week please expect your child to bring home 2 progress reports on Monday or Tuesday. Please sign these and return them the next day, as they are worth easy extra credit points.

Thursday is the 5th and 6th grade picture day. Students can “dress-up” in their Sunday best for their pictures.

This Friday is our National Elementary and National Junior Honor Society ceremony. NEHS and NJHS students, please dress in your Sunday best for the ceremony. Also, congratulations to our new members on your induction! You should be proud of this accomplishment!

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

Mrs. Papesh – 7th & 8th Grade

There were a couple of notes sent out yesterday for you to look over, fill out and send back. Please be sure your child has shown them to you.

I’ve had great returns on the progress reports. Thank You!

Big thanks to everyone who walked with us in the Homecoming Parade! The weather was sketchy but we all survived. :)

Have a great rest of the week.

HOME & SCHOOL CORNER

from Aileen Stuart your President

“Every year, St. Elizabeth students participate in the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival by decorating pumpkins to be displayed in front of the Courthouse in Caro and by riding in a float at the annual parade on **Sunday, October 9th** (which the students just love). We would like you to join us in another fun-filled event related to the Pumpkin Festival. This year, the Home & School Association will be sponsoring a Family Get Together/Pumpkin Decorating afternoon on **Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. We will provide the paint, markers, glue, glitter, etc. for use in decorating the pumpkins, but if you have a specific idea for your pumpkin, please bring the necessary supplies. We will also have access to cable TV for the Sunday afternoon football games (in case anyone is interested). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Aileen (755-0893) or Eeshel (659-2820). We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!”



INFORMATION CARO PUMPKIN PARADE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

The Tuscola Pumpkin Festival parade theme is **“31 Years of Family & Fun”**. We will have some games/pictures of games on our float. **Our motto is “A family that prays and plays together, stays together”**. If you have a “game” shirt please wear it. Another idea might be to paint a box/walking billboard into a game box and wear that as we’re walking.

NOTE: State Street (M-81) closed down at 12:30 sharp. They are asking our float to be in position at 12:25 p.m. We are float #43 and our location will be on Quinn Street.

The parade route ends on Park Drive (just past the Brentwood driveway – past the tennis courts – grassy area to the right). Children need to be picked up at that location.

Thank you and “game on”. Parade starts at 1:30 p.m.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
HOME & SCHOOL
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, October 2nd	FAMILY GET TOGETHER – PUMPKIN DECORATING – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 6th	Home & School Meeting – 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Telescope Viewing
Sunday, October 9th	Caro Pumpkin Parade (always at fun time)
October 14-18	SOUP SUPPER PREP WEEK (make sure to sign-up in the school office)
Wednesday, October 19th	SOUP SUPPER - 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct., 23rd & Sun., Oct., 24th	JOHNSON'S PUMPKIN FARM (SIGN-UP IN SCHOOL OFFICE)

They would be happy to answer any questions you may have in regards to Home & School Events coming up.



UPDATE ON MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

It is the cold, flu season again!!! Please be aware what the policy is for bringing in prescribed or over-the-counter medication for your child. Please follow the state guidelines below:

- Medications must be brought to school by a PARENT, students **may not** be the transporter of the medication to school.
- NO over-the-counter medications can be given without a “**Consent Form**” on file in the office signed by a health care provider and parent/guardian. (this includes cough drops, Tylenol etc.)
- ALL medications must be in the original container with your child’s name, date and dosing instructions (no plastic baggies or envelopes)

Consent Forms for Administering Medication in school are in the office. Or just call and one may be sent home for your convenience.