

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, October 5, 2011



LITURGY CORNER

Friday, October 7th
8:30 a.m. School Mass



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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
Columbus Day
FREE
PIZZA LUNCH
PROVIDED BY THE
Reese Council
Knights of Columbus

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

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



Good morning,

As you are reading this, I am at the MANS Administrator's Conference. I have my computer with me so if you need to contact me before next Monday, please send me an email. If it is urgent, Theresa knows how to contact me.

Congratulations to our inductees to the NEHS and NJHS: Allison Hawken, Leslie Licudine, Logan Stuart and Ty Childers. They have a big responsibility to keep up the standards, and I trust that they will make us proud like the students inducted last year.

Remember that tomorrow is the Home & School meeting. A lot is going on in October, so come and find out so you don't miss anything. After the meeting, Mrs. Reed from SVSU will be in the West parking lot with telescopes. Come and enjoy God's creation getting a close-up view of the stars!

Thank you to Aileen Stuart and Eeshel Zwerk for organizing the family pumpkin-decorating afternoon on Sunday. I know it was a fun event for children and adults alike. What a great way to get to know other families! On Thursday, Aileen and Mrs. Robin Wasik will be taking the pumpkins to Caro. Pumpkins will be displayed in the fairgrounds and award-winning pumpkins will be outside the courthouse. **Parade information is enclosed in this newsletter. I hope to see a lot of children on our float and walking with us. Let us show that "Families that play and pray together stay together." After the parade you need to pick up your children's pumpkins from either the courthouse or the fairgrounds.**

I got back 45 surveys regarding mid-winter break: 12 families voted to keep it as is; 20 to change it; and 13 were OK either way. **After much consideration, the decision has been made to change it to the following week, that is, February 13 to 15.** I hope this does not cause too much trouble to those that wanted to keep it as was. If you had made doctor or dentist's appointments for the week we were to be off, we will be considerate of your previous commitments. I am sorry for this change. Please contact me if you have any concerns or comments in this matter.

With the weather cooling down remember to send in a sweatshirt or pullover. Check dress code colors in the handbook, please. Also make sure you check out our Give and Take Zone; there may be something that fits your child. At this time every year we order logo wear. An order form will go home next week as soon as I get the price list.

If you sign up to follow us on Twitter and your username does not look like your name at all, please send me an email because I do not accept names I don't recognize. This is a closed account, only for parents and relatives, and we do not follow anybody. It is meant as one more way that parents can get information and see what the children are up to.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the October issue of the Superintendent's newsletter. Mary Ann Deschaine wants to communicate with all the families in our Catholic schools. We are very happy to have her on board and extremely happy that she has visited us twice this year.

Have a blessed rest of the week and I will see you in Caro on Sunday!

Ms. Gabbie





**LOOKING AHEAD IN
OCTOBER**

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

The children are excited about going to the Reese Fire Station today. Our next field trip is to Johnson's pumpkin farm on Monday, October 10th. We will leave at 8:30 am and return before 11:00am. Please return the permission slips and money by Friday. The Knights of Columbus are purchasing pizza for the entire school on this day.

Monday is also our blood drive. Please come in to donate blood.

Collect box tops and return them by Friday! The two students bringing in the most box tops will win Speedy Q gift cards.

Thursday is our Home and School meeting at 6:30. We also have instructors from SVSU coming with telescopes! There will be a viewing of the stars at 7:30!

October Scholastic book order forms will come home on Friday. The orders will be due back on October 14th.

Sunday is the Caro Pumpkin Parade. I hope to see you there on the St. Elizabeth float!

We need helpers for Soup Supper! I will be helping make the dough for the noodles on Sunday, October 16th at 9am. We need helpers at this time and later around 11am to roll and cut the dough. We also need men to lift the huge pots of boiling noodles off of the stoves.

Recycle donations needed: I collect the new, unused envelopes that you would receive in your junk mail or bills. I also use the stickers that come free to you from the various organizations. The students are busy writing letters to friends and family at our writing center and love having an envelope to use. Thank you for your help!

Welcome back to school to Mrs. Bremer! It is wonderful to see her smile and hear her laughter in the building again! The Kindergarteners are enjoying Religion with her.

Curriculum for October:

Letter sounds: m, s, and short a

Sight words: the, and, Bible, see, one

Beginning sounds, rhyming words, identifying words in oral sentences

Reading Comprehension: Sequence of Events, Questioning, parts of a story

Religion: meeting God in church, We talk to God, We pray in different ways

Math: Shapes, one to one matching, AB, ABB patterns, problem solving, ordinal positions, sorting, ordering numbers, and counting backwards.

Have a great week! Mrs. Cameron

Mrs. Territo – 1st & 2nd Grade

How quickly the month of September went! We have new fish in the classroom aquarium...Stop in and meet Brainy and Blackie. This past Monday fieldtrip permission slip went home, along with mid-marking period reports and graded papers. Please sign the permission slips and return with the correct fees (or if your signed permission slip is already in, please send the fee in an envelope) before Friday, October 7th. We will need to prepare a check for Johnson's Pumpkin Farm and I'm sure Monday morning will be hectic enough. The more we can get organized ahead of time the better. Thank you for your understanding.

As I'm sure you can imagine our days in the 1st/2nd grade classroom are very full and structured. The kids are doing a great job learning our routines and trying to stay on task. I would like to limit unnecessary distractions in the classroom. We have had several accidents involving spilled water bottles. Please make sure that the water bottle you send with your child has a sports top to help eliminate spillage. Along this same vein, I will ask that the girls not bring items such as lip gloss, hair brushes, etc. into the classroom. Again I thank you for your understanding.

We are starting to really get into the "meat and potatoes" of 1st and 2nd grade.

Our curriculum this month will cover:

1st/2nd English---Sentence structure; types of sentences; introduction of the writing process

1st/2nd Religion---Learning our daily prayers; learning about the Holy Trinity, good and evil

1st/2nd Social Studies---Maps; grid maps; cardinal directions; creating our own maps

1st/2nd Science---Scientific process; making observations; charts; data, illustrations

1st Reading---Review beginning, middle, ending sounds, long and short vowel sounds, blends; high frequency words; compare and contrast

2nd Reading---Silent e words; homophones, multiple meaning words; summarize; predict/infer;

1st Math---Time; shapes; ordering; money; sets

2nd Math---Patterns; clockface; addition facts; even and odd numbers; fraction intro

Mrs. Redwanz – 3rd & 4th Grade

Tomorrow night is the Home & School meeting at 6:30 pm followed by a telescope viewing of the stars. Because we are currently learning about stars in earth science, I will be giving extra credit to those students that come with their parents. This may be one of the only opportunities for extra credit in science this marking period, so hopefully I will see many of you there.

The October book orders went home yesterday with your child. They need to be back by Friday, October 21st. Please send a check made out to Scholastic Book Clubs.

A survey went home with your child today concerning an end of the year field trip. Please fill out this survey and send it back ASAP so that I can plan accordingly.

Our class is planning mass this Friday. Please join us if you can!

Monday the Knights of Columbus will be providing the school with a pizza lunch. There will not be any other choices that day. **Curriculum for October**

Spelling- 3rd: /oi/, /ou/, /au/, /aw/ 4th: two syllable words, /ou/, /oi/, /k/

English- nouns

Reading- 3rd: poetry, comprehension, fluency 4th: connecting and comparing literature, mysteries, comprehension, fluency

Math- 3rd: adding & subtracting two and three digit numbers, rounding, story problems 4th: regrouping, expanded form, temperature, elapsed time **Religion-** Unit 1 review and test, Unit 2: “Son of God, Son of Mary”

Science- Earth Science **Social Studies-** Understanding regions, the Eastern states

Mrs. Bojo – 5th & 6th Grade

We have less than one month before we will be going to Hartley!! Hopefully this warm weather holds out! Please work on getting the paperwork back to be before the 18th and the money before the 28th. Thank you!

Jim Blashka, Director at Hartley, is coming on October 18th at 10:00 am to share what life is like with the students. He will also answer any questions they may have before going to camp. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend this meeting, as well.

Don't forget that tomorrow is the Home & School meeting! It would be awesome to see all the 5th and 6th grade families there! Also, we are having the Astronomy night right afterwards! Students will have the amazing opportunity to view the night sky through telescopes! Don't miss it!

This Saturday is the Caro Pumpkin parade! Students are also encouraged to walk with our float in this, as well!

Religion – finish 1: Creator and Father and begin Unit 2: Son of God, Son of Mary with a focus on the mystery of the Incarnation and our encounter with Jesus in Baptism and Confirmation..

5th Reading – Literature circles **6th Reading** - Literature circles

Spelling – 5th – vowel sounds: /ou/, /o/, /oi/, review, vowel + /r/ sound

6th – homophones, review, words with ie or ei, final /er/ sound

English – Writing to express an opinion, Criterion Writing

Math – 5th – lines, tally marks, number lines, multiplication table, word problem about separating and equal groups, multiplying, division, fractions, recognizing halves, associative property

6th – problems about combining and separating, place value, elapsed time, estimating, average, line graphs, factors, prime numbers, GCF, divisibility, ratio, rate, fractions **Social Studies** – Chapter 2 – Indians of North American and Chapter 3 – The Age of Exploration

7/8 English Language Arts – The Magnetism of Language: Parts of Speech, Poetry, and Word Play, Writing Unit on Convincing Others

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

Mrs. Papesh – 7th & 8th Grade

Tomorrow night is the Home & School meeting. After the meeting there will be an interactive astronomy presentation from an SVSU professor. Please attend if you are able to. I will give students 5 points extra credit just for showing up and I'll work on another 5 point assignment to tie in with the event for both the 5/6 & 7/8 Science classes. Plus, don't forget you can help our class by attending as the teacher with the most attendance of parents gets \$10.

October Curriculum:

Religion - Connecting religion and science; nature of God's creation. Jesus' mission to bring salvation to the whole human family. Finish Unit on God's Revelation, Begin Unit on Jesus, Our Hope. Jesus teaches us to live in relationship with the Father and one another. **Pre-Algebra** - Solving Equations - All four operations - including decimals.

Properties - commutative, associative, identities, distributive. **Algebra** - Classify and compare real numbers - whole, integers, rational - all four operations, include fractions and decimals. Square roots. Solve linear equations - one, two, multi-step. **History** - US State Capitals - Early American Explorers. Identify leading European explorers of North America, explain the effects of European colonization on Native Americans, and describe the origins and development of slavery in the colonies. **Reading** - Finish forms of prose - Begin unit on Plot and Setting - various fiction and non-fiction pieces. **7/8 Science** - Forces in Earth - tension, compression, shearing. Faults - earthquakes. Volcanoes. The Circulatory System - function, disorders. **5/6 Science** - Reproduction and Heredity - DNA - recessive and dominant genes, mutations. Basic Cell Division - mitosis & meiosis. Adaptations - behavioral and structural, response to the environment.

HME & SCHOOL CORNER

from Aileen Stuart your President

Thank you to everyone who has returned the Soup Supper sign-up sheet. If you have not sent it back yet, please do so right away. We really need more people for both Monday & Tuesday morning shifts, as well as the entire day on Wednesday. Also, we did not get back many forms for the homemade bread and pie/monetary donations for Wednesday. We need many more of both for the people who come to the school that day to eat. If you have any questions, please contact Aileen Stuart.



INFORMATION CARO PUMPKIN PARADE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH – PARADE STARTS AT 1:30 SHARP:

PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS, WHAT BRIGHTLY
DECORATED PUMPKINS WE SEE AROUND
our St. Elizabeth School hallways.

Our pumpkins will be taken over to Caro on **Thursday, October 6th**. They will be proudly displayed on the Tuscola County Courthouse Lawn. Judging will be in grades: 3, 4, 5, 6-8. Kindergarten, First and Second grades will be proudly displayed but not judged.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: You may pick-up your decorated pumpkin at the courthouse after the parade until 5:00 p.m. At 5:00 p.m., any pumpkins left will be donated and/or discarded.

CASH 52 NEWS

There are 95 tickets out to parents. These tickets need to be paid for and returned to the school office A.S.A.P. Deadline was September 30th. These families have not pick-up their tickets:

HISTED

SYRING

SIMONS

LEHMAN/HOLTZ

CONLEY

If tickets are not picked-up they will be sent home in the bookbags.

STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER:

BOX TOPS CONTEST IS BACK!

This week Student Council will be collecting Box Tops. Please bring in as many as you can. This is a way to bring in the ones that you are saving at home. The contest will end on Friday. Have a nice rest of the week!!
Adam Fisher

MICHIGAN BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

St. Elizabeth Parish Center

TELESCOPE VIEWING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

7:30 P.M.

(AFTER THE HOME & SCHOOL MEEETING)

**Mrs. Laurie Reed, Astronomy Professor at
Saginaw Valley State University will visit us
with telescopes.**

Come & view God’s Creation!!!!

