



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.

Wednesday, September 7, 2011



### LITURGY CORNER

NO School Mass  
Fri., September 9th

Due to a Funeral

**September 11  
Prayer Service**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello, and welcome back to this new school year! I am very happy to have the children back. I am really happy to be back at school today. Yesterday I had to take a ride in an ambulance to Covenant because my nose would not stop bleeding. It is all OK now so I am ready for this year!

I noticed that a couple of girls have been wearing leggings with their skirts or jumpers. Leggings are not in our dress code. Please, make sure they are wearing knee high socks instead. Also, remember that all students need to have a pair of shoes they use when they are inside. When the students have gym class, they need to wear athletic shoes.

Tonight we are hosting a VIRTUS session. If you have not attended one, this is your chance to have one offered near you. If you are going to chaperone fieldtrips, go to Washington, DC with your 7-8 grade child, or if you are going to volunteer in your child's classroom, you need to attend a VIRTUS session, have a background check and receive Standards of Behavior. This is a diocesan mandate to keep your children safe.

We have received donations of musical instruments for our band program. I am still trying to see how we can pull it off. Mrs. King has graciously agreed to work with those students who want to participate in band three days a week and do music appreciation twice a week with those that don't want to do band. I wish I had instruments for everybody. I have been working with Herter's music in Bay City. I have some information regarding their rent-to-own program. I ask that parents contact me individually so we can decide what we are going to do about instruments.

Have a blessed week,  
Ms. Gabbie

**REMINDER!!  
TONIGHT  
VIRTUS  
PROTECTING  
GOD'S  
CHILDREN  
SESSION  
6:00-9:00 P.M.**



**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**Sunday, September 11th**  
St. Elizabeth Parish & Christ Lutheran  
Picnic and Rally Day  
Honoring our Firefighters

**Noon-2:00 p.m.**

Picnic style lunch  
**FREE WILL DONATION**

Blooper ball, games, helicopter, horse drawn  
wagon & more!!!

### 2012 Ca\$h 52 INFORMATION

The 2012 Ca\$h 52 sale is underway!! All families are asked to sell **at least** 2 tickets per student. The following families need to see Ms. Theresa/Office for their tickets:

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| CONLEY FAMILY            | BEATTIE FAMILY |
| BRISSETTE FAMILY         | FASSONE FAMILY |
| HAWKEN FAMILY            | HISTED FAMILY  |
| LEHMAN/HOLTZ FAMILY      | MOCNY FAMILY   |
| SIMERSON/FRITZLER FAMILY | SIMONS FAMILY  |
| SYRING FAMILY            | TUCKER FAMILY  |
| WILL FAMILY              |                |

**Tickets not returned or lost will be assessed a \$10.00 fee to your account.** Tickets can be sent home with the children, at your request. Ticket stubs and money can be returned to Theresa in the office. Thank you!! This sale will raise over \$5,000 for our school!!  
Becky Boensch, Chair

# SEPTEMBER CURRICULUM IN THE CLASSROOM



## SEPTEMBER

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9/22

3rd & 4th Grade  
"Project Red" Field Trip

9/23

**NO SCHOOL**  
Catholic Schools  
Professional  
Development

### Mrs. Cameron – Kindergarten

Welcome to school! The summer went by so quickly and here we are beginning a new school year. I am so happy to be a part of the education of your child. Thank you to all of the parents that came for the Open House. These first couple of weeks will focus largely on learning the routines and procedures in the Kindergarten classroom and getting to know each other. We will meet the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders and choose a prayer buddy this week. Our prayer buddies sit with us at Mass on Friday and help us during the service. We pray for each other during the school year, we get together to read, go to the park, and sometimes complete an activity together. **Scholastic book orders will be coming home this week and will be due on Tuesday, September 13.**

**Curriculum for September:** - Social Skills – getting to know each other, learning routines and procedures in the classroom, hallway, playground, and lunchroom; Religion – Jesus loves and welcomes children, Jesus is God and His name is holy; Phonics – listening to rhyme, rhyming words, blending syllables, segment syllables, review letter identification; Journal writing; Math – one to one correspondence, pattern blocks & shapes, identifying more and less, and pictographs; Handwriting- basic strokes.

Please read with your child every night this week. In Christ,  
Mrs. Cameron

### Mrs. Territo – 1st & 2nd Grade

It was absolutely wonderful meeting all the students and their parents on our Back to School Night! I think I was as excited as the kids were to start the school year. I'll begin by telling you a bit about my background for those of you that are curious about me. I graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in April of last year. I completed my student teaching experience at Marvin G. Atkins Elementary School in Bridgeport in a fourth grade classroom. I am a member of Blessed Trinity Parish, in Frankenmuth, where I've taught Faith Formation classes for over 11 years. Additionally, I have been substitute teaching in Saginaw County for four years. My husband, Jeff, and I have three sons, ages 23, 21, and 18. Two are in college and one is a medical corpsman in the United States Navy. I am thrilled to be teaching 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade here, at St. Elizabeth's. I think we are blessed to have a wonderful faculty, energetic students, and supportive and involved families.

**Our curriculum plan for the month of September** will be to begin with basic classroom expectations and procedures. I will work with the students with Accelerated Reading on the computer until they are comfortable with the computer program. We will review previous concepts and then the next several weeks will be utilized to assess each student in Reading and Mathematics. After assessments are complete we'll begin with a structured curriculum.

It's going to be an exciting year!

### Mrs. Redwanz – 3rd & 4th Grade

Welcome back! We are off to a great start in 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> grade. We have been spending the first couple days getting to know each other, and learning the rules and procedures of the classroom. I am very excited to be teaching 26 students this year. They all seem like great children!

### Curriculum for September

**English-** writing good, complete sentences; types of sentences; subjects and predicates

**Writing-** journal writing; introduction to cursive

**Spelling-** short and long vowel sounds

**Reading- 3<sup>rd</sup>:** focus on poetry; phonics/decoding; comprehension; fluency

**4<sup>th</sup>:** focus on mysteries; decoding; comprehension; reading fluency

**Math- 3<sup>rd</sup>:** calendars; patterns; telling time; addition; subtraction

**4<sup>th</sup>:** missing addends; sequences; place value; review of addition/subtraction

**Religion-** learning daily prayers; getting familiar with the Bible; Unit 1: *Creator and Father*

**Science-** physical science: properties of matter; measuring matter; solids, liquids, and gases; physical and chemical changes

**Social Studies-** geography; understanding regions

### Mrs. Bojo – 5th & 6th Grade

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer break! Thank you to all the students and parents whom attended the Back to School night! It was great to see you! If you haven't already, please make sure to fill out and/or sign the forms on the left side of the Back to School night folder and return them as soon as possible. Thanks!

Students will be eating a nutritious snack in the afternoon. Please try and send something in at least once a month for a minimum of 15 students. Thanks!

Congratulations to Brianna Corrion for her 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the NATION on her essay that she wrote in 4<sup>th</sup> grade with Mrs. Redwanz on caring!! Great job Brianna, the Corrion family, and Mrs. Redwanz!!

**Religion** – introduce Unit 1: Creator and Father with a focus on Creation.

**5<sup>th</sup> Reading** – read the story Earthquake Terror with a focus on the comprehension strategies: sequence of events, predict/infer, noting details, and story structure

**6<sup>th</sup> Reading** – reading the stories Hatchet and Passage to Freedom with a focus on the comprehension strategies: noting details, summarize, propaganda, cause and effect, making judgments, evaluate, predicting outcomes, and fact and opinions.

**Spelling** – 5<sup>th</sup> –Short Vowels, Long a, Long e, Long I, and Long o,

6<sup>th</sup> – Short Vowels, Long Vowels, Vowels sounds: /ou/, /oo/, /o/, /oi/

**English** – Grammar Unit 1: The Sentence, writing to persuade

**Math** – 5<sup>th</sup> –sequences, digits, even and odd numbers, money, place value, whole numbers, ordinal numbers, relationship between addition and subtraction and subtraction, subtraction algorithm, missing addends, translating and writing word problems.

6<sup>th</sup>– whole numbers, money, fact families, multiplying and dividing, unknown numbers, order of operation, fractional parts, lines, segments, rays, linear measure, perimeter, ordering & comparing, sequences, and scales

**7/8 English Language Arts** – Criterion Writing, Grammar unit: The sentence, Parts of Speech Overview: Noun, Pronoun, and Adjective

### Mrs. Papesh – 7th & 8th Grade

Hello and welcome back - Those parents whom I did not meet with should look for the school handbook as I've given it to your child. Please sign that you have received it and return the slip to the office.

Much of our class happenings such as assignments, the handbook, important upcoming dates, iPod policy, as well as random pictures and other excitement in the class can be found on the blog.

[www.saintelizabeth.blogspot.com](http://www.saintelizabeth.blogspot.com) Check it out.

#### **Curriculum News**

**Religion** - The 7 Sorrows of Our Lady, Trusting in God's Goodness, God reveals himself to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit Our Guide

**Reading** - Different forms of prose. Note-taking, outlining, and summarizing. Internal and external conflicts, compare and contrast characters, context clues to decode, use of chronological order in a text, identify and understand characteristics of an autobiography.

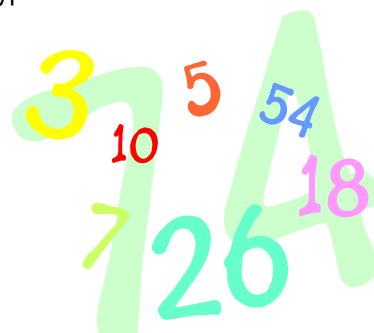
**Pre-Algebra** - Write & evaluate variable expressions, integer operations, plot points in a coordinate plane

**Algebra** - Star Math testing, Evaluate & write expressions, order of operations, write equations and inequalities. Functions - graphs, rules & tables. Integers and real numbers

**US History** - Test Strategies, the US States and Capitals, Geography basics, Constitution Day

**7/8 Science** - Forces and Pressure - Newton's Laws, buoyancy

**5/6 Science** - The Scientific Method, Life Science - Animals and plant cells, structure and function, Different types of cells





**St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School Home & School Association**

# **Chicken Barbeque**



***½ barbeque chicken, baked potato, cole slaw and a roll.  
(Take out sales only)***

**When: Sunday, September 18, 2011**

**Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM or until food is sold out**

**Where: Sacred Heart Church –  
140 Atwood St., Caro**

**Cost: Advance tickets: \$8.00 At the door: \$9.00**

Orders will be delivered to St. Elizabeth Parish Center upon request.

**Tickets on sale St. Elizabeth school office**

**Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Or**

**Mail a check with a self addressed stamped envelope to  
SEACS, P.O. Box 392, Reese, MI 48757**

**Proceeds for St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School**



Let us pray,

Loving God, as we approach 9/11, we remember all those affected- those who died in the attacks, those who responded, those who now fight in wars as a result of that dark day, those we know who were personally impacted, and all those who still mourn the loss of loved ones.

We lift our prayers and our concerns and our desire to bring your love to a broken world. Send your Holy Spirit among us now, O God, to open our hearts and minds to your presence. We know you are a God of life, not death; you are a God mercy, not vengeance. Lead us into holy actions that will glorify you and honor those who died. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.