

Principal's Message:



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Game Day: In celebration of Mardi Gras, the student council will be hosting a game day afternoon on Tuesday, February 21. They will be selling popcorn and juice boxes to raise money for additional outdoor play equipment. Prices for snacks will be \$.25 to \$1.00. Please try to send small bills, as this makes it easier for the students to make change.

Ash Wednesday: This Wednesday, February 22 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Students will be attending Mass at 8:30 am on this day. First grade is in charge of planning the liturgy. Please have students wear their church clothes.

Lenten Preparation: Middle school students from St. William will be joining their counterparts from the other three Catholic Schools for a Day of Preparation for Lent this Wednesday at St. Mary School. Students will attend Mass at their own schools, and then come together for a day of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. They will be packaging rice meals for "Kids Against Hunger", viewing a documentary on high school homeless students, participating in a Hunger Simulation-led by Parker High school students, collecting items for the closets at Parker and Craig High Schools, and sharing a meager meal for lunch. This activity was planned by the Janesville Catholic Schools Advisory Board.

Conferences: Next week marks the mid- way point of third quarter. Students have school on Thursday, February 23 from 8:00-11:00 am. Conferences will be held from 11:30-8:00 pm. A conference confirmation slip detailing times for your family's conference is included in this folder. Students in grades 3-8 are asked to attend the conferences. Progress reports will be handed out at conferences. There is no school on Friday, February 24.

Specials Conference Schedule:

Mrs. Lentz—4:00-8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Braun—11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Zaccard—11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Pearson—11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Scrip: Scrip will be sold during conferences Thursday and at the Rectory Friday, February 24th.

Stations of the Cross: As is tradition during Lent, students will take turns leading the Stations of the Cross each week. The schedule is as follows:

February 28, 12:45 pm—led by 5th/8th grades

March 7, 2:15 pm—led by 1st/4th grades

March 13, 9:15 am—led by 7th grade

March 22, 8:30 am—led by 2nd/3rd

March 26, 1:30 pm—led by 6th grade



Fourth:

Fourth graders really enjoyed their week of celebration and service during our recent Catholic Schools Week. We began the week by working with our Kindergarten Buddies to make Valentines for homebound members of our St. William Faith Community. We enjoyed the dressing up, the dancing, our Rocking Chair Readers, bowling, and the fun games at the Friday assembly. We also had a great time planning and creating our Holy Day Door about Christmas and learning about the many different symbols that represent Jesus.



We can't believe we are in to third quarter already and are deep into the heart of fourth grade learning! We are diving into long division, researching presidents for a poster and dress-up presentation, and learning about the French and British control of Wisconsin in our early (post-European contact) history. In religion we have learned the Beatitudes and are now working on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We've been having a good time lately reading Cinderella stories from all around the world, and some just plain goofy ones: *Bigfoot*

Cinderella, *Cinderella Skeleton*, and *Rufferella* to name a few. In Science we have been digging into rocks, and students have all been bringing a few of their favorites from home. We have been amazed by some of the rocks and fossils we have observed and are eager to find out more about how fossils get formed. Mrs. Gensler



Music:

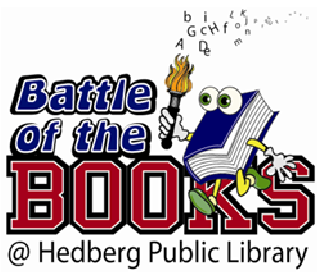
I can hardly believe I'm saying this, but all students have begun practicing some of their songs for the Spring Concert! The Spring Concert will be on Monday, April 23rd at 6:00 pm in the school gymnasium. All students in Pre-K – 8th grade will be participating. There will be more information to follow as we get closer to the date of the show.



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

All grades just finished learning about Mozart, in celebration of his birthday on January 27th and will soon be singing songs and hearing stories to honor Black History Month. We also received a very generous gift from the Beloit School District. An entire music curriculum for grades K-5 arrived last week as a donation and the students and I are so thankful!!! We are looking forward to looking through them and learning new songs!

Peace and Harmony, Mrs. Lentz



Last week three teams went head to head in the St. William School Battle of the Books. Since October, teams have been reading the forty “Battle Books,” memorizing titles and authors, and having practice battles in preparation for the big battle. And battle it was, with three extremely well-prepared teams! In the end, the Fast and Furious Readers stumbled, and Book

Power outdid The Read-ettes in the championship round. Both Book Power and The Read-ettes will represent St. William at the parochial schools Battle on Tues-



day evening, February 21 at St. John Vianney. Congratulations to all of our readers, and Good



Luck to Book Power and the Read-ettes!



On Tuesday, February 21st, student council will be hosting a Mardi Gras game day. Check with your teachers to see if you can bring in board games. For this event, student council will be selling snacks between \$0.25 and \$1.00. Please wear green, gold, and purple to celebrate Mardi Gras. Thank you and have a good day!

Sincerely,
Student Council

Band Notes:

The first year players started Wednesday Group Band practices last month and are doing a wonderful job playing in the large band. That setting is all about teamwork and everyone working together. They know what to do and are doing a fin job!

We are all looking forward to the band field trip/community service project in March. As we celebrate “Music In Our Schools Month” we will travel to the beautiful new St. Elizabeth Manor assisted Living Center in Footville, to perform a special concert for the residents. Thank you to the St. William Home and School Association for sponsoring the bus for this trip. The students are eager to brighten the day of the St. Elizabeth residents.

Six of our 7th & 8th grade band students will be participating in the annual band solo and ensemble contest in Clinton, WI on Saturday February 25th. They will be performing a piece for a judge to receive an evaluation. Our participants are: Savannah Pearson—Flute Solo; Ted Charnecki, Taylor Hagemann—Saxophone/Trumpet Duet; Erin Seichter, Alex Winter—Saxophone/Trombone Duet; Emily Wagener—Snare Drum Solo. Good luck at the contest! Mrs. Mumma



Altar Server Schedule

Feb. 21
Mary Rebout
Jacqueline Polglaze

MIDDLE SCHOOL REMINDER

Lenten Project donations are due Monday (crackers, granola bars, pop tarts and cereal).

Calendar of Events!!

Feb. 17—Mass-2nd; F.I.T. Family Rec. Night in St. William School Gym 6-8 pm

Feb. 19—Basketball @ St. Mary B-girls 12:30 pm, A-girls 1:45 pm, B-boys 3:00 pm

Feb. 21—Battle of the Books citywide competition @SJV; Mardi Gras 5:30-7:30 pm

Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday Mass-1st; PM PreK to O’Leary Dental; Grades 6-8 to St. Mary

Feb. 23—School Dismissed at 11 am; No Lunch and No BASC; Conferences 11:30 am-8:00 pm

Feb. 24—NO SCHOOL

Feb. 28—Stations of the Cross 12:45 pm 5th & 8th

Feb. 29—PreK Daddy Night 6:00-7:30 pm

Mar. 2—Mass-8th; Stations of the Cross; 3rd-5th to JPAC “Miss Nelson is missing”; Registration papers going home

Mar. 7—Stations of the Cross 1st & 4th 2:15 pm

Mar. 9—Mass-7th;

Mar. 11—Children’s Mass 10:30 am

Raffle Calendar Winners

Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 6, 2012—Erin Cummings \$50.00

Sold by Maddie Nelson

Feb. 8, 2012—Florance Holznecht \$50.00

Sold by Ava Pel

Feb. 10, 2012—Steve Mauritz \$50.00

Sold by Olivia Mauritz



Parker Choir Booster Club Presents:

Taco-riffic Dinner and Raffle

Friday, March 2nd

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Parker High School

\$7 in Advance - \$8 at the door



Tickets may be purchased in advance from choir members

Brewers Tailgate Package Raffle

\$500 Cash Raffle

\$5 each or 3/\$10



Help.....Help.....Help.....

Is needed for the annual rummage sale! The “old faces” are getting very tired and “new faces” would surely be welcomed. We really would like to keep this sale going as it benefits everyone.

Please mark your calendars! Paper bags are also needed.

Helpers Needed:

Wednesday, April 25th 3:00-8:00 p.m. Sort and Mark (Drop off day)

Thursday, April 26th 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Stop in anytime (Drop off day)

Friday, April 27th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Finish marking and set-up for sale.

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sale Starts Help straighten tables

Saturday, April 28th 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sale all day (Help needed all day; straighten tables and cashier)

Sunday, April 29th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$2 a bag

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Clean-Up crew is desperately needed

Thank you

Dee Lancour and Sharon Treinen