



# Principal's Message:

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**Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick Up:** There have been some issues since we have started to get snow about cars being where they are not supposed to be in the parking lot. I realize it is cold and snowy; but the safety of our students is the number one priority and the policies have been made to ensure this safety as much as possible. So:

**Morning Drop-Off**—You may pull up to the curb only if you are just dropping your child off. If you are getting out of the car, please park in the parking lot. Also, children should be ready to exit the vehicle, so cars can move forward out of the line as efficiently as possible.

**Afternoon Pick-Up**—NO cars may park anyplace by the curb or cones. We have had people back into where the cones are, and they are not able to see the children with the snow. The cones are there so all cars park in the lot, not in the driveway area or by the curb. If a grandparent, other relative, or friend is picking up; please make sure you make them aware of our policies.

When both dropping off and picking up; please enter on Arch Street and exit on Ravine Street.

With everyone's cooperation, this process will run smoothly and all of our students will remain safe.

**Catholic Schools Week:** We begin our fun week next week with pajama day. The schedule for the entire week was sent home on a light green piece of paper in the January 13<sup>th</sup> folder. Please refer to this for all the details. If you have misplaced it, all of the information is available on the school website—[www.stwilliam.net](http://www.stwilliam.net). All of us are looking forward to a fun week. Please feel free to stop in and join us for any of our activities.

**Bowling Field Trip:** The entire school will be bowling on Thursday, February 2 at Rivers Edge. Thank you for turning in your permission slips so promptly. Because we were able to get all of the students on one bus, there is not room for chaperones. However, any parent is welcome to meet us at the bowling alley and cheer us on!

**Early Release:** Hopefully, you are able to join us for our Pasta with Parents luncheon on Friday, February 3. If you have not yet made your reservation, please call the office to order lunch with your child. That morning will be full of activities as we bring to a close Catholic Schools Week. We will begin with School Mass at 8:30 am. At Mass, Fr. John will be blessing throats in honor of the Feast Day of St. Blaise. We will also have the Distinguished Graduate Award presentation. Then, at 10:00, we will be having an all school assembly in the gym where the students will be playing some fun "Minute to Win It" games led by the older students. We will end the assembly with our Spirit Cheer to see which classroom gets to display the coveted "V". The Pasta with Parents luncheon rounds out the morning. Students are dismissed at 12:30 pm. There is no after school care available that day.

## Scholarship Opportunities

High school seniors who attended St. William Catholic School for at least three years are eligible to apply for the 2012 St. William Home and School Scholarship. Applications are available in the school office or at the high school guidance offices. **The firm deadline for all scholarship applications is March 30, 2012 at 3:00 pm to the St. William Catholic School Office.**

The Janesville Catholic Women's Club is offering four scholarships for high school seniors who are active members of the four Catholic parishes in Janesville. One scholarship will be offered at each parish. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and have a relative or friend who is a member of the club. Selection will be based on active involvement in the Catholic church, academic standing, and other extracurricular activities in school and the community. Funds are raised at the club's annual "Dollars for Scholars" card party held each October. Applications are available at Parker and Craig guidance offices, and are due on April 2, 2012. Further information, or if you are homeschooled and need an application, call (608) 754-1304.



## Second:

The second graders are **taking off** into the NEW YEAR just like the SUPERKIDS in their reading series!!

In math, they are amazed how many of the 100 math facts they are able to complete in 4 minutes!!

In Religion, they experienced their First Reconciliation Retreat evening. They completed a personalized cross keepsake that will be hanging in the narthex during Lent.

In Science, they are becoming proficient at recognizing simple machines in their daily life.

They have enjoyed using the whiteboard to help them more quickly connect simple machines to everyday items they see and use.

In their writing journal, they are seeing their sentences grow by adding; adjectives, adverbs, similes, onomatopoeia and alliteration words!!!

The second graders work.

The awesome second graders work.

The awesome second graders work wonderfully!

Ms. Torres

## F.I.T. Family Fun Night



## Seventh:

### AFRICA IN A CAN

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about ancient Africa. The Kush leader named Aksum built pillars to celebrate the country's achievements. Stop in to see the St. William Achievement Pillars they created for Catholic Schools Week. While you are there, take a look at the 'Africa in a Can' reports. The students have been researching the present day countries and comparing them with the ancient civilizations. They are finding it very interesting.

### THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have completed their research and presentations on a North American country using the five themes of geography. Take a look at the posters hanging in the hallway they created to display their findings.

### BLACK HISTORY UNIT

The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies classes are beginning their research requirements for the Black History unit. They are focusing on the African-American community and the achievements of 120 individuals in leadership, the arts and sciences, and other fields of endeavor. Each student will choose one of the 120 individuals listed in Phase I of the unit to report on. All projects will be on display in the Parish Hall March 5<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>.

### 7th READING

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders have completed their fifth novel - Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor. Sometimes life isn't fair. We call this injustice. Racism is judging people based on the color of their skin or the slant of their eyes and this is the worst injustice. How can we learn to deal with injustice or racism? Ms. Taylor found a way... through her writing. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders found this to be an excellent book to read and had a difficult time putting it down.

The next novel we will be reading is Witness by Karen Hesse. It is a story that takes place in a small Vermont town in 1924 when the KKK was trying to move in. Using free verse, the narration encompasses the eleven townspeople, young and old, of various races and creeds. It is a powerful book that takes a look at people's capacity for love and hate.

### Social Institutions Project

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have completed the first requirement for their Social Institutions Project Final—they created a map for an island country. Fifty survivors from a pleasure cruise vacationing in the South Pacific survived a disaster and were able to take refuge on this island country. For those of you who are a bit older (I mean mature) you might be thinking of Gilligan's Island. Well anyways this map had to include various geographic landforms, camps, fishing and hunting areas, land elevation, water depth, and scale of miles, etc. Do stop by room 10 to see the awesome maps.

### Contour Maps

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders have completed making a contour map of Stone Mountain in Georgia. The maps are on display in room 10. Currently they are beginning to create a contour map to show the elevation of Wisconsin. Do you know the highest point of Wisconsin? I bet the 4<sup>th</sup> graders know.

Ms. U.





### Altar Server Schedule

Jan.31, Feb.1, 2  
Jenna McDade  
Riley McDade

## Calendar of Events!!

Jan. 28—Spaghetti Dinner

Jan. 28-Feb.3—Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 29—Basketball @ OLA

Jan. 31—Basketball vs. St. Paul B-boys 5:00 pm,  
A-girls 6:00 pm

Feb. 1—Open House 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Feb. 2—All School Bowling

Feb. 3—Early Release 12:30 pm; No Afterschool Care

Feb. 5—Basketball @ St. Patrick B-boys 12:30 pm

Feb. 10—Mass-3rd; Battle of the Books 12:40 pm

Feb. 15—Market Day-3rd; Scoopie Night @ Court Street Culvers 4-8 pm

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

Feb. 21—Battle of the Books citywide competition

### Reminder:

All parents signed up to be chaperones for the All School Bowling on Thursday, February 2nd need to meet at the River's Edge Bowl located at 215 S. River St.

### Collection Update!

Tuesday, January 31st is the last day to collect **Box Tops** for the classroom competition.

During the month of February, We will be collecting **milk caps** for the classroom competition.

## BECOME A ST. WILLIAM CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER!

New this year are individual and family passes that will grant entrance to all home games. As an added bonus, you are entitled to one free popcorn at every home game. Prices are \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families. Memberships are available in the school office or at the door of each home game. You must present the card at each game for both entrance and popcorn.

### Raffle Calendar Winners

Jan. 16, 2012—Terri Brown \$50.00

Sold by Keara Richards

Jan. 18, 2012—Dylan Harlow \$50.00

Sold by the Weber Family

Jan. 20, 2012—Ben Simmons \$50.00

Sold by Charlie Simmons



### MARKET DAY

We earned **\$165.00** on January's Market Day! Thanks for your order. Please consider ordering in February. An order of \$40 or more earns you free cookie dough cups. An online order of \$90 or more earns you free 1 lb. chicken gems. Turn in your order forms to school by February 8th or online orders by February 11th.

Pick up day is February 15!

