

# Principal's Message:



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**Raffle Calendar 2012:** Thank you to all of you who purchased a 2012 School Raffle Calendar. This is our major fund raiser of the year and supports all of our students in the school by funding major improvements at the school. Thank you also to Lisa McDade and Lori Green who co-chaired this project once again.

**Recycling Opportunity:** Did you receive a new TV or computer for Christmas? Are you looking for a place to recycle your old electronics and appliances? If you could hang onto them for a little while longer, we have the perfect solution! The Janesville Catholic School Advisory Council will be holding a recycling fund raiser for Earth Day. All electronics and old appliances (basically anything with a plug) will be collected, recycled, and we will receive money for them. The E-waste recycling event will be held April 21-22, 2012. The drop off will be the parking lot of St. John Vianney Parish and School. All of the money raised will be donated to a local charity chosen by the council.

**Spaghetti Dinner:** Please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 28. This is the annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spaghetti Dinner. This dinner has become a tradition to begin Catholic Schools Week. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders use the profits from this meal to help fund their class trip to Chicago in May. Tickets will be available in the school office or from any 8<sup>th</sup> grader within a few weeks.

**School Geography Bee:** Middle school students have been working hard preparing for the School Geography Bee. Class winners will compete in the school-wide competition on Friday, January 13 at 1:00 in the gym. The school winner then completes a written test that is sent to the National Geographic Society for scoring and possible continued participation in the Bee at the state and national levels. Parents are welcome as spectators. Good luck to all of the participants!

**Market Day Contest Results:** The seventh grade class was the winner of the Market Day contest held in December. They will be receiving a special treat from Market Day in the upcoming weeks. Congratulations!

**Catholic Schools Night with the Janesville Jets:** It is not too late to sign up and participate in the Catholic Schools Night at the Janesville Jets. All tickets for the January 21 game are \$5. Please send money and number of tickets desired in a labeled envelope to school by January 13. Tickets will be sent home prior to the game in the Friday folder. Checks should be made payable to "St. William Catholic School."

**End of Quarter:** The second quarter of school ends on Friday, January 20. There is no school on Monday, January 23 due to teacher in-service. The third quarter resumes on Tuesday, January 24. Report cards will be sent home in the January 27 Friday folder.

**Catholic Schools Week:** The 2012 Catholic Schools Week is January 28-February 3. Many fun activities are being planned at this point. Students and teachers agree this is one of their favorite weeks during the year. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks regarding dress up days, lunch menu and special events.

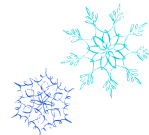
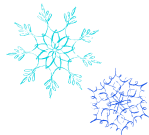
**Classroom Collection:** The January competition is for BoxTops For Education. The class who collects the most BoxTops will receive a prize.

# Class Tidbits

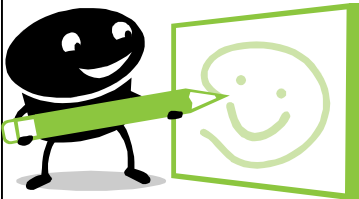
**Spanish:** From the Spanish Room in 2012!

*Hola and prospero ano nuevo!* I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday time with family and friends. I am thrilled to be back at St. Williams this term, and am also thrilled to know that Mrs. Pearson gave birth to a healthy baby girl! She is doing well and plans to return toward the end of winter. While she is busy with a 1-year-old and a brand new baby, the students at St. William will be diligently studying *espanol!* The 3rd and 4th grades will be continuing to practice time and weather and starting on clothing and household objects. 5th grade will be finishing up the current chapter in the text and beginning to learn how to conjugate regular -ar verbs. 6th grade will reinforce -ar verb conjugations and learn -er and -ir verbs, as well. The 7th grade will be working on putting all the vocabulary, verbs and phrases into complete sentences, short paragraphs and mini-conversations, and the 8th grade has begun to study irregular verb conjugations, will be focusing on reading and writing short paragraphs and will also be putting together skits to perform for the younger grades. All the classes made *Ojos de Dios* (God's Eyes) on the last day before Christmas break to celebrate the Mexican tradition of making *Ojos de Dios* to show God's love for us and how he constantly keeps watch over us. We will continue to sprinkle Latin American culture into our daily classes to help understand the language and the people just a little bit more.

Muchas gracias!! Hasta pronto!  
Senora Hahn



**Art:** I am inspired daily by our students love for art! Before we started creating Christmas/Winter art, the students were continuing their study of art elements. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade looked at the art of Piet Mondrian, a Dutch painter who was influential during the De Stijl movement. They created artwork similar to Mondrian's "Composition with Yellow, Blue, and Red" as they studied lines (horizontal and vertical), shape (rectangles and squares), and colors (primary and secondary). The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade studied line as they created images from only two lines! They were very creative! The 5<sup>th</sup> grade looked at Op Art, art that creates optical illusions, and they created art that really fools the eye! The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class has been learning to use pencil to draw the parts of a face. They watched videos of an artist drawing realistic eyes, noses, and mouths. Then they drew their own, cut them out and made collages combining their drawings with magazine clippings. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been working on a mixed media composition that explores the 7 elements of art – Color, Line, Shape, Form, Texture, Space, and Value.



During the weeks before Christmas we focused on holiday and winter art. The students created Christmas wreaths, nativity scenes, the Madonna, colorful winter trees, ripped paper Christmas trees, and snowflakes. Through our Christmas projects we explored new materials and practice more skills. All of the students loved creating Christmas art! The whole school will be starting new projects this week and I can't wait to see more of their creativity represented through their art.

Mrs. Braun



Former St. William Catholic School students and current members of the Parker High School Choir performed for our school Wednesday, Dec. 21st.

St. William Catholic School Seventh grade students visit with the residents of the Cozy L'il Acre Residential Care Facility.

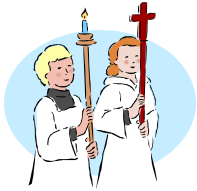


St. William School Church Families gathered in the Parish Hall to say Happy Birthday to Jesus. They enjoyed crafts, cupcakes and wrapping gifts for the residents of Cozy L'il Acre.

St. William Catholic School Christmas Sing 2011



## Altar Server Schedule



Jan. 10, 11, 12  
Katelyn Anderson  
Alissa Anderson

## Calendar of Events!!

**Jan. 10**—Catholic School Advisory 7:30 am

**Jan. 11**—First Reconciliation Retreat 6:15 pm  
Parish Hall; Basketball @ St. Matthew B-girls  
4:30, A-girls 5:30

**Jan. 12-14**—Basketball Tournament @ St. Mary  
B-boys

**Jan. 13**—Mass-7th; Family Movie Night 6-8 pm

**Jan. 15**—Children's Mass 10:30 am; Basketball A-  
& B-girls vs St. Mary

**Jan. 16**—Basketball B-boys @ St. Paul 6:00 pm

**Jan 16-28**—Basketball Tournament@ St. Andrew  
A-girls

**Jan. 18**—Market Day-4th;

**Jan. 20**—Mass-6th: F.I.T Club Twister & Snow-  
man Relay 3:15-4:30 pm

**Jan. 21**—Janesville Jets Night

**Jan. 23**—NO SCHOOL

**Jan. 27**—Mass-5th; Report Cards Home

**Jan. 28**—Spaghetti Dinner

**Jan. 28-Feb.3**—Catholic Schools Week

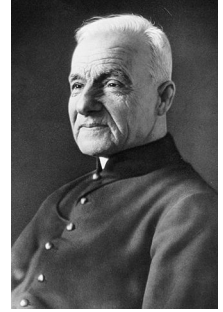
**Jan. 31**—Battle of the Books 1:30 pm Parish Hall



*Congratulations!*

Scoopie Party winners—4th Grade  
DQ Party winners—1st Grade

## St. Andre Bessette Feast Day January 6



When Alfred Bessette came to the Holy Cross Brothers in 1870, he carried with him a note from his pastor saying, "I am sending you a saint." The Brothers found that difficult to believe. Chronic stomach pains had made it impossible for Alfred to hold a job very long and since he was a boy he had wandered from shop to shop, farm to farm, in his native Canada and in the United States, staying only until his employers found out how little work he could do.

The Holy Cross Brothers were teachers and, at 25, Alfred still did not know how to read and write. It seemed as if Alfred approached the religious order out of desperation, not vocation. Alfred was desperate, but he was also prayerful and deeply devoted to God and Saint Joseph. He may have had no place left to go, but he believed that was because this was the place he felt he should have been all along.

After his vows, Brother Andre (as he was now known) was sent to Notre Dame College in Montreal (a school for boys age seven to twelve) as a porter. There his responsibilities were to answer the door, to welcome guests, find the people they were visiting, wake up those in the school, and deliver mail. Brother Andre joked later, "At the end of my novitiate, my superiors showed me the door, and I stayed there for forty years."

Brother Andre was devoted to St. Joseph and sought to build a shrine to St. Joseph. Despite financial troubles, Brother Andre never lost faith or devotion. He had started to build a basilica on the Mt. Royal (Montreal) but the Depression had interfered. At ninety-years old he told his co-workers to place a statue of St. Joseph in the unfinished, unroofed basilica. He was so ill he had to be carried up the mountain to see the statue in its new home. Brother Andre died soon after on January 6, and didn't live to see the work on the basilica completed. As long as he lived, the man who had trouble keeping work for himself, would never have stopped working for God.

## Raffle Calendar Winners

Dec. 12, 2011—Dave Boettcher \$50.00

Sold by Claire Kueng

Dec. 14, 2011—Charles & Mirian Organ \$50.00

Sold by Carl Organ

Dec. 16, 2011—M. Knowski \$50.00

Sold by Tim Charnecki

Dec. 19, 2011—Robert Arnott, Sr. \$100.00

Sold by Nancy & Joe Knilans

## Fundraising Results!

December Market Day—\$123.96

Boxtops for Education—\$1,215.70

Scoopie Night—\$296.90

DQ Night—\$ 81.45 (Athletics)