



Principal's Message:

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Dairy Queen Night! Don't forget to eat at Dairy Queen tonight. Ten percent of the proceeds between 4-8 pm will be donated to our athletic program.

Happy Thanksgiving! The school will celebrate Thanksgiving with Mass and our Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 22. Mass will be at 10:00 am, led by the fifth graders. Our school band students will be the accompanists for the Mass. Then, the entire school and staff will partake in a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast. School will be dismissed at 12:30 pm for Thanksgiving Break. There is no after school care available on November 22. Thank you to Mrs. Brewster and all of her helpers for preparing the feast. School will resume on Monday, November 28.

Science Fair Results: The 7th and 8th graders Science Fair projects have been judged. Thank you to all of our students for doing such a wonderful job. Awards were presented in each category and an overall winner was determined. Congratulations to the award recipients: Jacqueline Polglaze: Excellence within the Product Testing Category, Erin Seichter: Excellence within the Physical Science Category, Kirsten O'Leary: Excellence with the Life Science Category and Hanna Rainiero: Grand Champion of the 2011 Science Fair. Thank you to all of our judges.

Christmas Play: Mark your calendars for some holiday fun! The middle school students will be presenting, "The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever," on December 2 at 6:30 pm and December 3 at 7:00 pm. Both performances will be on the stage in the gym. There will also be a ham dinner at 5:30 pm on December 3 in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be available in the school office, rectory, and from any middle school student.



**SIXTH
GRADE
ESPERANZA RISING
PARTY**

Class Tidbits

Second: As a teacher here at St. William Catholic School, I am so grateful for our dedicated teachers who teach special classes at our school; Mrs. Zaccard, Mrs. Lentz and Mrs. Braun. How they are able to teach their subject so confidently to such a wide range of students from kindergarten through eighth grade is overwhelming to me!! The second graders are so excited about these classes. They often remind me it's time to go to these specials, when I'm going over in one of our core subjects. Speaking of core subjects, we are steadily advancing in all of them. In handwriting, we are starting cursive letters which the second graders are so excited about. In science, we are finishing up our health unit that used the new food group plate design. This truly is impacting the students' understanding in a much clearer way than the old pyramid. In Social Studies, they are learning about their family history with looking into what country they might be living in today if their ancestors had not made the journey across the Atlantic Ocean. In Religion, we have had discussions on the saints and how they did ordinary things in extraordinary ways with the love of God as their guide. In Math, the second graders continue to try to become proficient with their addition math facts. In Reading, they are working on phonics skills that help them read and spell better. They look forward to their weekly spelling bee in the room to practice these skills in a fun way. They are hoping to have sweet dreams after hanging up their dream catchers that they made while studying about Native Americans. Sweet dreams to all of you! Ms. Torres



Honor Roll

High Honors

GPA 3.5-4.0

8th Grade: Jenna McDade, Sydney McDonald, Kirsten O'Leary, Hanna Rainiero, Nicole Sittarich, Snigdha Suvarna, Mitchell Thurner.

7th Grade: Katelyn Anderson, Kristina Green, Emily O'Leary, Savannah Pearson, Ashley Peterson, Jacqueline Polglaze, Mary Rebout, Erin Seichter, Emily Wagener, Alex Winter.

6th Grade: Jonathan Grorud, Gabriella Haines, Nicholas Jakel, Riley McDade, Madeline Nelson.

5th Grade: Julianna Getka, Dominic Hanson, Daniel O'Leary, MaKayla O'Leary, Elijah Thurner, Kaila Welch.

Honors

GPA 3.0-3.49

7th Grade: Kameron Blaser, Sydni Brewster.

6th Grade: Jacy Benway, Madison Hagemann, Lydia Thompson, Vanessa Weber.

5th Grade: Alissa Anderson, Michael Easton, Claire Hintze, Jacob Petter, Sarianna Quarne.



Class Tidbits

Seventh: 7th Religion Today, Nov. 18th, the 7th graders dressed up as the saint they researched and spoke to the congregation at mass. After mass and with report, PowerPoint, 'Saint' trading cards, and note-cards in hand, they visited classrooms to present their research. The 'Saints' talked about the problems their saint encountered during their life, when and where they were born and died, when they were canonized, who they were patron saint for, etc.



Social Studies

The 8th graders are learning about the underlying principles of the United States Constitution and the importance of this document. Presently they have been presenting work that summarizing the issues, decisions, and the impact of landmark Supreme Court cases, such as Marbury v. Madison, Schenck v. United States, Brown v. Board of Education, Regent of University of CA v. Bakke, to name a few.

The 7th graders have been learning about events that led up to the Revolutionary War. They have completed reading Johnny Tremain and My Brother Sam is Dead. Both books dealt with the hardships of war and gave us some insight on what it might have been like to live during those difficult times.

We are now reading Charles Dickens' The Christmas Carol. To understand Charles Dickens and why he chooses to include certain things in this masterpiece, the 7th graders are comparing life during the Victorian Age with life today. Did you know that after the book's publication in 1843, the Christmas season dramatically changed in England? During the year, the first Christmas cards were sold. Decorating trees, singing Christmas hymns, and celebrating with family feasts became typical activities, which are still traditions continued today.



The 6th graders have been learning about the Ancient Egyptian civilization and country and how it differs from our country today. When you think of Egypt, you think of pyramids. The students did an exceptional job creating pyramids that were fit for a Pharaoh's journey to the afterlife. Now they begin to learn about other ancient super powers in Africa, Asia, and Europe.



The 5th graders have been compiling research on the North American country they chose to report on. They will be creating 'Country Wall of Fame' to display the posters they created to share some facts about their chosen country. The 'Country Wall of Fame' will be located across from the 4th grade classroom during the beginning of December. By Ms. U.



Altar Server Schedule



Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1
Savannah Pearson
Emily Wagener

Scrip News

Scrip will be sold at the Rectory Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011. The Rectory will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. Scrip will be sold after church on Saturday and Sunday Nov. 26 & 27.

Calendar of Events!!

- Nov. 18—DQ Night 4-8:00 pm
- Nov. 21—Volleyball vs. OLA A-team at 4:30 pm
- Nov. 22—Mass-5th 10:00 am; Thanksgiving Feast; Early Release 12:30 pm **NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE**
- Nov. 23-25—**NO SCHOOL** Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 28—Volleyball @ OLA B-team at 4:30 pm, A-team at 5:15 pm
- Nov. 29—School Support mtg. 6:30 pm
- Nov. 30—Morning PreK Holiday Workshop 6:00 pm in the preschool room
- Dec. 1—Volleyball @ SJV B-team at 4:30 pm, A-team at 5:15 pm
- Dec. 2—Mass-4th; Middle School Musical
- Dec. 3—Middle School Musical
- Dec. 6—St. Nicholas Day Assembly 9 am
- Dec. 7—Market Day-5th; Afternoon PreK Holiday workshop 6:00 pm in the preschool room
- Dec. 8—Curling-6th; Mass-3rd
- Dec. 9—Christmas Bazaar
- Dec. 9 & 11—Volleyball A-team at SJV & St. Patrick schedule to be determined
- Dec. 10 & 11—Volleyball B-team at SJV & St. Patrick schedule to be determined

St.. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852) Feast Day: November 18

Rose Philippine Duchesne was born to prosperous parents in Grenoble, France, a city on the edge of the French Alps. She became a nun and when the French Revolution broke out was ordered to leave the convent.

After the revolution, Rose joined the Society of the Sacred Heart, a missionary order of sisters devoted to education. In 1808, Rose and four other sisters received permission to go to America. The harrowing journey from France to New Orleans took more than two months. Next, Rose and the sisters traveled up the Mississippi river to St. Louis, then a small town of 6,000. From there they traveled to St. Charles, where they established the first free girls' school west of the Mississippi.

When Rose was 71, she joined a group of sisters who were going to Kansas to teach children of the Potawatami Tribe.

In her long life, Rose accepted difficult journeys, sickness, and hard work to bring education and the message of God's love to children on the American frontier. She and the sisters spread their belief that education is not only for the privileged and that girls deserve an education equal to that of boys. Bad health forced Rose to go back to St. Charles, where she died at the age of 83.



SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders are still in need of more items for their silent auction. The silent auction will be held prior to their performances of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd. Some of the items we have received are a photography package, fleece blankets, an air-brush tattoo party, and a basket of lotions. Thank you to those who have already donated but we need more!!! The money raised through the silent auction will go towards the Adopt-A-Family program at ECHO. We want to raise enough money to provide Christmas presents to a family, or families who are in need of some extra help this time of year. If you have any goods or services you can donate, please call the school office or e-mail me at mlentz@stwilliam.net. Please provide your name, your item you will donate, and a contact number or e-mail. Thank you so much for your endless generosity and support!!! Peace and harmony, Mrs. Lentz

Raffle Calendar Winners

- Nov. 7, 2011—Susan Getka \$50.00
Sold by the Getka Family
- Nov. 9, 2011—Floyd Larson \$50.00
Sold by Madelyn Byrne
- Nov. 11, 2011—Dick & Carol Cunningham \$50.00
Sold by Spencer & Katie Severance