



Principal's Message:

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Athletics Update: Cross country season is winding down. Their last meet will be October 13 at St. Joseph in Fort Atkinson. Thank you to Coach Tordoff and all of our runners for doing such a great job representing our school in a positive way at all of the meets this year. The next sports season is volleyball and 4th grade basketball. Students can still sign up; just contact the school office. We need some more students for the Girls B Volleyball Team, the Boys Volleyball Team, and the 4th grade basketball team. Also, we could still use another volleyball coach. Coaching applications are available in the office. **There is a coaches meeting scheduled for both sports on Monday, October 17 at 6:00 pm in the church narthex.** Please note the date was wrong in last week's newsletter. Practices can begin the week of October 24 and volleyball games will begin November 3.

School Picture Update: Due to a misunderstanding, the choice of a class picture was omitted from the school picture orders. The photo company has graciously offered to provide each student with a class picture free of charge. It is not necessary to order this; it will come automatically with the pictures. If you did not order a picture package on picture day, your child will receive a proof and online ordering options when the picture packages come in for the students who ordered them. Also, included in this week's folder is an order form for the all school picture that was taken on the school steps last week. If you wish to order one of these, please return the envelope with the money to the school office by **Friday, October 7.**

Student Council 2011-12: Congratulations to our elected student council representatives! Also, a big thank you to all of our candidates. There were some tight races and close vote counting this year.

Grandparents Day: Don't forget to invite your grandparents to school on Monday morning, October 3. Please have them meet you in church for the praying of The Rosary. Then, they can visit classrooms, and join us in the gym for a polka assembly. Grandparents will then depart so we can continue with lunch and afternoon classes as normally scheduled.

Family Handbook: Due to the length of the family handbook, and in an effort to be environmentally conscious, a handbook will not be printed for each family this year. It is available online at our school website: www.stwilliam.net. Select "School" and then click on the "About" link and then "Family Handbook". All of our policies and information about our school is included in the handbook.

Thank You!!! Thank you to Jeremy and Angie Smalley, Chris and Kate Bennett, Gordon and Jennifer Markham, and Connie O'Leary and the 8th grade families and all other volunteers for a fantastic tailgate party last Sunday. The weather cooperated and the afternoon was a great way for families to socialize, kids to play games, and everyone enjoy great food as we rooted the Packers onto victory! Plans are already underway for next year.

Student Directory: Enclosed in this week's folder is the 2011-2012 Student Directory. Please check the information listed for your family and make sure it is accurate. Contact the school office if any corrections need to be made.

Student Council Representatives 2011-2012

6th Grade

Jacy Benway
Riley McDade
Maddie Nelson
Lydia Thompson, Alt

7th Grade

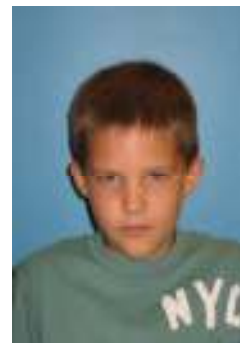
Emily O'Leary
Savannah Pearson
Jacqueline Polglaze
Keara Richards, Alt.
Emily Wagener, Alt.

8th Grade

Jenna McDade
Sydney McDonald
Hanna Rainiero
Kirsten O'Leary, Alt.

Class Tidbits

Third Grade:



The third graders have been very busy since the beginning of the school year. We are still getting use to the fact that we now have textbooks! We have transitioned into putting our work onto paper from the textbooks in a neat and organized fashion. (We are at least trying!) The third graders are also using assignment notebooks to keep track of what they need to do. We are working real hard at setting up our routines and schedule for each day. We have lots to do and not enough time in the day to do it.

We are very excited to welcome our grandparents to our room on Monday, October 3rd. We will show them around our room and hopefully get a little time for a fun activity. They will even get to travel with us and experience our Art class, even though it is just across the hall. Hopefully many will be able to attend!

We had our first fire drill of the year and everyone did a great job! Now that we are the oldest ones in the primary wing we need to set a good example and show the young ones how it is done. We had a lock down drill, school photos and cluster mass all in the same week.

We will also experience our first ITBS testing next week, so keep the third graders in your prayers. It will be a piece of cake!

Mrs. Richards

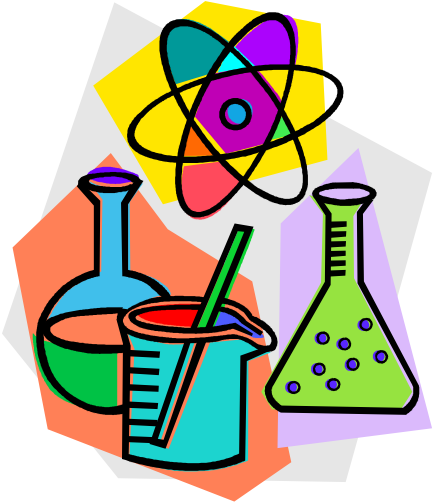


Spanish Note: Our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Kellie Pearson has been put on bed rest for the remainder of her pregnancy; and therefore is unable to be with us this first semester. We are very blessed to be able to welcome Mrs. Hahn as our long term Spanish substitute. Mrs. Hahn has had several years experience teaching Spanish to students of all ages in many places across the country. She has been working with the students to determine how much they know. Students in grades 3-8 will be using textbooks and creating several projects, as well as practicing their conversational Spanish. Welcome to our staff, Mrs. Hahn!

Eighth Grade:

Last Friday the eighth graders got to attend the First Science Festival at the UW-Madison Discovery Institute. The students were able to make a mini-aquarium, make ethanol from corn (in a small bag), see evidence of communication between bioluminescent bacterial strains, learn about the human genome, hold a praying mantis and a Madagascar cockroach, perform a DNA extraction and see many other great science related exhibits. The eighth graders also attended a lecture hosted by Pulitzer prize-winning science journalist Deborah Blum, with a panel discussion featuring Stoughton-based forensics-focused novelist Annalise Ryan, UW hospital forensic pathologist Dr. Michael Stier and Investigator Melanie Hampton from the Forensic Services Unit of the City of Madison Police Department. Students learned methodologies used in crime scene investigations, like CSI.

The eighth graders also hosted the concessions at the Packer-Bear tailgate event Sunday, hosted by the Home and School Association. It was a great day, with the UW Marching Band in attendance and a win by the Packers! The students were able to make money for their class trip to Chicago, which they will take at the end of May. Thank you to the Home and School for sponsoring the event and to the many people who bought concessions!



Band Notes:

And the beat goes on.....

The music room is full of sound every Tuesday! Band lessons have started and we have 29 students playing instruments this year. That's right, 45% of our 4th-8th graders are part of our band program.



Band lessons are held every Tuesday. Group band practices have also started for the Advanced Band on Wednesday afternoons. (The 1st year players will join the large group in January.) The students are growing as musicians and are developing their music skills. Good sounds can be heard already!



Coats for Kids

Needed: Clean Children's and Adults' Winter Coats, Snow pants, Scarves, Hats, Gloves, Winter Wear and Boots!

Donations may be dropped off at St. William Catholic School from Sept. 26-Oct. 17, 2011

Distribution: The Salvation Army Center at the corner of Glen and Sutherland. **Thursday, Oct. 27th 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.**



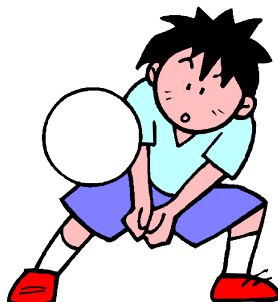
Altar Server Schedule



Oct. 4, 5, 6

Kameron Blaser
Emily O'Leary

VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED!



**COACH'S MEETING
OCT. 17
6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH
NARTHEX**

Please contact St. William School Office for more information 755-5184.

Calendar of Events!!

Oct. 3—Grandparent's Day 8:30 am Rosary, 10:00 am Assembly

Oct. 7—Mass-2nd; Cross Country @ OLA

Oct. 10—Fire Dept. visit 9:00 am

Oct. 11—Janesville district spelling bee

Oct. 12—Market Day-7th

Oct. 13—Cross Country @ St. Joseph

Oct. 14—Mass-3rd

Oct. 16—Children's Mass 10:30 am; Children's Choir meet at 10:00

Oct. 17—Volleyball Coaches mtg. 6 pm church narthex

Oct. 16-23—GIFTS Men's Shelter

Oct. 18—Catholic School Advisory 7:30 am; Scoopie Night 4:00-8:00 pm Court St. Culver's

Oct. 21—Mass-4th

Oct. 25—Trick or Trunk

Oct. 26—Mass-1st; Early Release 11:00 am, NO LUNCH; Conferences 11:30 am-8:00 pm

Volunteer Opportunity

We need help selling Scrip:

Thursday—after school

Friday—after school

It is easy and takes very little time. Free training offered by the office staff!

GIFTS Men's Shelter

St. William Parish will be hosting the G.I.F.T.S Men's Shelter Oct. 16-23, 2011. They are in need of personal hygiene products such as disposable razors, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving gel, deodorant, combs, etc.

Donations may be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for supporting those in our community who are in need.



Raffle Calendar Winners

Sept. 19, 2011—Lenora Kasdorf \$50.00

Sold by Huntur Munns

Sept. 21, 2011—Brian Leach \$50.00

Sold by Olivia & Dakota Leach

Sept. 23, 2011—Jennifer Burns \$50.00

Sold by Veronica Burns

FUNDRAISING RESULTS

Market Day \$50.05

Skelly's \$21.00



Thanks to all who participated!