



Principal's Message:

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Harvest Fest: St. William Parish Harvest Fest is this Saturday and Sunday. Be sure to join us for all the fun and games beginning with Mass at 4:30 pm on Saturday with festivities to follow. Sunday kicks off with the Westside Run/Walk and 10:30 Mass under the tent. Dinner choices include a roast beef dinner in the hall, or burgers and pork sandwiches under the tent. Thank you to those who donated towards the raffle baskets room parents have put together. These are always one of the favorites during the Harvest Fest.

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who helped to install the new computers in our lab this summer and move the old lab computers into the classrooms. This project was funded through the SCRIP sales from the last few years. A special thank you to Mr. Brad Grorud and Mr. James Pearson for spearheading and directing this project to completion. The students and staff are very grateful for the new computers and the ability to utilize current technology in their studies.

Thank You: A HUGE thank you to alumnus, Mitch Treinen, and all of his helpers for installing our new tables near the playground. Mitch chose to do this project as his Eagle Scout Project for Boy Scouts. The tables look great, and were already in use early Tuesday morning!

SCRIP: For those families who are new, please consider purchasing SCRIP. These gift cards are purchased at face value from area merchants. The profit earned benefits our technology fund. A portion of the profit can also be designated towards tuition for the following school year. Once you have purchased \$5000 in SCRIP, the percentage increases from 25% of the profit to 50% of the profit towards the following year's tuition. This may sound like a lot, but just by using SCRIP to purchase gas and groceries, you can meet this level fairly quickly. Family members and friends can also purchase SCRIP and designate their profits towards your family tuition. SCRIP is available for purchase every day before and after school in the school lobby, during the school day in the school office, and in the church narthex after all the masses. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. Just a reminder: if you have a large order, please let Mrs. Kettle know on Monday, so she can be sure to order enough to fill your request.

Trees for Tomorrow: The 6th and 7th graders will be leaving on Wednesday for four days to participate in a "Trees for Tomorrow" experience in Eagle River, Wisconsin. They will be learning about ecology, wildlife, and different environments. They will be participating in archery, critter catching, and touring the falls. They will also go on a night hike and learn map/compass and wilderness survival skills. Their trip is funded in part by the funds received from collecting box tops and milk caps. Mr. McDonald and I will be accompanying the students.

Catholic School Advisory Committee: Congratulations to this year's representatives on the Catholic School Advisory Committee: 8th graders Jenna McDade and Taylor Hagemann, 7th graders, Emily O'Leary and Mary Rebout, and 7th grader Kameron Blaser serving as the alternate. These students will meet once a month with students from the other Janesville Catholic Schools. They will be planning activities for middle school activities that will strengthen their faith, allow them to form friendships, and provide community service.

Help Needed: There are still several opportunities for parents to sign up to serve as part of the many committees that help our school to function in a smooth manner. Below are more details. If you are able to serve on any of these committees or would like more information, please contact the school office.

School Support—meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the school lobby. The purpose of this committee is to act as an advisory body to the principal and staff on various policies affecting the school community. Ideally, there would be a parent representative from each grade. Currently, we are especially seeking parents of 5th and 8th grade students.

Education and Faith Formation—meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:30 in the school library. This commission reports to the parish council and is concerned with educating all parishioners in their faith throughout their lives. Members include school parents, parent of Faith Formation students, and parishioners.

Marketing—meets once a month at night depending on member's schedules. The purpose of this committee is to make our school visible within the community, retain current students and increase student enrollment. The committee developed a new logo last year that will be showing up in our publications and school spirit wear.

Technology—meets as needed to assist with planning and meeting the technology needs of the school. Although computer knowledge is helpful, a willingness to lend a hand is very welcome!

Athletic—meets on an as needed basis; generally 2-3 times per year. The purpose of this committee is to assist with the school athletic program in all aspects.

Class Tidbits

Kindergarten: Kindergarten has had a smooth and fun start to our new school year—even when it was super hot, we were polite listeners and hard workers! Of course, our favorite thing to do is centers and free choice besides lunch and recess! The kids are eager and excited to jump into our Superkids reading program and work in our math circle each day. We are learning new prayers, songs, how to manage our “stuff” in our desks and our buckets on our desks.



Kindergarten is mostly about learning how to deal in an environment with lots of other people. We are from a smaller family unit than we come to school and have to learn to adjust our talking, moving about, sharing, etc. We are still the center of the universe but Kindergarten is the journey that moves us into the real world!! So far, these Kindergarteners are transitioning very nicely. We are learning to take turns talking and with activities, be polite, use manners and wait quietly—the hardest of all because we all have so much to share! We are attending Mass with the rest of our school friends every week. We have just met our Fourth Grade Buddies who helped us with fingerprints and handprints for our “Me” books. We will also be going to Church with them this Friday.

Our work so far has included Creation and Adam and Eve in Religion, going to Mass, learning the letter and sound of Cc with Cass, working with bear counters and pattern blocks and skywriting numbers in math, coloring, cutting and painting, and making letters and numbers with wikki stix. We have also talked about sunflowers and being friends; healthy foods, measuring, more reading, more center activities, numbers and patterns, and more Bible stories will be coming soon! We have already learned and laughed a ton and we are ready to keep going!!

Fifth Grade: If there are looks of confusion on some of the faces in the upper wing, it is because the new class of fifth graders is figuring out their schedules and where they need to be. Keeping all of their books and supplies in their lockers, changing classes every forty minutes, adjusting to different teachers for many subjects, and being flexible with varying schedules every day are just some of the reasons it takes fifth graders time to adjust to being in the upper wing. They are working very hard to have pencils, paper, books, and needed supplies with them for each class. They are learning the importance of writing in their assignment notebooks and taking it with them to every class as the day goes on. We are concentrating on making good use of study times and any extra time we have, as there is always something to do: silent reading, practicing math facts (Mrs. O’Leary says these really need work!), practicing computer skills, and double-checking to make sure homework is done.

In religion class we will be learning about the Liturgical Year and then studying the different parts of the Mass. Types of sentences, subjects and predicates in language class, practicing lab skills in science, learning more about maps in social studies, and reviewing basic math concepts are all parts of the fifth grade day. Add all of that to music, art, Spanish, gym, and computer classes, and we really do have lots to remember and to accomplish every day. Getting organized is important and is one of our main focuses the first few weeks of school. The other focus, which is with us all year long, is continuing to treat our classmates, teachers, and everyone, with respect, remembering that we are all God’s children.

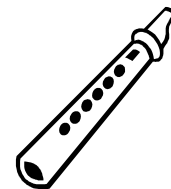


Congratulations!



Congratulations to seventh graders, **Savannah Pearson** and **Alex Winter**, who were chosen to be two of 78 Honor Students from Wisconsin Middle Schools in the Wisconsin Youth Band 2011.

They will be performing at the State Wisconsin Music Educators Association Convention October 28th in Madison.

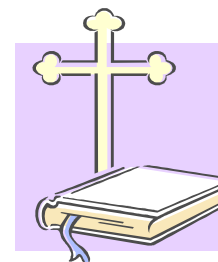


Virtus Training

(Protecting God's Children)

Bishop O'Connor Center—11:30 AM Sept. 14, 2011 702 S. High Pt. Rd. Madison, WI
St. John Vianney Parish—6:30 PM Sept. 21, 2011 1250 Racine St. Janesville, WI
St. Mary Parish—9:00 AM Sept. 24, 2011 837 Parkview Dr. Milton, WI

Anyone wishing to help in the classroom or chaperone a school event must attend a Virtus training session and obtain a certificate of completion.



Open Home & School Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

in the School Library

Everyone is welcome to attend!

We will have a speaker from
the Janesville Police Department.

Officer Mussey will be speaking about

How students can safely use social media and cyber-bullying.

We hope to see you there!

Altar Server Schedule



Sept. 13,14,15

Keara Richards
Mary Rebout



Calendar of Events!!

Sept. 10-11—St. William Harvest Fest

Sept. 13—Band Lessons Begin, Home & School parent mtg. 6:30 pm

Sept. 14—Market Day-8th

Sept. 14-17—Trees For Tomorrow -6th & 7th

Sept. 15—Cross Country Optimist Classic

Sept. 21—Student Photos

Sept. 23—Cluster Mass @ Nativity of Mary
9:00 am

Sept. 24-25—Skelly's Salutes Schools

Sept. 25—Tailgating Party w/ UW Band

Sept. 30—AM PreK to Skelly's, PM PreK to Apple Hut



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.**

Raffle Calendar Winners

- Aug. 19, 2011—Amy Wagener \$50.00
Sold by Emily Wagener
- Aug. 26, 2011—Jim Larsen \$50.00
Sold by Claire Kueng
- Sept. 2, 2011—Vivian Wuksinich
Sold by the Parker Family

FUNDRAISING RESULTS

THANK YOU to all the people who used their Target Red Cards. Target has donated \$589.48 to St. William School.



**St. William Harvest Fest
Sept. 10-11**

Raffle, Basket Raffles, Face Painting, Games, Baked Goodies, Roast Beef Dinner, Burgers & Brats...

Fun For Everyone!