

St. Francis School Newsletter

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February 27th, 2015

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Dear Families of Saint Francis School:

The 3rd quarter marks the end of the 1st semester and the beginning of the 2nd semester, the last half of our school year. Our students continue to grow in their faith formation and academics. We continue with our daily mission to develop the whole child, and our main focus is a Christ-centered education for our children! We are proud of our students for all that they have accomplished so far, and we look forward to a successful 2nd semester.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to pray and make some sacrifices. The children can learn that doing without, or doing something special, or a small kindness is a great way to live their faith. On Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent, students will observe "silence" in the hallways. We will also be attending Stations of the Cross at noon every Friday of Lent.

Lastly, February is an important month regarding ticket sales for our Spring Fling Auction on Saturday, May 16th. We are offering a Skating Party to the class, which sells the most tickets in the month of February. Our Spring Fling Auction is very important to the success of our school. Everyone knows the cost of educating a child, and our Auction helps us keep that cost manageable for our families. Please consider buying a ticket this month to support our children! We will keep you in our prayers and we ask that you continue to pray for our school.

Yours In Christ,

James Kanine, Principal

MUSIC INFORMANCES

Julie Laur, SFX Music Teacher, will be holding music informances in March for parents to come see their students in action during music class. A schedule for the informances will be coming home in a future Friday folder.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Just a friendly reminder that **students are released from school at 3:05 to parents**. We have had several incidences of parents being late and we cannot leave your children on the playground unattended. **As always, childcare is available after school at CDC if needed.**

PLAYGROUND HOURS

Just a reminder that there are only 57 more days of school left! Have you completed your 4 hours of lunch duty? If not please schedule your hours as soon as possible by calling (347-3651) or stopping by the school office.

STUDENT OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations to our students of the quarter who were nominated by SFX staff for displaying kindness, citizenship, respect, manners and strength of character.

K-2nd- Adam Nguyen

3rd-5th- Michael Brown

Middle School- Gillian Gagnon

5th GRADE USED BOOK SALE

Our 5th grade students will be having a gently used book sale March 9th-March 13th before school, during lunch and after school. This is a great opportunity to get some new books for your students. All proceeds go towards the 5th grade overnight trip to Fort Michilimackinac in May.

FUNDRAISER-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Student Council ran a fundraiser where students could donate money to various jars marked with staff names. The top two staff member jars that received the most money had the honor of receiving "a pie in the face". The teachers that won were Molly McCarthy, Kristin Jeffers and Kathy Meier. The students raised \$150.00 for the Pregnancy Care Center.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of the parent volunteers who helped chaperone the K-8th students at the Winter Sports Park during Catholic Schools Week and the 4th-8th grade students at Boyne Highlands. The kids had an awesome time sledding, skating, skiing and snowboarding and appreciated all the parents that made the days a success!

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AMERICA AND ME-ESSAY WINNERS

Three 8th grade students from St. Francis have been named local winners in the 46th annual American and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The topic for this year was "My Michigan Hero". The winners were Abby Kendziorski (1st place), Nicholas Spadafore (2nd place) and Ben Taylor (3rd place). As our schools first place essay winner, Abby Kendziorski advances to state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. Abby's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in our school. Congratulations!

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to all of our spelling bee participants: Lily Tarachas, Nolan Spadafore, Nigel Allum, Seamus Nolan, Emily Connaughton and Gillian Gagnon who traveled to Harbor Springs on Feb. 12th for the regional bee. We were proud that you represented St. Francis.

HONOR ROLL

We are pleased to announce the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter. Gold: Jacqueline Budnick, Emily Connaughton, Gillian Gagnon, Lauren Gietzen, Matthew Hoffman, Abigail Kendziorski, Genevieve Kromm, Madeline Law, Nathaniel Spadafore and Taylor Whitman (8th), Jack Izzard, Ashley Lamb, Hailey Tanis, Elizabeth Waldvogel and Sophie Waldvogel (7th) William Gagnon and Hammond Law (6th) Silver: Megan Kolp and Benjamin Taylor (8th), Alexis Glaser (6th) Bronze: Elizabeth Carolan, Alexandria Graham, Faith Kulbeida and Nicholas Spadafore (8th), John Wroblewski (7th), Patrick Coveyou, Madelyn LeBlanc, Vinicius Miranda, Ashley Nguyen, Genovanni Oprisiu and William Pizzuti (6th).

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following students had perfect attendance for the second semester. K-Liliana Beyer, Anna Dobrowolski, Trevor Goldsmith, Kaden Migda, Cecilia Miranda, Rocarla Salmon and Ella Wilson. 1A- Jerome Fate, Ethan Fettig and Simon Licata. 1B-Lauren LaHaie, Jack Rasmussen and Clark Tarachas. 2A- Korbin Sulitis and Breanna Wcisel. 2B-Bradley Flynn. 3A- Maddie Daniel, Tristin Goldsmith, Andrew Licata and Lucy Tarachas. 3B- Payton Beckering, Aidan Cleary, Lily Harris and Luke Kendziorski. 4th- Sophia Bacigalupi, Riley Flynn and Katelyn Winter. 5th-Marek Beckering, Caleb Gosciak, Anders McCarthy and Liam Nolan. 6th- Nigel Allum, Gabriella Bacigalupi, Andrew Bondy, Alexis Glaser and Geno Oprisiu. 7th- Jack Izzard, Seamus Nolan and Hailey Tanis. 8th- Elizabeth Carolan, Emily Connaughton, Alex Graham, Nathaniel Spadafore and Nicholas Spadafore.

CAMPBELLS, SPARTAN, OLESONS, BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND INK CARTRIDGES

We are still collecting Campbell Soup Labels, Spartan, Olesons and Box Tops for Education. We have noticed a drop in our collection bins as of late. Campbell soup labels allow us to order supplies for classroom teachers, Spartan labels, Olesons and Box Tops all give us cash donations based on purchases. Please continue to save these labels and turn into your homeroom or the school office.

LOOKING AHEAD

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| 3/3 | 4 th grade Intramural Basketball at Central-3:30-5:00pm |
| 3/4 | 3 rd grade Intramural Basketball at Central-3:30-5:00pm |
| 3/5 | 5 th grade Intramural Basketball at Central-3:30-5:00pm |
| 3/6 | Silence in the halls-Stations of the Cross |
| 3/9-13 | 5 th Grade Used Book Sale to fund trip to Fort Michimackinac |
| 3/12 | 1 st Grade Raffle- All School Non-uniform day-Crazy Hair/Hat Day |
| 3/13 | Silence in the halls-Stations of the Cross
No Petoskey Busing |
| 3/17 | All School Non-Uniform Day-Green Day
5 th and 6 th grade reconciliation-12:30pm |
| 3/18 | 3 rd and 4 th grade reconciliation-1:30pm |
| 3/19 | Author Assembly-3 rd -8 th -grade-10:00am
7 th and 8 th grade reconciliation-9:00am |
| 3/20 | 3 rd Quarter Ends
Silence in the Halls-Stations of the Cross
5 th Grade Band Presentation |
| 3/26 | Report Cards go home |
| 3/27-4/6 | Spring Break |
| 4/5 | Easter |
| 4/7 | Return to school |