

A Message from the Principal...Mrs. Bland

It was great to see so many of you out last night at the Channahon Roller Skating Rink. Thank you, Lisa Pitts, for planning this for our families. Everyone had a great time. Congratulations to the Race Winners – Kaitlyn O'Donnell, Ava Narine, Jack Narine, and Chris Kosinski and Kassidy Hansen the 4-corners winner. We look forward to the next one planned for February 29.

Catholic Schools Week begins this weekend at our 10:30 All School Mass. This is the mass where our students give back to the parish by showing the congregation that we are learning and living our faith. Thank you to the following students who will be participating in the mass this weekend. All students should be at the church by 10:15 wearing their school uniform.

These students will be able have a No Uniform Pass on Monday since they are wearing their uniforms to mass. Thank you for participating:

**Sophia Krull, Joey VanDuyne, Alyssa Chiappetta, Dominic Schumacher, Alaina Clark, Sydney Duffy, Marianna Keigher, Nina Egizio, Joey Lewsader, Michael Hobbs, Izabella Rivera, Parker Adams, Paige Eighner, Aubrey Bryant, McKayla VanDuyne, Alexa Clark, Ella Cooper, Kaitlyn Lewsader, Charley Muraskas, Kaitlyn O'Donnell, Abby Pitts, Nathan Sundine, Christian Zirbel, Raelene DesRochers, Bree Duffy, Nolan Ekberg, Drake Imhof, Ryan Quigley, Evan Ruzich, Jeffrey Thiers, Blain Czys, Chloe DesRochers, Rachel Hobbs, Dominic Nowak, Jacob Plese, Shaelin Ruzich, Natalie VanDuyne, Raegan VanDuyne, Quinn Duffy, Bella Egizio, Paul Kosinski, Lauren O'Donnell, Joe Probus, Ava Scheel, Nick Sundine, Rileigh VanDuyne, Aidan Ekberg, Grant Imhof, Calista Muraskas, Emily Powers, Mark Youngquist, Charles Barnwell, Grace Cooper, Tristen Ekberg, Christopher Kosinski, Matteo Lombardi, Cassandra Nowak, Sam Probus, McKenna Quigley, Brendan Czys, Hunter Imhof, Alexandra Plese, William Cooper, Noel Dantzler, Chloe Lombardi, Sean McGann, Brad Nowak, and Madison Scheel.**

**Daddy/Daughter Date Night** – The big dance is Saturday, February 4 from 7:00-9:00. All daughters, sisters, nieces, and granddaughters are encouraged to ask their dads, big brothers, uncles and grandpa's to attend this fun filled night with them. A flyer was sent home earlier this week with all the details.

**Alumni's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Blues Breaker Bowling** – The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Blues Breaker Bowling is Saturday, February 11 at the Riverfront Lanes in Wilmington from 7:30 --11:00pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person which will include pizza, pop, shoe rental and bowling. Come to a fun evening with your family and friends. Tickets are available by calling Lisa Pitts at 476-6707 or Mrs. Bland at 476-6220. This is St. Rose's Alumni annual fundraiser. If anyone is interested in donating or would like to help out the Alumni Association, please feel free to call Lisa at 815-476-6707.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Council Auction and Dinner Dance** – Invitations went home this week for our annual auction and dinner dance. I would like to encourage you to get your tickets early because it has become a popular event. Last year we sold out and we anticipate this to happen again this year.

**Lost and Found – I have a few items in the office that need a home. Here is the list:**

- Pair of Hello Kitty black gloves
- ½ pair of small pink gloves
- 1 pair of solid black gloves
- ½ pair of of pink peace sign gloves
- 1 size small crew neck sweatshirt
- 1 size medium St. Rose Spirit Wear hooded sweatshirt
- a youth black aviator hat
- 1 silver hoop earring
- 1 purple butterfly charm
- 1 Star Wars storm trooper
- 1 Size small Jr. High Girls sweatshirt

**Dates to Remember**

January 26	Drama Practice 2:40-4:00 Boys Basketball Practice 5:00-7:00
January 29	Beginning of Catholic Schools Week Mass – 10:30
January 30	No Uniform Day for those participating in Sunday Mass St. Rose students focus on thanking the community Girls Basketball Practice – 2:45 – 4:45 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Game @ Mokena – 7:00pm
January 31	<b>Teacher Appreciation Day</b> Spelling Bee @ 8:30 in the gym Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – 12:10-12:50 Boys Basketball Practice 5:00-7:00 Girls Basketball Game @ St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick – 8:00pm
February 1	<b>Student Appreciation Day</b> <b>St. Rose School Spirit Wear</b> Mass prepared by 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 8:10am NO LEGO CLUB Bowling @ Riverfront Lanes in Wilmington – 3:00- 4:30
February 2	<b>Parent Appreciation Day</b> Prayer Service in the gym @ 8:30 – prepared by Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Open House – 8:30-10:00 Drama Practice – 2:40-4:00 Boys Basketball Practice – 5:00-7:00
February 3	<b>Catholic School Spirit Wear</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Game @ 6:00pm – St. Jude, Joliet 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Game @ 8:00pm – St. Jude, Joliet
February 4	Daddy/Daughter Date Night 7:00-9:00pm

## News from Preschool.....Miss Montgomery

This week in preschool we discussed the letter *Mm*, number *13*, *triangles* and the color *green*. We are continuing to learn *The Lord's Prayer* and identifying their last names. In religion we discussed how God wants us to share how Jesus gathers followers and how God made all people. Everyone colored a Catholic Schools Week coloring sheet. I will hang these up in the gym next week for everyone to see. We also made heart girls/boys that are hanging up in our classroom. T/Th students attended technology class with Mrs. DesRochers this week also. Next week we will focus on the letter *Nn*, number *14*, *rectangles* and the color *yellow*. Our religion will focus on Jesus' power to heal and taking care of ourselves. Next Tuesday is the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Students will get to participate in many fun activities. Please remember to turn in your 100<sup>th</sup> day of school project. We will also be making a fun Groundhog's Day project.

### **Our Mm poem:**

Monkey see.

Monkey do.

Come meet monkey in the zoo.

If you make a face,

he might make one, too.

Monkeys love to mimic you.

### **A few reminders:**

\*Next Spirit Wear days are Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

\*Missing a pair of black stretchy gloves with a pink stripe around the cuff.

Have a great weekend!

## News from Kindergarten.....Mrs. Jackson

### **Math**

We finished our topic on measurement last Thursday, and students did a fine job on the test. We are currently learning about addition. Students are also learning to recognize and write numbers up to 50. Please help your child practice his/her numbers.

### **Religion**

Our focus this week is to discover that God has made children and cherishes them for who they are. Students are learning that God wants them to be like Jesus, who welcomes all into God's kingdom. We also have been practicing two new religion songs for our Catholic Schools Mass and prayer service. Please help your child practice the Hail Mary. I sent a copy of the prayer home last week.

### **Reading/Language Arts**

Students have been busy using illustrations to aid in comprehension, developing vocabulary by discussing events from the story, using question marks, and identifying story elements: setting and plot. Students are blending sounds, practicing sight words, and recognizing initial letters in words. I recently introduced word families -an and -at this week. I sent home a list of sight words for unit 4. Please continue to help your child practice his/her words.

### **Science**

We recently learned about polar, grizzly and black bears. Students learned about what bears eat, where they live, what they look like, and how they survive in the wild.

## **Reminders**

The start of Catholic Schools Week - January 29th

All School Mass - January 29th at 10:30 a.m

Prayer Service - February 2nd at 8:30 a.m. in the gym

Please make sure your child has a hat and a pair of gloves to wear everyday.

Have a great weekend.

## **News from First Grade.....Mrs. Vimpeny**

The first graders did a fantastic job with yesterday's mass. I was really proud of their great effort. Soon we will be preparing for the February 29th mass. We are still practicing for our part in the Catholic Schools Week mass on Sunday. Participants are to wear their school uniforms to this mass. They will earn a no uniform day on Monday IF they participate in Sunday's mass. We are also preparing for the prayer service honoring parents that will be held in the gym next Thursday morning at 8:30. We hope you can attend.

In Reading, Phonics, and Spelling we are learning about long u (u-consonant-e) and final digraphs (ch, sh, th, tch, ng, nk). We are talking about the plot of a story, that is the beginning, middle, and end of a story. We enjoyed the tall tales that we read this week. In Language Arts, we are learning the forms of "to be" verbs (is, are, was were). We also wrote about a character from a story.

We will finish Topic 11 in Math tomorrow. We had a very tricky lesson for first graders yesterday. That is why we completed the work together as a whole class. Next week, Topic 12 will deal with comparing and ordering numbers to 100, including greater than and less than concepts.

We started a new unit in Science. It is about landforms.

We celebrated Chinese New Year on Monday. The children enjoyed looking at some of the Chinese articles that I had on display. We also watched a Scholastic News video and read our Scholastic News. The class had fun making dragon kites and played with them at recess. In Art, we drew Chinese lanterns to show perspective, near to far. We are also completing our Diocesan Assessment for Social Studies by making a poster on what we can do to help create peace in the lives of others.

We are looking forward to all of the Catholic Schools Week activities next week. We will also celebrate the 100th day of school on Tuesday with the preschoolers and kindergartners. We will do three short activities in each classroom in the afternoon.

We hope to see you at some of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations next week.

## News from 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.....Mrs. Girot

Our class is having a lot of fun with Student of the Week. Rachel Hobbs took her turn last week. I enjoyed hearing about how Rachel loves to ride horses. Jake Plese is Student of the Week this week. I loved hearing about his terrific vacations to lots of great places! I'm looking forward to learning more about all of the other students as well.

**Religion:** The third and fourth graders have moved on to Chapter 6 which covers Reconciliation. This is review for our students and a nice reminder to not only ask for forgiveness of others when we need to, but be willing to give forgiveness too.

**Reading:** This week, the third graders are enjoying a story titled Ananse's Feast. The skill we focus on with this story is theme or "big idea" of the story. There are many lessons to learn from Ananse and his friend Akye. I think the most important lesson is to treat others the way you would like to be treated.

**Spelling/English:** This week's spelling word list covers words with blends like dr, sc, ft, st, and fr. We will take our word test on Friday.

We took our Unit 4 Test on pronouns last week. The students did very well. We are now into Unit 5 on Verbs.

**Math:** We continue to work on our multiplication facts. This week, we have completed Topic 5 and took that test just yesterday. Topic 6 will bring us more multiplication facts and practice. Do be sure to practice flash cards with your child each night they are sent home.

**Science:** The students continue to learn about the stars and planets. We have moved onto the section about the moon and its phases. The students will also take a Diocesan Assessment about space and the planets by the end of this week.

### **A few reminders:**

\*Please check planners and folders each night.

\*Remember to keep encouraging your child to read at home. Mark those calendars for Pizza Hut coupons. Monical's coupons ended with December, but Pizza Hut continues through March.

\*Ask your child about magical bunnies coming out of our magic top hat in the hall. "Reading is Magic" is our theme. For every book your child reads, I encourage him or her to fill out a bunny and recommend favorite books to others. I hope to see bunnies everywhere! Reading a great book really can be magical. A great book can always take you to fun, faraway places!

\*Finally, I look forward to the 10:30 Mass this Sunday to kick off Catholic School's Week. Hope to see you there!

## News from 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.....Miss Bernhard

**Reading** - The skill lesson this week was on paraphrasing. This was a new concept for the students, but they caught on quickly. The story read in class was Half Chicken and the students applied the skill lesson to the story. We also spent some time learning how to use a Thesaurus.

**English** - Our English unit 4 test was today! The unit was over verbs and after reviewing the material I am confident they did well on the test.

**Spelling** - The spelling words for this week were words spelled with sh, ch, tch, and wh. We held a spelling bee in our classroom and practiced spelling the words with worksheets.

**Math** - This week we closed our chapter on variables and expressions. The chapter test was Tuesday and the students did very well. Our next chapter is on multiplying two digit numbers. Please keep practicing multiplication facts with your child so they get quicker with their facts.

**Science**- We also closed our chapter on Magnets this week. The students had a lot of fun experimenting with magnets. They made a chart and predicted what objects would/would not attract to a magnet and then tested their predictions. There were many hands-on activities performed in the classroom to enhance learning. Our next chapter introduces electricity.

**Social Studies**- Continuing with our chapter on manufacturing, we watched video clips from "How It's Made." The students were able to see key vocabulary words in action such as, robots, assembly lines, designers, and prototypes. After learning about how automobiles are manufactured, each student designed their own prototype automobile using the information learned in class. Students included luxury and safety features in their design. They had a lot of fun with it and I really enjoyed their creativity!

News from Seventh Grade/Jr. High Math.....Mrs. Duffy

### **5th Grade Math**

Fifth grade is taking their Chapter 9 test today over the introduction of fractions. Grades will be posted by 3:30pm.

Chapter 8 TOP GUN: Congratulations Aidan!

### **6th Grade Math**

Sixth grade is moving right along in Chapter 10. They are learning all about integers including all operations with integers and solving equations with negative and positive integers. We will finish up this chapter on Friday; their test will be Tuesday, January 31st.

Chapter 8 TOP GUNS: Grace, Tristen, Will, Matteo, Cassie, Matt, McKenna, Brody, & Charles

Chapter 9 TOP GUNS: Chris, Max, & Matt

### **7th Grade Pre-Algebra**

Seventh grade is moving along in their chapter and getting the hang of solving more complex equations and inequalities. Their next test will be next week.

Chapter 6 TOP GUNS: Keaten, Denisse, Hunter, Lexi, & Sami

Chapter 7 TOP GUNS: Keaten, Lexi, & Sami

### **8th Grade Algebra 1**

Eighth graders are taking their Chapter 7 test today. Grades should be posted by 3:30pm.

Chapter 6 TOP GUNS: William & Chloe

**7th Grade News**

Permission slips went home yesterday for two field trips coming up in February. Please return those as soon as you can.

We are still collecting plastic bottles and pop cans (with UPC codes) in our room. Please send in your collections each week.