

A Message from the Principal...Mrs. Bland

Today report cards were sent home. I am very proud of our students. They are working very hard. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Tomorrow is the last day for the collection contest. Bring them in tomorrow. Winners will be announced as soon as all the counts are in. Good luck to each class.

Catholic Schools Week begins on January 29 at our All School Mass. I will be sending home a calendar of events for the week of January 29 – February 4 early next week.

For your information: If school were to be cancelled for bad weather, I will send you a Honeywell Alert as well as an email.

Below I have highlighted a few of the fun activities we have going on at the school. I hope to see you at some, if not all, of these events.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest – I emailed the entry form and score sheet for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest that will be held Saturday, January 21 from 9:00am – Noon.

Roller Skating Party – We will have a Roller Skating Party at Skateland Recreation Center in Channahon on Wednesday, January 25 from 6 – 8pm.

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 4th Annual Blues Breaker Bowling – The 4th 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.

6th 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 sweat shirt
- 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

Dates to Remember

January 19	Preschool – Spirit Wear Day 8 th Grade Graduation Pictures Drama Practice 2:40-4:00 Girls Basketball Practice – 4:00 – 5:00 Boys Basketball Practice – 5:00-7:00 Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
January 20	Spirit Wear 6 th Grade Boys Basketball Game @ 6:00 @ Home Girls Basketball Game @ 7:00 @ Home 8 th Grade Boys Basketball Game @ 8:00 @ Home
January 21	Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 9:00am-Noon
January 23	Girls Basketball Practice – 2:45 – 4:45 Boys Basketball Practice – 5:00-7:00
January 24	6 th Grade – Field Trip to Midewin Market Day pick-up
January 25	Mass prepared by 1 st Grade – 8:10am Lego Club Girls Basketball Practice – 2:45 – 4:45 Roller Skating Party – 6-8 in Channahon
January 26	Drama Practice 2:40-4:00 Boys Basketball Practice 5:00-7:00
January 27	6 th Grade Boys Basketball Game @ Home – 6:00 Girls Basketball Game @ Home – 7:00 8 th Grade Boys Basketball Game @ Home – 8:00

News from Preschool.....Miss Montgomery

This week in preschool we focused on the letter *Ll*, number *12*, reviewed color blue and the *square* shape. We have practiced our song for Catholic Schools Week Mass numerous times. The song is called *I'm So Special*. They are having so much fun with this song. We have read many stories about the snow and learned a new song called *God Gave Me Hands*. They love saying our new poem, *Chubby Snowman*. The all week students discussed different ways to show how you care within their weekly reader. Everyone had the chance to practice using scissors this week. Everyone is improving greatly with this skill. Keep up the hard work! Next week we will focus on the letter *Mm*, number *13*, review *green* and *triangles*. During religion we will discuss the idea of Jesus teaching us to share God's gifts and that God loves you. We will also focus on patterns and matching.

A few reminders:

*Spirit wear on Friday, January 20th. No walking field trip to the Wilmington Public Library on this day. Miss Nikeda will come to our classroom due to the weather conditions.

*Collection contest ends January 20th. Thank you for your support!

*T/Th class will have their pajama day on Thursday, January 26th. Please come to school dressed in your pajamas. Students may bring in their slippers to change into in the classroom.

News from First Grade.....Mrs. Vimpeny

First Grade has been busy this week. In Religion, we have started a new unit and chapter learning about Jesus, God's Son. We are also preparing for our mass. We hope you can join us at 8:10 next Wednesday, January 25. We've been practicing a special song for the Catholic Schools Week mass on Sunday, January 29. In addition, we are working with Preschool and Kindergarten on a CSW prayer service honoring parents. Some first graders have a reading for this prayer service. I have tested all students on four prayers. Most did very well. We are now learning the Glory Be. Remember that the Glory Be does not have hand movements like the Sign of the Cross.

In Reading, Phonics, and Spelling, we are learning long i words and words with medial consonants. Knowing how to look at a two syllable word helps us to figure it out. We are also reviewing author's purpose for writing. Sometimes the author has more than one reason to write. For example, she is trying to teach us something in an entertaining way. In Language Arts, we are learning that for many verbs, we can add -ed to make it past tense.

We are finally back to work in our Math book after taking some time to complete two Diocesan math assessments. Our new, short topic deals with tens and ones. I moved most students up one level for their timed tests.

We took our chapter test in Science. The students did great. We also took the Diocesan Science test. In Social Studies, we have learned a lot about Martin Luther King, Jr. We will complete a project about him that will be our Diocesan Social Studies assessment. Next week in Social Studies, we will learn about the Chinese New Year.

With the snow finally arriving, please be sure to send boots, snowpants, hats, and gloves to school. You might also want to send an extra pair of socks for your child to keep in his/her locker. After recess, socks are sometimes very wet! Remember that we go outside if the temperature (with wind chill) is 15 or greater. I have told the class NOT to put on snowpants at dismissal time. It is very time consuming at the hectic end of the day. If you want your child to put on his/her snowpants at that time, please send me a note.

With the cold, snowy forecast for tomorrow, I have asked Miss Nikeda to come to school instead of us walking to the library.

Tomorrow is the last day of the collection contest. Please send in any box tops, Campbell's labels, receipts, and printer cartridges. Don't forget to send in plastic beverage bottles and cans for recycling. Also, remember to recycle your paper at the bins across the street from the main school building.

Thank you to Charley's mom and dad for decorating our classroom for Valentine's Day. It is such a pleasure knowing that job is already done for me! The students really loved coming in to the classroom on Wednesday morning to see all of the decorations!

Have a great week!

News from 2nd Grade.....Miss Allmon

The second graders did a great job at Mass yesterday! Our star student last week was Anthony Powers. We enjoyed learning more about Anthony and his aspirations to become a chef. Next week our new star student will be chosen. For story time I have been reading one of my favorite chapter books, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. The second graders seem to really enjoy the read aloud!

This week we are reading our final story in unit 3. Our main selection is Moonbear's Pet. We are focusing on summarizing and sequencing important details. Our spelling words this week have the -oo sound and comparative endings -er and -est. Second graders are also learning about Verbs to Be such as is, was, were, are, and will be. In writing, students are practicing comparing and contrasting characters in stories while following the writing process. Next week we will have our unit 3 reading test.

Last week we wrapped up our unit on adding two digit numbers. I was so impressed with how quickly the second graders caught on. This week in math we have begun our new unit on subtracting two digit numbers. Regrouping in subtraction seems to be a bit more challenging for the second graders but many are catching on! I encourage the second graders to practice their basic subtraction facts at home.

This week in Religion our focus is on God's love for us. We have been reading stories from the bible that tell us about this love and how we can show thanks. Our next focus will be on the parts of mass.

In science we have started our unit on the three states of matter: solids, liquids, and gases. The second graders experimented with various solids and liquids, learned how they can be grouped and identified the properties. We will continue our study by focusing on how the states of matter change.

News from Sixth Grade/Jr. High Science.....Mrs. Plese

Congratulations to seventh and eighth grade science students! All of the students qualified to advance to Regional Science Fair competition. This competition will be held March 9th at the University of Saint Francis. Our local science fair was held on Wednesday. The judges were very impressed with the quality and level of our students' projects.

The sixth graders field trip to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie will be Tuesday, January 24th. Students should wear spirit wear. Parents are welcome to join us on this trip. The bus will be leaving by 9:15 am.