

A Message from the Principal...Mrs. Bland

Parking Lot Safety – I would like to remind everyone to please watch for children in the parking lot when you are pulling in and when you are pulling out of the lot. Children are so excited to end their day and they still have a lot of energy so they run and do not always pay attention. We need to watch for them. I would also like to remind you about the cell phone law in Illinois. It is illegal in Illinois to talk on your cell phone while driving in a school and construction zone. With our busy lives it is hard not to answer that phone when it rings or continue doing our job while we pick up our children, but for the children's safety, please pay attention.

Mother/Daughter Banquet - Special thanks to Shauna Ruzich for a wonderful Mother/Daughter event. Moms and daughters had a great time.

Limo Lunch Winners – I was able to take Brianne Temme, Michael Hobbs, Raymond Will, Alayna and Jessen Valone, Leah Tomano, Ava Scheel, Brody Urban, Tristen Ekberg, Sami Urban and Madison Scheel to McDonalds this week. Everyone enjoyed the ride in the limo and having lunch away from the school. Special thanks to Bill Raymond for providing us with the limo and driving us around. Thank you to Christa Raymond and Samantha Bland for helping at McDonalds.

Special Meeting for New Mass Changes – Deacon Don will be holding two sessions. On November 15 at 7pm there will be training for Eucharistic Ministers and lectors at 7:00pm in the Church. On November 22, Deacon will hold another meeting for the Altar Servers at 7:00pm in the Church.

Recognition – Students who made the honor roll for the 1st Quarter will again be recognized after mass on Wednesday, November 9.

Six Flags Read to Succeed – The Six Flags Read to Succeed Reading Log forms are being sent home this week for students in Kindergarten – 6th grade. Students have an opportunity to earn a free Six Flags ticket for the 2012 season. I hope all the students take advantage of this opportunity. All reading logs need to be turned in to your teacher by February 24, 2012, but if you finish before that time you can certainly send them in sooner.

Asbestos Notification - Please be advised that the Asbestos Management Plan for St. Rose School required by 40 CFR 763.93 and the Illinois Asbestos Abatement Act is available for inspection during normal business hours by representatives for the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Illinois, the public, including teachers, other school personnel, and their representatives, and parents at the following location: 626 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, IL 60481.

During 2009, St. Rose School underwent the required asbestos re-inspection process. The results of that are included in a document available from the school office. If our school conducted an asbestos removal project, that information is also contained in the asbestos management plan.

If you would like a copy of the asbestos management plan or other asbestos management documentation, please contact the school's office at 626 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, IL 60481. We will provide a copy within 5 working days after receipt of a request for inspection. The school may charge the reasonable cost of making any copies requested.

If you have any questions about the school asbestos management plan or its contents, please contact the principal: Mrs. Linda Bland at 815-476-6220; or Richard Kaffka, the Diocese of Joliet asbestos designated person, at 815-834.4078.

Dates to Remember

November 4	Spirit Wear Day 8 th graders to visit JCA from 8:25 – 2:00pm
November 5	Speech Students to compete at Mazon
November 6	Turkey Dinner
November 7	PTO Meeting at 7:00pm
November 8	8 th graders to visit Bishop McNamara from 9:25 – 1:00pm Girls Basketball Practice from 2:45 – 4:45pm Boys Basketball Practice from 5:00 – 7:00pm
November 9	Mass prepared by 7 th /8 th grade – 8:10pm Lego Club – 2:45 Girls Basketball Practice 2:45-4:45
November 10	7 th Grade No Uniform Day – Race for Education Winners Kindergarten visits library from 1:35 – 2:30pm Girls Basketball Practice from 2:45 – 4:45pm Boys Basketball Practice from 5:00 – 7:00pm Athletic Board Meeting – 6:00pm School Board Meeting – 7:00pm
November 11	Veterans Day – No School

News from Preschool.....Miss Montgomery

Wow, time is flying by! It is hard to believe we are already in November. Thank you to everyone who came out for parent/teacher conferences. I am very proud of all my students! We had a great time at our Halloween parties. Thank you to everyone who helped with the parties and the supplies that were needed. The children had an exciting time. Now that our weather is getting colder please send your child to school dressed appropriately. Students should be wearing coats, hats and mittens/gloves. If your child has shorts or short sleeve shirts in their extra clothes bag, I will be sending them home to be replaced with long pants and long sleeve shirts. Please send the replacements back to school as soon as possible. This week the children have been working hard on identifying the letter *Gg*, color *white*, *hearts* and the number *seven*. Children who come to school on T/Th attended the All Saints Day Mass on Tuesday. I am very proud of how well behaved the children were. Within our Religion class we discussed how Jesus teaches us to help others and who Saints and Angels are. The all week students and I discussed hibernation and which animals hibernate. Students who attend on M/W/F discussed what makes objects sink or float. They really enjoyed this activity. All students made a turkey for their art lesson this week. These will hang up in our classroom for the month of November. Next week's discussions will focus on the letter *Hh*, *stars*, color *pink* and the number *eight*. In religion, our discussions will focus on the Holy Family and that Jesus is the Good Shepard. All students will learn about the First Thanksgiving and make their special attire for their own Thanksgiving Feast.

A few reminders for Preschool:

Lost/found- We found a boy's brown belt if anyone is missing one.
Spirit Wear on Friday, November 4th. Next date for T/Th Spirit Wear is Thursday, November 17th.
No School on Friday, November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day. Enjoy your weekend!

News from Kindergarten.....Mrs. Jackson

I would like to thank our two head room parents, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Youngquist, for organizing our Halloween party. There were many fun activities planned and treats for the kids. My students had a good time. Thank you, parents for volunteering your time to assist in the party. I appreciate it.

We recently had our movie and popcorn party last Friday afternoon. Thank you, Mrs. DesRochers and Mrs. Cooper for popping our popcorn and delivering it to our class. It was great.

Students did a fantastic job during our Mass on Tuesday. I am very proud of them all. Thank you, parents for helping your child practice his/her Mass reading.

Religion

Students recently discovered that their five senses are gifts from God. Students prayed a poem to thank God for their senses by responding with movement. We are currently learning about children and their families. Students will learn different ways they can help in their families, celebrate the love they share in their families, and appreciate the families that God has given them.

Math

We are still working on the topic of counting, making, and writing numbers six - ten and ordering numbers on a number line. Our test is on Friday. We will start our new topic on comparing numbers on Monday.

Reading/Language Arts

Students recently learned six new sight words: by, are, a, the, can, at. We continue to practice our sight words daily by playing sight word games, writing words out in sentences, and using sight word flashcards. Thank you for helping your child practice his/her words. All of my students know every sight word they learned in class. Students are recognizing words with the beginning sounds b /b/ and s /s/. Students are also working on blending sounds together. They are doing a great job. Students are currently identifying verbs in sentences, identifying characters in a story, recalling events, making predictions, discussing story details, and learning what it takes to be a good listener and speaker,

Science/Social Studies

Our recent topics have been the life cycle and plant growth of pumpkins, life on a farm, and the life of bats. We are currently discussing the difference between a need and want. Our future topics will be Pilgrims, Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day, and Civics.

Reminders for Kindergarten:

October Book-It calendar is now due. There are a few students that still haven't turned in their October calendar.

November 10th - library visit

November 11th - no school

November 14th - November Scholastic book orders due

Have a great weekend.

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

Happy November! We had a terrific time on Halloween. Our class did some fun activities prior to the prayer service and parade. Then we had a great party and yummy treats! Thank you to Mrs. Muraskas who planned and ran our party and to Mrs. Clark for assisting her.

It's nice to be back in our Religion book after having to practice for Mass. We learned about caring for God's creation.

In Reading, we are learning to draw conclusions from what we read. We can do this by applying what we know from our own experiences. In Spelling and Phonics, our words have short e and beginning blends with l and r. We are working with singular and plural nouns in Language Arts. We also wrote a three sentence summary of a story we have read from the reader. We practice Penmanship daily. In this second quarter, I would like to see more improvement and students earning "E" for their writing.

We had our Topic 6 test on Tuesday and have started Topic 7 in Math. We are subtracting in this topic. The goal is to think addition when subtracting. Those addition facts are so important! We continue to take daily timed facts tests. I have seen improvement.

There will be a Science test on plant parts and grouping of plants on Monday. In Social Studies, we read about how life was like in the olden days.

I want to remind a few parents to please return the Unit 2 Reading test booklets that I gave you at P-T Conferences. Thank you to those who have done so.

November book order forms were sent home this week. Books make great Christmas gifts. If you would like to order books as gifts, please email or send a note. I will make arrangements for you to get the books without your child knowing. I will send December book order forms home right after Thanksgiving.

Don't forget to send in completed October calendars for Book-It and Monical's pizza coupons. Information about the Six Flags 6 Hour (360 minutes) program went home yesterday. You can use the same reading time for all three incentive programs.

Continue to send in your bottles and cans for recycling. Save your boxtops, Campbell's labels and receipts for the next contest.

Don't forget to "FALL BACK" this weekend!

News from Third Grade.....Mrs. Girot

First, I would like to thank all of the parents who sent in donations for our Halloween party. Thanks also to those who attended our party on Friday. Thank you Mrs. Plese & Mrs. Narine for getting our treats ready to serve! The kids had a great time eating treats, playing Hot Pumpkin, Pin the Tail on the Cat, Witch Hat Ring Toss and wrapping up "mummies" with toilet paper! All of the costumes were fantastic too!

Also, I really want to thank all of the parents for coming to First Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences. It was great to have the chance to speak with everyone. I learned a lot about what's working and what's needing improvement in our third grade.

Religion: We continue to learn about the parts of the Mass and the changes that will take effect on November 27th, which is the first Sunday of Advent.

Reading: This week, the third graders are reading "Tornado Alert". It's an informational article on tornadoes and severe weather. We are discussing what to do in the event of severe weather. In addition, the students are practicing using context clues to find the meanings of unfamiliar words.

Spelling: Our word list this week is a challenging one. We have learned that homophones are words that sound the same, but they are spelled differently and have different meanings. The students must listen closely to how each word is used in a sentence to know which spelling is needed. Please help your child study for Friday's word test.

English: We will prepare for a test next week on Unit 2. This unit covered subjects, predicates, and nouns, singular and plural, as well as possessive. We also worked on identifying main idea and detail sentences of a paragraph. The final lesson was on the parts of a friendly letter. We will spend some time reviewing before the test.

Math: We will take a Math test on Friday this week covering the properties of addition, rounding, estimating, and addition with regrouping. Next week, we will move on to topics of subtraction.

Science: Our class continues to learn all about life cycles of plants, flowers, and trees. We focus specifically on conifer trees this week.

Finally, the third and fourth graders will be responsible for planning and preparing the Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd at 8:30. Certainly plan to join us in prayer if you are free.

Also, please remember to check and sign your child's assignment planner each night. Also, sign and empty those Friday Folders each weekend. Thanks for your help!

News from Fourth Grade....Miss Bernhard

The third and fourth graders did an excellent job on the Halloween Prayer Service! I was very proud of them! We had a lot of fun during our Halloween party. I wanted to thank ALL the parents that helped me... the parents that actually came to the party and ALL the parents that brought in treats/items for the class. I really appreciate it!

Reading: This week in reading we are reading the story I Love Guinea Pigs. Our skill lesson is on text structure, or the way a piece of writing is organized. We will be applying this skill lesson to our reading. This week our selection test will be on Thursday. Make sure your child is rereading the story the night before the selection test to improve test scores. In addition to rereading the story have them look over the vocabulary words in the story. (Vocabulary is half of the selection test)

Spelling: This week our spelling words focus on compound words. The spelling test will be Friday and worksheets will be sent home for practice.

English: We are closing up our unit by looking over the material and working on the chapter review. We will review for the test Monday and our unit 2 English test will be next Tuesday. This unit focuses on singular/plural possessive nouns, compounds, fact and opinion, pronouns, and how to write a proper paragraph.

Math: We just took our Topic 4 test and the students did pretty well on it. This next topic focuses on multiplying by two digit numbers. We will work in class to practice this concept and homework will be sent home for additional practice.

Science: We are finishing up the on unit on weather. This chapter covered a lot of information such as, cloud types, tornados, hurricanes, storm safety, and weather fronts. I expect this test to be next Tuesday as well. I was hoping for Friday, but since we're missing Wednesday to train our future altar servers I think it will be best to wait until next week.

Social Studies: We are having our social studies test on Friday. This chapter was about landforms, natural resources, and renewable resources. We spent a great amount of time talking about coal and petroleum as fuels as well. I ask you to make sure your child is studying the vocabulary words (the words in yellow in the book). These words are a huge portion of the test. They have been writing the words in their social studies notebook so I expect them to know them pretty well already.

News from Eighth Grade/Jr. High English.....Mrs. Mosier

Special thanks to Mrs. Czys for donating all the pumpkins. Students had to write a How To Decorate a Pumpkin paper and then follow the directions. It did take a bit of re writing to be successful. The pumpkins turned out great and English was finally interesting. Thanks again, Mrs. Czys.

7/8 English

We have started thinking about the research paper for science fair. On Monday we will be off and running to complete this project. I have talked with the students and have tried to give them insights about content to be researched. We will make an outline, rough draft and final copy. The paper is due Nov. 18th. This project will need to be worked on at home so please keep check that the work is being completed. Since this takes a chunk of English time, it will be a major grade for this quarter.

7/8 Reading

We are studying the use of foreshadowing and identifying it in literature. Periodically the students work in the SRA kit. This allows students to increase comprehension and work on word skills.

7/8 Religion

Since October was the month of the rosary, we took the opportunity to illustrate the mysteries, understand them and be tested on them. Students also made cards remembering their relatives and friends who have died and may still need our prayers. Some kids were industrious enough to use Spanish and Latin for the prayers of eternal rest. We will be studying the mass and the changes that will take place on the first Sunday of Advent. Students will receive a great little booklet that explains the mass.

6th English

We are learning about verbs, verb phrases and direct objects. Students can identify them and use them in sentences.

6th – 8th

Students are all working on vocabulary. We are in Chapter 5. The workbook is due next Wed. and the test is next Thursday, Nov. 10. Study is the key to success.

8th grade will go to JCA on Friday and Bishop McNamara next Tuesday. The days should be fun.

Confirmation is March 18, 2012 with Bishop Imesch at 2:00. Students need to get 15 hours of service. This weekend is the Turkey dinner and provides an opportunity for service hours. Students have been given the information and times.