

Comet News

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Fun Night is February 3rd—No PM Extended Care
- Kindergarten Preview is February 6th
- NO SCHOOL on February 13—Conferences
- Junior High Trivia Night is February 17th
- No School on February 20th
- Spring Pictures on February 21st
- Baptism Mass, Assembly & Lunch is February 27th
- 1:30 Dismissal on February 27th—No PM Extended Care!

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MRS. ANN BOHATY—KINDERGARTEN

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd. We will be receiving ashes that day during Mass. Every Friday during Lent we will be going to Stations of the Cross at the end of the day. Join us if

you wish.

We will be having our Valentine's party on Tuesday, February 14th. It will be in the morning. We will be exchanging valentines. Make sure you send valentines for every stu-

dent.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, February 13th. Please plan on attending. I look forward to talking to you about your child's progress.

MRS. LEANNE EDWARDS—3

We are looking forward to all the fun that goes on during Catholic Schools Week. It is a very special time of year for all of us. We are so thankful for our wonderful Catholic school! On January 24th we enjoyed a wonderful speaker, Donna Bartek. She is a forest ranger dur-

ing the spring and summer months in Montana. She has so many interesting stories to share about her experiences as a ranger. She is from Nebraska and we look forward to her talk every year. Valentines' Day we will share our cards and have a small party. Thank you to the

room moms who always have nice parties for us. We appreciate you so much! Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd. Please keep the 3rd grade in your prayers. Happy February!



MRS. JULIE MAIN—COMPUTER & J.H.

WOW!! How did we get to February already? This Friday ends Catholic Schools Week with Fun Night. I hope to see many of you there. Junior High continues to work on their brochures (country and state). They are due by the end of February. Sixth grade continues to work on typing, spending the last 10 minutes of class on tessellations. Soon we will be picking out our favorite

2 slides for the slide show for the Learning Fair in April. Fifth grade will finish their unit on Internet Safety and then return to keyboarding.

4th grade continues to keyboard during class. Remember good posture and fingering and KEEP practicing. 3rd grade will complete their state Power Point; look for these to come home in their Wednesday folder. 2nd

grade will work on Word Munchers using partners. 1st grade will also do a unit on Internet Safety and then move onto Word Munchers where they will work on Phonics. Kindergarten will finish Mathesaurus 1.

February 22nd starts Ash Wednesday, and I pray you and your families have a blessed Lent.



M S . L I N D A H O F P A R - 1 A

Winter greetings to you all!! Our second half of first grade is off to a busy start. After much practice with short vowel sounds in Phonics and Reading, we have now begun, long vowel /a/. We have learned that the long /a/ sound can be made in a few ways: /a_e), /ay/ and /ai/. We

have also been learning about long /i/, and the ways it is spelled, /i_e/, /ie/, or /igh/. In Reading, we are working on theme 5 entitled "Home Sweet Home". This theme brought us new workbooks which the students were excited to receive, and a different text book with all new stories. In

this Theme, we are learning sounds for /ch/, /sh/, /wh/, /th/ just to name a few, as well as ending blend sounds of (nd)(ng) and (nk). In Math, we will be working on a place value unit, counting by tens, fives, and twos. Please continue to practice basic fact fluency in both addition and

subtraction. These are very important skills to keep reviewing. Their reading, math, and phonics skills are steadily improving. Students are excited that they can read stories on their own. We're looking forward to our Valentine's Day party in February. Have a GREAT February!!

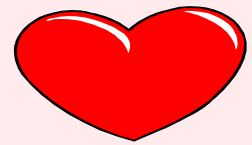
M R S . D E B B I E S O U C I E - 1 B

January has flown by. The children are working hard. In phonics we will learn about long vowels (a, i, u, o) and short vowels

(i, o, u, a). In math we will be counting money (nickels, dimes, pennies, and quarters) and telling time to the

hour and half hour. In social studies we will talk about Presidents' Day and Valentine's Day. Our Valentine's party

will be on Tuesday, February 14th 1:20-2:20.

**M R S . A N N E D R I E W E R - J U N I O R H I G H**

Third quarter is well underway already. Eighth graders have turned in one of their book reports for the quarter, and both 7th and 8th graders have a book report for this quarter due March 5. It is exciting to hear some students talking about the books

they are reading with their friends and recommending books to one another.

Algebra students are building their higher math foundations nicely. If you are attending new student orientation for high school, I have shared my preliminary

recommendation with your student. However, these recommendations can change for final class scheduling by the end of the year, in particular for those students deciding to take Algebra or Geometry. I will discuss these recommendations with you at the February

13 conference. Please make sure you call to schedule your conference as there will be many things to discuss such as service hours, math placement, and end of the year activities and celebrations for the 8th grade. I look forward to meeting with you then.

M R S . J E N W H Y M A N - 4

Since we are now in the third quarter all homework for all subjects except for spelling will need to be done in cursive! Some of the fourth graders are happy about this and some

aren't! It may take a little longer at first but it should become more automatic and in the end take less time than printing. Starting fourth quarter spelling will be in cursive as well, so,

during this time please help your student make sure they are forming their cursive letters correctly.

The students may bring candy/valentines to distribute on February 14th,

however, they must include everyone if they choose to pass anything out. If you don't want to send anything that is up to you. It won't be a formal party.



MRS. MARY BAKER - 6B

Happy Catholic School's Week! There are a lot of great things planned for the week so be sure to check your child's planner or school website for specifics. February also brings parent teacher conferences

on the 13th. Make sure to keep a list of questions you might have for me. We will be reading Where the Red Fern Grows, continuing to study the Ten Commandments, adding and subtracting fractions, writing

personal narratives, studying Europe, and learning about the inside of the Earth. Please remind your child to study their spelling words too. 6B has also listed the due dates in their planner for 3rd quarter Reading Re-

sponsibilities and Writer's Workshop goals. They are working very hard and I'm very proud of them. Thanks for all of your support and sending them to a Catholic school!

MS. MELISSA ZIERKE - JUNIOR HIGH

We thank everyone who purchased a prolife t-shirt! They may be ordered again around the

beginning of the fourth quarter. Junior High is growing up so quickly and ready to become

young adults. We are learning our history as usual peppered by some great discussion about the

upcoming elections in 2012.

MRS. DANIELLE MILLER - 6A

With the 3rd Quarter already underway, February is shaping up to be a busy month. First of all, I am looking forward to seeing every one on February 13th for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Be

sure to make an appointment in the office so we can discuss how wonderful your child has been! Also, the book report deadline for the 3rd Quarter will be Friday, March 9th. This may seem like

a long time away to your student, but on a calendar you can see this is only 5 weeks away. If you haven't already noted May 23rd on your calendar: do it now. We will need several parent

drivers to help the entire 6th grade get to Camp Kitaki. ***Reminder*** Valentine's Day presents should not be delivered at school unless it is a gift for everyone in the class.

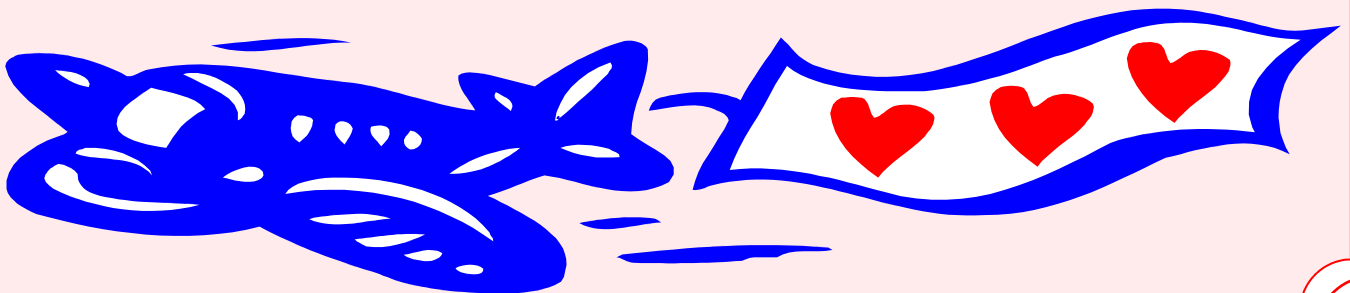
MRS. CARIN APPLEGET - STUDY SKILLS

I was downtown at Bennett Martin library this week and was so impressed with their new book collection. All of our public libraries do such a nice job of displaying new books for kids (and adults) of all ages. I hope you will take time to visit the

public library with your child this month. Library cards are FREE and we still have three long months of winter weather left! There is nothing better on a cold, snowy day than a good book to read! Please, turn off the TV and read this winter. Some fami-

lies have a no TV and no electronics (gaming) rule for school nights. That may be a bit extreme for your family, but consider making one hour of each night a quiet time to read or do homework with no distractions. It may be difficult at first, but you will be amazed by how

minds open up when they are pushed by boredom to be creative. Read, draw, play games, and have fun!! This is the best study skill there is!



MRS. HOLLY KRUGER - PRINCIPAL

Humility is our virtue for February. St. Augustine tells us, "Humility is the foundation of all the virtues; therefore, in a soul where it does not exist, there can be no true virtue, but the mere appearance only."

As I told your children, at the January 23rd assembly, humility is knowing and accepting that everything we have is a gift from God. We

own nothing! We must cherish our gifts and return them to God through our thoughts, words and deeds.

How will this look? A person with humility will pray always in thanksgiving, seek to do kindness in secret, accept compliments with a simple thank you, only use their gifts to help others and to glorify God.

Lent begins on

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Lent is a great time to practice humility as a family. One way is to plan a "humility dinner" each week. This dinner would be one that only costs 50¢ per serving. Better yet, take your family to the Matt Talbot Kitchen for dinner and leave a donation.

Another way to practice family humility would be to

buy nothing new this month. Instead, when you need something, shop the thrift stores, and leave a donation.

I know there are many other ways to practice family humility. I hope whatever you choose to do will bring you closer to each other and to God.

We begin Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 24th, at 2:45 pm. Please join us.



**Ash Wednesday is
February 22nd.**

Blessed Sacrament School

Hot Lunch Menu

February 2012

- 1) Mini corn dog, corn, mixed fruit, bread & butter slice*
- 2) Taco salad, carrot sticks, pineapple, churro*
- 3) Bosco stick, green beans, grapes, chocolate chip cookie*

- 6) Bacon & potato soup, peaches, carrot sticks, dinner roll*
- 7) Submarine sandwich, carrot sticks, apple stars, Sunchips*
- 8) Fiestada, green beans, pears, bread & butter slice*
- 9) Soft shell taco, corn, orange quarters, granola bar*
- 10) Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, applesauce, dinner roll*

13) NO SCHOOL

- 14) Chili, carrot sticks, mandarin oranges, cinnamon roll*
- 15) Hot dog on bun, green beans, pears, Doritos*
- 16) Chicken teriyaki, fried rice, carrot sticks, pineapple*
- 17) Cheese pizza, corn, grapes, cookie*

20) NO SCHOOL

- 21) Hamburger on bun, french fries, applesauce, fruit snack*
- 22) Fish sticks, peas, orange quarters, bread & butter slice*
- 23) Popcorn chicken, green beans, mixed fruit, dinner roll*
- 24) French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, tater triangle, apple stars*

- 27) Chicken patty on bun, corn, pears, rice krispy treat—1:30 Dismissal*
- 28) Taco salad, carrot sticks, mandarin oranges, Bosco stick*
- 29) Fiestada, green beans, peaches, dinner roll*

All menus subject to change—chocolate & white milk is offered everyday

