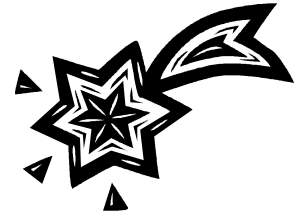


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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Classes resume on Wednesday, January 4th**
- **Baby Shower for Jesus is on Thursday, January 5th**
- **Semester ends on Friday, January 13th**
- **NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 16th**
- **Report Cards come home on Wednesday, January 18th**
- **Band Concert on Thursday January 19th**
- **Baptism Mass, Assembly & Lunch on Monday, January 23d**
- **1:30 Dismissal on Monday, January 23rd—No PM Extended Care! Please plan accordingly!**
- **Catholic Schools Week begins on Saturday, January 28th. Please refer to this newsletter for further information.**



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LEANNE EDWARDS—THIRD GRADE

Happy New Year! I hope that the new year brings you all good health and much happiness. Please remember to prac-

tice those multiplication facts. We are working very hard on multiplication and will be starting division soon. In English class

we spent a lot of time learning about nouns and adjectives. The students are doing very well in English. Stay cozy and warm! Blessings.

MS. LINDA HOFPAR—1A

Seasons Greetings and Christ's Blessings in this New Year!! In Math first graders have continued to add and subtract numbers up to twelve. Practicing math flash cards is very important for the students to learn their facts more fluently. Our next chapter in math will cover place value to 100. Reading and Phonics have given us continued practice in reading words with short

vowel sounds, as well as our high frequency word lists. We have learned how to compare and contrast, classify objects, and have learned about cause and effect, reality and fantasy, and drawing conclusions. We have now started to learn the sounds and some of the rules for long vowel sounds. In Religion we have learned about Jesus and the Twelve Apostles. Please

continue to work on prayers with the children and mass participation on the weekends as part of the Religion curriculum too. A lot of time and effort was put into preparing for the Christmas program on December 16th. I hope you all enjoyed the program. January will bring the end of the second quarter already. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

MRS. DEBBIE SOUCIE—1B

I hope that the New Year started out well for all of you. It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. 2011 was a year filled with excitement and discovery for all of us. We

are looking forward to an exciting 2012.

The first grade will focus on the following skills in January. In math they will learn more about place value, counting by (tens,

fives, and twos), greater than, and less than. In phonics we will work on short vowels (a, e, i, o, u) and long vowels (a and i).

MISS JUDY & MISS PAM—PRE-SCHOOL

As we enter the year 2012, we think back of all the blessings we have received and look forward to a Holy and Blessed Year to come! The pre-school will continue learning the alphabet and writing it, we are on Letter M. They also

are doing well writing their names! We will be having themes on Snowmen, Bears, Birthdays and monsters!

So, as we all prepare to work hard in 2012, may we always remember that little baby in the manger

and promise to be kind, loving, forgiving and holy throughout the New Year, 2012! Gods blessings on you!



MRS. CAROL JENKINS— 5

Happy 2012 to all the Blessed Sacrament families!! I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun Christmas break. It is now time to return to learning and preparing for Confirmation. Please note that Confirmation is now on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012. The students

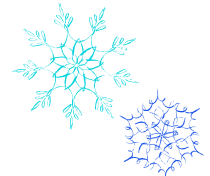
will be preparing for this wonderful sacrament by writing reports, making posters, memorizing prayers, and of course knowing the “92” questions. Please keep them in your prayers. The 5th graders will also be mastering many Math skills, writing personal narratives, and

continuing our American History newspaper studies! We will be learning about Landforms and Weather conditions in Science. So much to learn, so little time!!

Happy Blessed New Year to all!!

First semester ends on Friday, January 13th.

Report cards come home on January 18th.



MR. MARK STOLEY—PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To begin the new year we will spend a few weeks playing some of the students favorite games before starting Archery. Most of the stu-

dents seem eager to start archery. The K – 4th grade will have their second round of fitness testing then floor hockey. Archery club will also

begin in January. More on that in the near future.



we will be learning about the miracles of Jesus.

MRS. ANN BOHATY—KINDERGARTEN

Hi! I hope you had a great Christmas. In January we will be working on the phonemic sounds of p, g, and q and with words with short a. In

math we will be working with geometric shapes and measuring. Our topics in science and social studies will deal with winter. In religion

MRS. MARY BAKER—6B

Congratulations to 6B for earning the Key to Heaven Award for November. We enjoyed hot chocolate with a movie, pizza party, and a non-uniform day. The class received this reward due to the recognition of their good works and the number of Box Tops collected. Thank you for sending in those Box Tops!

6B will ring in the New Year learning about plate tectonics,

earthquakes and Europe. We will continue on fractions and our “Courage” reading theme, studying verbs, and Commandments 6 and 9.

Before we know it, 2nd quarter will be coming to an end on January 13th. Our last book report for Reading Responsibilities is due on January 6th with a book project presentation due January 11th.

The last Writer's Workshop piece

(rough draft) is due January 9th. The students will choose one out of their three Writer's Workshop pieces and complete a final draft by January 11th.

Thank you to all the drivers who made our ice skating adventure a success. A good time was had by all. Wishing you and your families a blessed New Year!

MRS. ANN VESTECKA—2

The children really enjoyed working on and performing their Christmas Play. They did a good job!

First Confession is coming up on March 24th, and they are working on all the things they need to know for it.

Father Haschke has been helping

them as well. He has spent a lot of time teaching them about the Rosary.

They have been studying money and time in Math. Their Studies Weekly readers have taught them about a variety of different things too.

They are a busy and talented group.



MRS. JULIE MAIN—COMPUTER & JUNIOR HIGH

Happy 2012!!! May God Bless you immensely during this entire year! The end of January begins Catholic School’s Week. 8th grade will be working on their country brochures. 7th grade will be working on their state brochures. 6th grade continues to keyboard from the

book and work on tessellations at the end of each period. 5th grade will keyboard this month as well. 4th grade will continue to keyboard using *Type to Learn 3*. 3rd grade will work (and hopefully finish) their state power points. 2nd grade will continue to work with Math

skills using www.aaa.math.com and *Key Skills*. 1st grade will be working on Internet Safety. Kindergarten will use *Alpha Betty* working on various reading and math skills. Remember that Catholic School’s Week starts January 29, 2012.

MRS. CARIN APPEGET—STUDY SKILLS

Happy New Year! Here’s a quick look at what we’ll be doing in study skills this month and next:

4th grade – Listening skills and reading for information

5th grade – Saint reports: note-taking, writing without plagiarizing,

and organizing information

6th grade – Summarizing, increasing reading fluency and reading non-fiction

7th grade – Increasing reading fluency and poetry

8th grade – Test preparation and

increasing vocabulary

Make a New Year’s Resolution to read more! Turn off the TV and **READ!**

Baby Shower for Jesus is Thursday, January 5th!

MRS. JEN WHYMAN—4

I think all of the classes did an excellent job on the Christmas play. I hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you to all of the teachers who helped their classes learn their songs so well.

The fourth grade is going to go on a second field trip toward the end of April or beginning of May. I will let you know more when I find

out! We will be going to Homestead National Monument in Beatrice for some exciting things about pioneers!

There is a homework assignment over Christmas break for the 4th graders to do one division problem each day of Christmas break. We ended the break in the middle of

long division and they have been doing such a good job, I would hate for them to forget how to do them! Try not to save it all for the day before we go back to school. They will benefit much more by doing one a day or a couple every other day or so.



MRS. HOLLY KRUGER—PRINCIPAL

January is a time for new beginnings and fresh starts. How fitting that our virtue this month is perfection.

Perfection never dwells on the past, it focuses forward. One of the best ways to practice perfection is to make daily resolutions. Each morn-

ing as you wake, focus forward and resolve to accomplish one thing for Jesus.

It might be a day of:

- *silence unless spoken to
- *helping at home without being asked
- *keeping a smile on your face
- *speaking kindly when

stressed

- *extra prayers
- *visiting Jesus at church
- *completing homework

Perfection is doing the will of God. To take what comes, joy and tribulation, as from God and to wish for nothing different.

Happy New Year!

Catholic Schools Week Information

Saturday/Sunday January 28/29, 2012 Special Presence of Students at weekend Masses

Monday, January 30, 2012

Rosary

Volunteer Appreciation Day

Monochromatic Day/NO JEANS

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Quiz Bowl

Parish Appreciation Day

Pre-Mardi Gras Day/NO JEANS-may wear masks in the classroom

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Volleyball Game

Teacher Appreciation Day

Spirit/Jeans Day

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Party for 4-8th

Student Appreciation Day

Western Day

Friday, February 3, 2012

Fun Night

Parent Appreciation Day

Hawaiian Day/NO JEANS-Luau for K-3

More specific details and times will be put in the Wednesday Weekly in January and given out at the PTA meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2012

MRS. DANIELLE MILLER—6A

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone is well rested from their vacations, because January will prove to be a very busy month. With the

end of the 2nd quarter approaching, as well as Catholic Schools Week, it is important to remind your student to continue personal reading. The

deadline for the 2nd quarter book reports will be January 11, and report cards will be sent home on the 18th. I would like to say a special thank you to

all of the parents who helped drive the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to The Icebox. We would not be able to continue this tradition without your help!

SR. KAREN MARIE—JUNIOR HIGH

Happy January! We are trying to be perfect during this month. Perfection is the virtue this month. In 8th grade science we are finishing up Astronomy and we are excited to see a Planetarium show at Morrill Hall. We will move on to the differ-

ent vocations in life in religion. Encourage your child to pray about their vocation.

In 7th science we are learning more about Earth's Waters, specifically about oceans. In religion we are learning about Baptism and

Penance in depth.

God bless you and your family! Catholic School's Week is later this month. Celebrate our Catholic Schools!

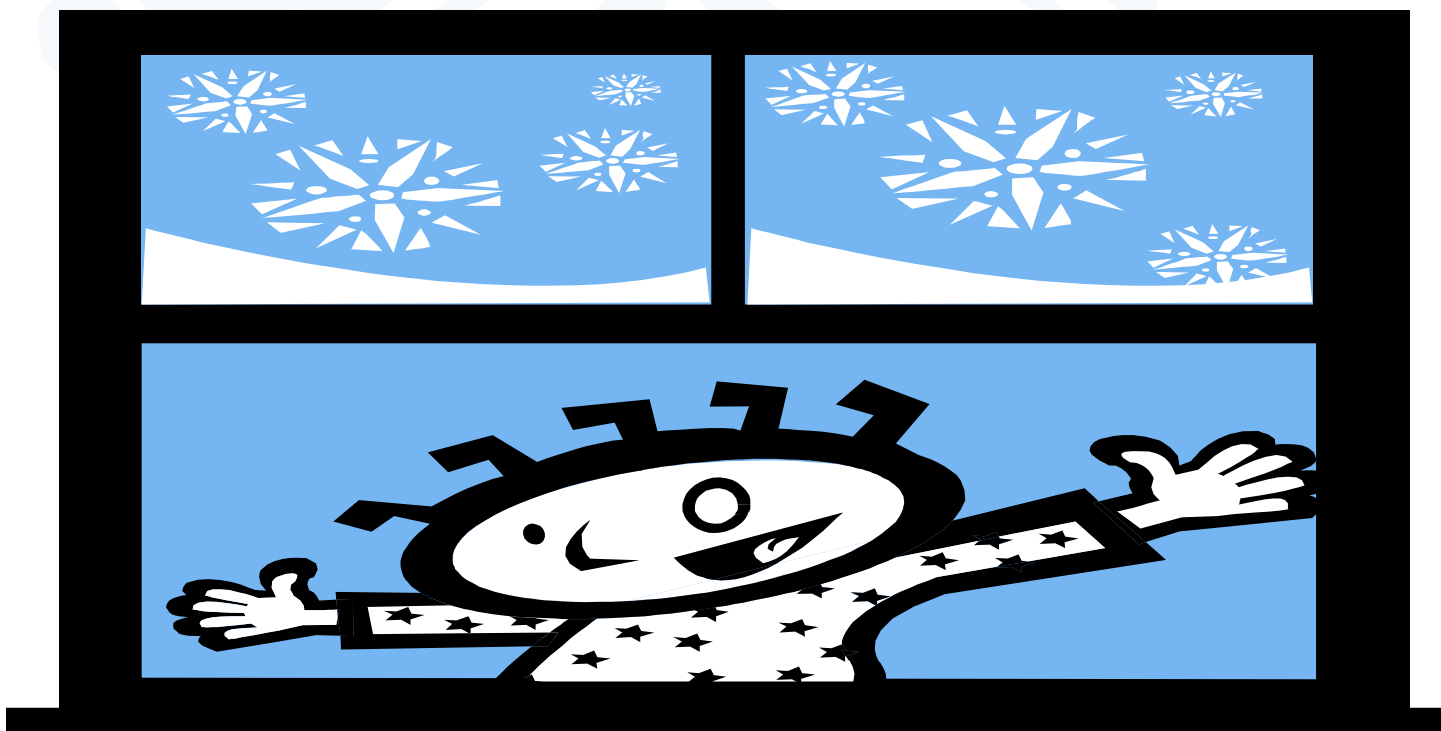
MS. MELISSA ZIERKE—JUNIOR HIGH

Blessings upon this New Year 2012! Junior High is plugging through the school year learning about worldly and present day events. We have already begun discussing the upcoming Presidential Race. The Junior High's latest en-

deavor to help support our Catholic pro-life cause is selling t-shirts for St Gianna's home. The t-shirts are \$10 each and come in blue or pink with sizes from small youth to adults sizes. One last thing, the eighth grade class has been asked

by Nebraska Right to Life to distribute balloons at the state capitol during the Walk for Life on January 28th. Please contact me if any parents would be interested to help out.

Now that snow is in the forecast I want to remind everyone that snow days will be communicated with an IRIS ALERT. The IRIS system uses the phone numbers and e-mail you provided us at the beginning of the year. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR CHANGES. IRIS ALERTS are always important and deserve your attention.



*Blessed Sacrament School
Hot Lunch Menu
January 2011*

- 4) Spaghetti with meatsauce, corn, pears, garlic toast*
- 5) Mini corn dogs, baked beans, grapes, Cheetos*
- 6) Cheese omelet, cinnamon oatmeal round, orange quarters, tater triangle*

- 9) Hamburger on bun, french fries, pineapple, string cheese*
- 10) Hot dog on bun, carrot sticks, mixed fruit*
- 11) Chicken nuggets, green beans, pears, bread & butter slice*
- 12) Taco salad, carrot sticks, orange quarters, Bosco stick*
- 13) Cheese pizza, corn, applestars*

- 16) NO SCHOOL*
- 17) Chicken patty on bun, peaches, green beans*
- 18) Fiestada, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll*
- 19) Shredded b-b-q pork sandwich, baked beans, applesauce*
- 20) Macaroni and cheese, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, carrot sticks, grapes*

- 23) Cheeseburger on bun, french fries, mandarin oranges*
- 24) Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, peaches, dinner roll*
- 25) Taco nachos, carrot sticks, grapes, string cheese*
- 26) Chili, carrot sticks, applesauce, cinnamon roll*
- 27) Cheese pizza, corn, orange quarters, crispy rice treat*

- 30) Hot dog on bun, baked beans, pears, Frito chips*
- 31) Chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks, peaches, dinner roll, crackers*

*ALL MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE—CHOCOLATE & WHITE MILK IS
OFFERED EVERYDAY*

