

Saint John the Baptist Catholic School

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The mission of Saint John the Baptist Catholic School is to educate God's children and promote Catholic values through academic excellence and service to others.

Upcoming School/Parish Events

- February 24** - NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service
- March 1** - Meal w/ Religious Sisters (girls in grade 5 through grade 12)
- March 3** - Stations of the Cross @ 10:45 am
Lead by 7th & 8th grade
- March 7** - Family Fun Night
- March 9** - Stations of the Cross @ 8:45 am
Lead by 5th & 6th grade
- March 10** - NO SCHOOL, Diocesan In-Service
- March 17** - Chaplet of Divine Mercy @ 8:45 am
Lead by 2nd grade
- March 20-24** - NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
- March 28** - Youth Group (Grade 5 and up)
- March 31** - Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries)
@ 8:45 am - Lead by 3rd & 4th grade
- March 31** - End of 3rd Quarter

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Cold Weather Gear

We would like to remind all to make sure to send along snow boots, snow pants, hats, gloves and any thing else to keep the students warm and dry. The students love playing in the snow but can not play in the snow if they do not have their gear.



Lent Fish Fry's



St. John's Fish Fry's are back! You may order online until 1:00 pm on Friday's. You may also call in your order: (715) 352-3111 or (715) 352-8105 from 1:00 pm to 7:45 pm on Friday's. You may also dine in or stop in to order to-go.

2023-2024 School Year Registration

Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. You may email Mr. Martinez for a physical copy of the registration or you may fill out the online registration form.

In-School Children's Raffle

This year we will be having our children's raffle during our school picnic. Student's are able to purchase tickets, \$0.50 each, starting two weeks before the school picnic. If you would like to donate a basket please bring them to the school office by May 3rd.

LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

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Dear Parents,

As many of you are aware, the four cardinal virtues include prudence, fortitude, temperance and justice. During lent, many of us focus on temperance, which means self-control. It includes more than abstinence from addictive substances such as soda or candy, which harm our body. Temperance is also about maintaining the good and thus, plays a pivotal role in enabling us to keep from doing what is wrong, even when we want to. I believe you can only maintain good if you already have some idea of what good is or how to acquire it. That is the reason staff at St. John the Baptist strives to bring about character enhancing qualities to cultivate the whole child: spiritually, mentally, physically, socially and psychologically. We envision sending students out into the world, better than when they arrived here.

The last couple of weeks, we've had reports that some of the upper-grade students, at recess, have used profanity. I have spoken with the students. We also have seen some graffiti penciled on the walls around school, as well as pencil marks that ran the length of the stairway. The 4th graders have taken it upon themselves to design posters to hang around school to combat this graffiti. Our dedicated staff is ready to work together with you as a team to provide appropriate guidance for your child's education and I ask you to please reiterate to your child/children (especially if they are in the mid to upper levels) that writing on walls, profanity, etc. is not appropriate. Striving to form saints, I thank you for your support.

In the peace of Christ,

Renee Fait, principal
St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Edgar, Wisconsin

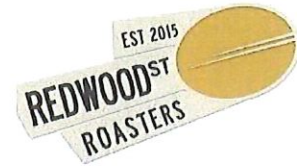
Ephesians 1:11 says, "because we are united with Christ we have received an inheritance from God, For He chose us in advance and He makes everything work out according to His plan".

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Home and School Association

Coffee Fundraiser

The Home & School coffee fundraiser was a huge success! This year we raised more than we ever have, \$1,840.50! Congratulations to our top selling family, the Braunel Family, who received a \$25 SCRIP card. Congratulations also to the Max Halvorsen family who were the winners of our random \$25 SCRIP drawing of families who participated in the fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who sold and bought coffee to support our school and one of our local businesses!



Home & School Meetings

Our H&S meetings are meant to be a place to share information, ask questions, express concerns, and show our appreciation for the different things taking place at school. We are approaching our "BUSY" season with the end of the school year right around the corner! Please plan to attend our last meeting of the year to stay informed and get involved! Home and School is always looking for help, especially during the busy end of the year season! Also, research consistently shows that kids whose parents are involved in their schools do better, this is one of the easiest ways to get involved.

Please keep an eye on your emails! The date of the last H&S meeting will need to be changed, as soon as the date has been finalized, we will notify everyone via email.

In-School Raffle Baskets

We no longer host the Parish Benefit (Bazaar) but instead will be selling \$20 raffle tickets. Details regarding the raffle prizes will be available after Easter. Even though we no longer hold the Parish Benefit, we still want to do something fun for our students, so we will continue to hold our in-school children's raffle. The students will be able to purchase tickets for two weeks prior to the drawing with the winners of the baskets drawn at our year end school picnic in May. If you would like to donate prizes or a basket, please bring them to the school office by **May 3**.

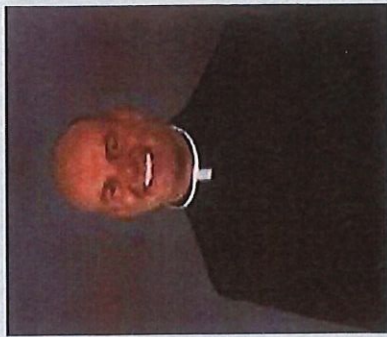
Basket ideas may include (but not limited to):



- Remote control vehicles
- Snack bundles
- Lol surprise dolls
- Movie basket
- Anything your child would like to win

Be Safe and Stay Warm!

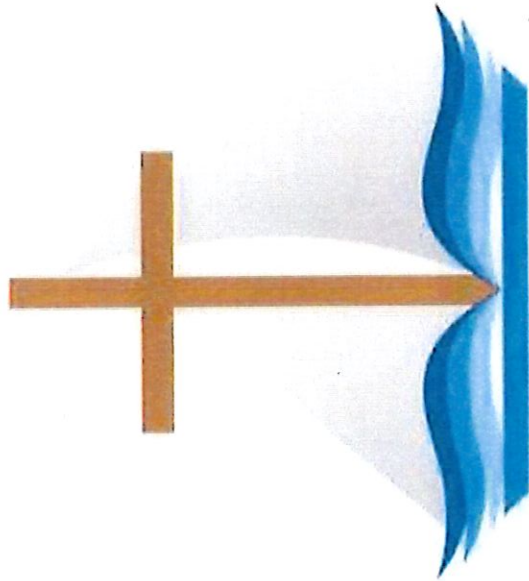
**Featuring
Father
Woodrow Pace**



Fr Woody has many years of experience serving God and His people in parish life and service for the Diocese of LaCrosse Mission office.

This Lenten Mission will light the fires of inspiration in your hearts and deepen your Faith.

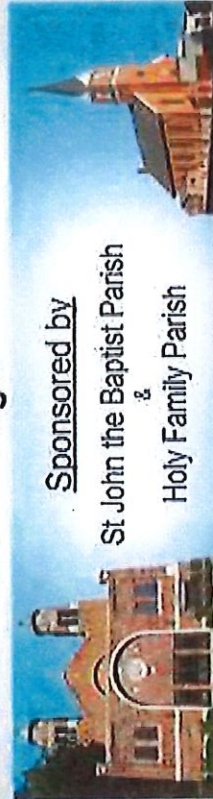
Deepen your Faith



Church Mission

Join us at
St John the Baptist Parish
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St John the Baptist Parish
&
Holy Family Parish



**Sunday
March 5th**

6:00 pm
Adoration & Confessions

7:00 pm
The Missionary Mandate of Christ
to His Church

**Monday
March 6th**

6:00 pm
Adoration & Confessions

7:00 pm
Eucharist as Fortification
for Mission
*Confessions also follow this
presentation*

Child care available
Please call the Parish Office
715-352-3011



St. Anthony's, Athens Sunday, February 26th, 1:00 pm

St. Mary's Marathon Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service with individual confessions will be Sunday, February 26th, 6:00pm.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Masses: During the season of Lent there will be Mass at 6:30pm
Stations of the Cross following the 8:00am morning Mass on Fridays during Lent.

St. Michael's and the Church of the Resurrection, both in Wausau Reconciliation for Lent 2023. March 23 and 30, 5:00-6:30pm at St. Michael. March 24 and 31, 11:00am-12noon at Resurrection

St. John the Baptist Parish, Edgar Below are confession times:

Sundays: 8:30 am - 8:50 am, Mondays: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Saturdays: 10:00am & 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Holy Family Parish, Poniatowski Tuesdays: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Saturdays: 6:30 pm - 6:50 pm



**Stations
OF THE
CROSS**

Sacred Heart, Cassel will have confession 3:30pm Saturdays and 8:00am Sundays during Lent. **The Stations of the Cross will be done before each Mass during Lent**

St. Patrick's, Halder will have confession after 6:00pm Mass and 10:00 am Mass.
The Stations of the Cross will be done before each Mass during Lent

St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent Speaker series: Guarding our Catholic Faith will cover topics on how to defend our Catholic beliefs, having answers to common criticisms, how to raise your kids with strong faith, and more. Each week there will be a Q&A period (come with questions). Speaker Rachel Sheils was a former protestant pastor in Canada for 12 years and an unlikely convert. She had left the Catholic Church as a teenager for what she thought were good reasons. She will share her unexpected journey back to the Church. With over twenty years of speaking experience, she hopes to encourage you in your faith, equip you to help others, and give glory to God.

March 1 · Soup Supper 5:30-6:30pm Speaker: Conversion story of former Protestant pastor 6:30- 7pm March 8 · Soup Supper 5:30-6:30pm Speaker: Guarding the Catholic faith, Part 1 6:30- 7pm

March 15 · Soup Supper 5:30-6:30pm Speaker: Guarding the Catholic faith, Part 2 6:30- 7pm

March 22 · Soup Supper 5:30-6:30pm Speaker: Guarding the Catholic faith, Part 3 6:30- 7pm

March 29 · Soup Supper 5:30-6:30pm Dramatized Stations of the Cross 6:45 - 7:30

Special drawing for all ages after each presentation Feed your body and your soul.

Lenten Mission: St. Joseph, Stevens Point. March 5-7 at 6:30 p.m. with Keith Nester. For more information visit www.PointCatholicFaith.org/mission

St. Alexander Parish, Port Edwards will have Communal Penance with 2 priests hearing confessions on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Nekoosa will have Communal Penance with 6 priests hearing confessions on Sunday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart/St. Alexander Parish Mission begins March 26 – March 28th. Each evening the mission is from 7-8:30 p.m. given by our parish mission leader, Friar Johnpaul Cafiero. His topic is "No Greater Love: Reflections on the Severn Last Words of Jesus". Refreshments will be served following Friar Johnpaul's talks. Bring a friend! As a follower of St. Francis of Assisi, Friar Johnpaul's love of the poor and outcasts is only surpassed by his love of the scripture. This comes through his many speaking and preaching engagements. Friar Johnpaul has lectured and preached internationally.

Lenten Mission! St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Parishes. Fr. Woody Pace, Vicar for Clergy and Director of the Mission Office. Join us at St. John the Parish, Edgar.

Sunday: March 5th @ 6:00 pm Adoration & Confessions, 7:00 pm "The Missionary Mandate of Christ to His Church"

Monday: March 6th @ 6:00 pm Adoration & Confessions, 7:00 pm "Eucharist as Fortification for Mission"
Confessions also follow this presentation.

Childcare available at both talks.

YOU ARE INVITED to a meal with the Sisters from
The Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 1, 2023

WHERE: St. John the Baptist Church, Edgar (Dining Hall)

TIME: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

WHY: To learn more about the Religious Life

WHO: Girls in grades 5-12

RSVP by Tuesday, February 28th by emailing Nancy @
nhackel@stjohnedgar.org



February 22, 2023



Families of St. John School:

You are invited to join Father Alan and The Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30 pm in the church. Father Alan will speak on Anointing of the Sick for 30 minutes. Following his talk he will have Stations of the Cross for adults and youth in grades 5-8.

Three Sisters from the Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus will talk to youth in grades 5-8 from 6:30-7:00pm. At 7:00 pm the high school youth will spend time with them. At 7:30 pm the Sisters will join with Father Alan give a short talk on their order.

Children who are in 4K to grade 4 are welcome to join youth in the Faith Formation Program. There will be a short activity from 6:30-7:00 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross held in the school.

Outline for Wednesday, March 1, 2023

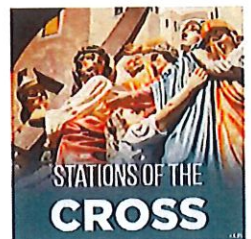
Meal with the Sisters from 5:30-6:30 pm in the church dining hall.
For girls in grades 5-12.

6:30-7:00 PM

Father Alan talks on Anointing of the Sick. Open to adults
Mother Agnes and two Sisters from the Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus will talk to youth in grades 5-8.

7:00-7:30 PM

Father Alan will have Stations of the Cross. Adults and youth in grades 5-8.



Mother Agnes and Sisters will talk to youth in grades 9-12.

Stations of the Cross for youth in grades 4K-4 in the school gym.

7:30-7:45 PM

Closing in church for everyone.

Hello from 3K,

February has been a busy month :)

We kicked off February with Catholic Schools Week! There were so many things to do and so many things to celebrate! The whole school came together for the week and the 3K joined right in!

After the hype of CSW wore off we poked our heads out of the ground with a look into Punxsutawney Phil (who btw did see his shadow, so 6 more weeks it is...) on the 2nd of February. It was great to share this lesson with the students who were curious about Groundhogs Day and the fact that a groundhog tells us that winter will be sticking around for a while.

Then we dove right into hearts and Valentines Day, learning about Saint Valentine who is the patron saint of happy marriage. We also had our first class party for the holiday and students were able to share the love with their friends by bringing small cards and candies. Everyone enjoyed and was thankful for friends they love.

We are rounding out February by talking about Black History Month and learning how God created ALL people even if we look different. And God loves us all the same. We learned about Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr and Jackie Robinson this month! The students really enjoyed hearing about each of these important people in Black History!

Along with Black History Month we have been learning about respecting differences in our religion class and forgiveness.

This month we had several birthdays which made the days seem to go fast. But we still were able to learn a lot. The students have really grown in the last months. They are becoming more independent in the classroom, taking care of their things in the morning and getting right into the routine of hanging their backpacks and coats, bringing their folder into the classroom and signing in for lunch.

Students have also grown academically, all of the 3K students recognize their names and are learning more and more letters of the alphabet and numbers to 10 and 20. Each student amazes me every single day!

3K is a great place to be :)



Hello 4K Families!!

Wow, February is a busy month in the 4K classroom! We have added a few things to our schedule this month. We are going to music class with the kindergarteners! We have also started Catechesis of the Good Shepherd! The students are very excited about the Catechesis program.

In our ABC bootcamp, we are already to letter T. The students love making letters in sand. Some of the students painted their letters this past week too. The students have been getting a sheet each week where they have to color the pictures that start with the week's letter- they do such a great job sounding each one out to determine if it starts with the letter!

In Math, we have been learning about patterns. We have learned about sound patterns- how we can make patterns using our voices or musical instruments, movement patterns- using our bodies to make patterns (jump, squat, jump, squat), and color patterns- finding patterns around the classroom or school.

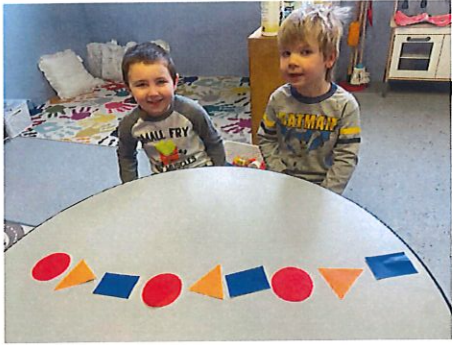
In Religion, we learned about Lent and the ashes that go on our forehead on Ash Wednesday. We also talked about where those ashes come from. The students did a great job in Mass on Ash Wednesday as it was a little longer than the Mass we are used to.

This month we celebrated Black History Month- we talked about different backgrounds and how each of us are different, but no matter how we look, God loves us all and made us each in His image.

We also celebrated Valentine's Day- the students decorated folders and brought in Valentines to share- we were on a bit of a sugar overload as we had so many sweets come in :) Thank you to all the families who brought in treats to share!!

We are looking forward to this next week as it is Dr. Seuss's birthday!! We will be talking about Dr. Seuss and reading some of his books!







Hello From Kindergarten!

Spring will soon be upon us, and the Kindergartener's are springing forward in their learning!

In reading class, we are narrowing down the letters we have left to learn! We are becoming excellent spellers and our handwriting is looking fabulous as we have lots of practice with SuperKids, our handwriting books, our math books, and also our tracing workbooks!

In math class, we have been practicing every morning how to count by 10's all the way to 100. We are also soon moving on to learning numbers 11-20 as we are now experts on numbers 1-10. We will soon be working on more complex addition and subtraction problems.

In science class, we have been trying to figure out how adding a garden to an environment, can cause the caterpillars in an area to completely disappear! We are also using our five senses to learn like scientists and understand the difference between living and non-living things.

Lastly, we recently got to enjoy Valentine's day by counting and graphing the amount of different colored candy hearts. That same week, we also got to celebrate the 100th day of school by practicing how to count by 10's, creating a fruit loop necklace and creating some crazy monsters that had 10's of everything!

We would also like to say hello to our new kindergarten sub, Miss Neider, who will be teaching the kindergarten class the rest of the school year!

-Mrs. Blume



Greetings from Grades One and Two~

We ended January and began February celebrating our school during Catholic Schools Week. Along with getting in many of our regular classes, we packed the week with faith-filled activities such as the Bible Bowl, a CSW prayer service led by the middle school, learning about our team saints, and a Mass with Bishop Callahan at Wausau Newman. We also had lots of fun playing bingo and bean bag toss, bowling, and getting some goodies at the Sweet Treat Raffle. While the week is a nice mid-winter break from normal, it is always nice to get back to our regular schedule! In Science we have a few more lessons before we finally solve the mystery of why new chalta trees are not growing in the Bengal Tiger Reserve. We will let you know next time what our final solution is! In Social Studies, we continued to look at life long ago and are wrapping up a study of early settlers and the Gold Rush. In Religion, we are learning about the Mass as Ruthie, Kash, and Sam prepare for First Holy Communion in May. For one of our classes, we went over to church with Fr. Alan. We got to go in the sacristy and learn about vestments and sacred vessels. We also went into the sanctuary and got to see the tabernacle up close. It is more beautiful than we thought! Focusing on the Mass has also helped us prepare for the beginning of Lent which started this week with Ash Wednesday. As we journey through Lent, we will be remembering all the things that Jesus did to give us the gift of His life and the sacrifice that leads to the Mass.

~Grades One and Two

† Greetings St. John Families! Welcome to the Season of Lent! †

In our recent Religion lessons we have been learning about Jesus as the Perfect Sacrifice. Coming soon will be Mistakes Along the Way & Turning Back to God, topics that fit so well for our current liturgical season. For February, we had St. Josephine Bakhita for our "Be a Saint" featured Catholic Sprouts Saint AND our St John School Saint of the Month. The challenges for the month with Saint Josephine were: learn and pray the **Anima Christi**, practice forgiveness, worship Christ in the Eucharist, pray for those who are enslaved. In our weekly Education in Virtue video, Sr. Mary Bethany shared tips on how to practice "giving thanks in all circumstances." It takes having conversations with God and recognizing our blessings each day. "It's great to be grateful!"

Math 3 is off to their next unit on fractions as we still keep practicing all the basic math operations. Creating a pictograph with conversation hearts and completing a variety of problems was a lovely way to keep practicing. In ELA 3, we are finishing up adjectives and discovering how tricky homophones can be. With Reading we had a few penguin stories, so why not check out a NSF live report at a Delhi Penguin colony near an active volcano now in their summertime~ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXnLxR2g2z4>

🎵 Our middle school music classes have been introduced to Sir Roland from extraordinarymission.com via Catholic Sprouts. We have an invitation to "accept the universal call to holiness." We must "start realizing we are saints in the making;" we have an extraordinary mission to BE A SAINT. Sir Roland has a beautiful closing to each episode, "...until then, I leave you under the protection of Saint Michael, the Great Archangel, St. Joseph, the Terror of Dragons, and Mary, Queen of the Angels, Our Lady of Grace, and the Woman who's Seed crushed the head of the Dragon." ~Mrs. Bergs



NSF LIVE report at a Delhi Penguin colony

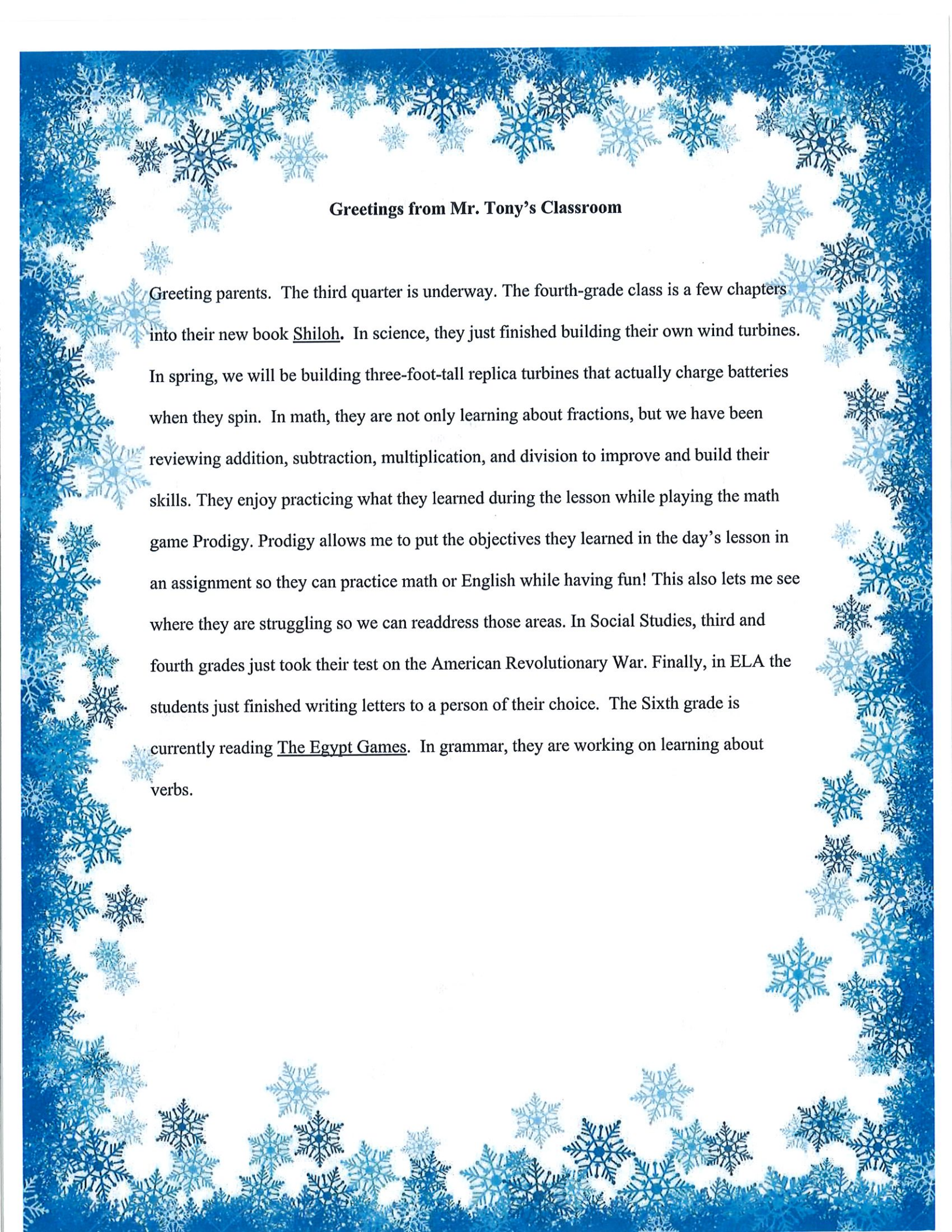
Time to play Pie Tag



Can you spell "AYURVEDIC"? Here are Gabe, Abby, Eli, and Elizabeth at the Regional Spelling Bee in Athens. We applaud your fine effort with some very unique words!



Valentine's Day Math



Greetings from Mr. Tony's Classroom

Greeting parents. The third quarter is underway. The fourth-grade class is a few chapters into their new book Shiloh. In science, they just finished building their own wind turbines. In spring, we will be building three-foot-tall replica turbines that actually charge batteries when they spin. In math, they are not only learning about fractions, but we have been reviewing addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to improve and build their skills. They enjoy practicing what they learned during the lesson while playing the math game Prodigy. Prodigy allows me to put the objectives they learned in the day's lesson in an assignment so they can practice math or English while having fun! This also lets me see where they are struggling so we can readdress those areas. In Social Studies, third and fourth grades just took their test on the American Revolutionary War. Finally, in ELA the students just finished writing letters to a person of their choice. The Sixth grade is currently reading The Egypt Games. In grammar, they are working on learning about verbs.

Greetings!

So many things have happened in the last month, I have a hard time knowing where to start! The pictures below will help with this. Congratulations to the 6-8th grade students who submitted essays to the **Patriot Pen Essay** contest! A special congrats goes to Jenna Hafferman, Eli Lepak, and Maddie Jacobs for being chosen to represent St. John's!



Catholic Schools Week passed in a blur of fun! The week started with a prayer service led by the middle school and ended with the sweet treat raffle. In-between those events, we participated in door decorating, bowling, movie day, Bible Bowl, Mass at Newman High School,... It was a good way to celebrate our faith and our education at St. John's.



After the fun of Catholic Schools Week, it was time to get back to work. So as an extension of Phy Ed, we went to **Forest Springs** for some outdoor winter fun. Forest Springs hosts downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, and snowshoeing. It also has a great gym for indoor activities. The ice cream is not bad either! :)



A few days after the Forest Springs trip, the 7/8 students helped deliver all the food items collected during Catholic Schools Week to the **Circle of Joy** in the Edgar Village Hall. The students carried loaded bags and boxes of non-perishable food items into the center. Then, they helped sort the items. The generous donation was greatly appreciated!



Aside from all the extra activities, the students have been busy learning in 7/8 Theology of the Body, 5/6 and 7/8 science, and 6, 7, and 8 Math. The 5/6 science class just started the unit on oceans, atmosphere, and climate. Math 6 is focusing on doing calculations with decimals, Math 7 just finished the unit on positive and negative numbers, and Math 8 is in the middle of learning about linear functions. Science 7/8 has started learning about the **Earth, Moon, and Sun system**. Here they are, modeling the Earth(their head), the moon, and the sun.



Until next time, Mrs. Wozny



MRS. MICHLIG'S

newsletter



FEBRUARY NEWS

Hello everyone! We are really having a great time as February is quickly coming to an end! Here's what we've been up to!

In **7th and 8th grade social studies**, we have finished learning about the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and the Reformation. Students learned about the Bubonic Plague and about the antisemitism that arose during and after the Bubonic Plague, specifically in the 1340's and 1350's. We are going to be learning about ancient China in our next unit.

In **5th and 6th grade social studies**, we finished our chapter 9 project, which examined the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Students even got to write their own Constitution! We will be learning about the early days of America after the Constitution was signed in our next chapter!

In **5th grade English Language Arts**, we finished our descriptive writing and are now writing our book reports. We are also learning about adverbs in grammar class!

In our **5th and 6th grade religion class**, we have been learning about Theology of the Body. 5th grade has completed their Theology of the Body work and 6th grade is in the middle of it right now. We are working on examining how we are all made in the image and likeness of God and how we can apply this to the world around us.

Lastly, in **5th grade math**, students have finished their unit 5 and have moved on to unit 6, which is all about decimal and fraction operations. We will be adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators, examining measurement conversions, and will be practicing our powers of 10. We have a few more units to finish until the end of the year and we are doing great!



Hello and Welcome to Phy-Ed,



Since starting in November, we have had a variety of skills and activities to do, We celebrated Veterans Day, by doing Boot Camp and basic training camps, We also had a Turkey trot and build a turkey by winning “parts” by playing turkey day trivia, pictures were on the school/parrish facebook page, Great creations!

We started a unit on volleyball skills working with balloons, Bump, Set and Volley.

During the Catholic school week, we played Bingo and had a cornhole tournament. We have some great throwers, Good Job everyone!

BASKETBALL

We have started a basketball “Dribbling Drills” unit; So far, the most challenging drill the kids found is “behind the back”.

1. Up and Back dribbling
2. Balloon dribbling-this is where the drill involves keeping a balloon in the air while simultaneously dribbling the basketball.

During the month of January, I sent home a January Daily Fitness Calendar(grades 3 thru 8th) along with my grading scores. Please have your children try to do their best and turn it in. February Daily Fitness Calendar was also sent home.

OUTDOOR FUN

We also have been sledding and playing kickball outside, to get some fresh air and sunshine. Making snow angels.

Remember to keep moving,

Blessings,
We are the *SAINTS ATHLETES*





Hello From English and Art

In English we recently learned from chapter nine of our current novel that a “Red Badge of Courage” (Also our novel title) refers to a war wound. Henry, our main character at this point in the story, finds himself wishing he had a war wound to prove his honor so he would not feel so guilty about running from battle. He hides with the injured when he himself has no visible injury (although he certainly was traumatized). This time of year, some students (and teachers) may feel a little “battle weary” in English (or other classes) wishing they could run from the work, hoping others do not notice the missing assignments or sleepy eyes. But inevitably, the numbers must go into sycamore or the teacher must face another class and we are asked about our wound, er, I mean work. In the subjunctive mood: we all wish we were better at keeping up but, alas, we are not always adequate to the task. Remember to take some time to rest in Christ this Lenten season and ask for His help.

We finished STAR Reading tests on Wednesday the 16th. Be watching for those reports and send them back. Please, no wounds here either but honor the effort your student put forth.

In Art, a big THANKS to all those who helped with the Valentine’s Day Dinner Decorations! They looked so nice when we put them up at Holy Family parish. See for yourself:



Another display that looked great was the one featuring the starry/snowy sky paintings and “I love...” bag sculptures during Catholic schools week.



Also, **CONGRATULATIONS** to Maddie Jacobs, Spencer Wendland, Jenna Hafferman and Parker Ahlbrecht for having their artwork (*President Doggo, Walleye, Launch, and Seagull Gossip*) selected to represent our school at the 46th annual Leigh Yawkey Woodson Student Art exhibit! The exhibit will open March 11-April 16. Maddie’s dog (pre-reconstruction) and Spencer’s walleye are visible in the photo.

In mindfulness of Ash Wednesday, and the season of lent, our more recent projects feature charcoal or pastel portraits. Last year, we learned to do frontal portraits, this year profiles so students could opt for either view while reviewing proportion.