

Saint John the Baptist Catholic School

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School Newsletter
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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

- December 3** - Mom and Dad's Day Out
10 AM - 3:30 PM
- December 5** - Youth Night (grade 5 and up)
5:30 PM - 7 PM
- December 8** - Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception (Mass times in flyer)
- December 10** - Youth Group Bell Ringing
- December 15** - **ALL SEROOGY'S
FUNDRAISER MONEY DUE**
- December 18** - Christmas Program @ 1 PM
- December 19** - Family Fun Night (all ages
invited)
- December 22** - NO SCHOOL - Teacher
In-Service
- December 23-31** - NO SCHOOL - Christmas
Break
- January 1** - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- January 2** - Return to school after Christmas
Break

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Seroogy's Fundraiser

If you have not done so already, please make sure to turn in all Seroogy's fundraiser money into the school office or the parish office by December 15th. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to the Nancy in the parish office @ 715-352-3011.

Christmas Donation Drive

During the Advent season we will be having a donation drive for the Circle of Joy. Collection will begin Dec 5th and go through Dec 16th. A list of requested items will be provided.



St. John's Parish Office

If you would like to help out during the month of December for the Ministry Schedule, please reach out to Nancy Hackel @ nhackel@stjohnedgar.org.



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Dear parents of our St. John school children,

VETERAN'S DAY

We had a Veteran's Day program in the parish church on November 11th. VFW Post 10187 and Edgar American Legion Post 393 presented the colors and then Mr. Dale Dahlke introduced our honored military veterans, who later shared information about their war experience. Our 3K-8 students sang several patriotic songs, including "Thank You, Soldiers" which was performed by our very own Abby Halama at the keyboard. Maddie Jacobs and Ellie Wendtland provided the Armed Services Medley introduction. As part of the Veteran's Day recognition, the 7th and 8th graders wrote an essay for the Patriot's Pen Competition. Jenna Hafferman, Eli Lepak, and Cecilia Mills each volunteered to read their essay.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is the same date of the Edgar Public School Holiday Concert. So in order for students to attend Mass and the band concert, band students will be allowed to leave Mass after Communion. This has been approved by Father Alan and Mr. Webb. The remaining middle school students will be allowed to attend the concert after Mass.

QUIZ BOWL

It is unbelievable that it's already December. Like November, it is filled with so many vacation days that before we know it, it will be January and time for competitions to be starting. Quiz Bowl 2022 is slated for January 11th at 1:00- 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Edgar Public School. The categories include religion, language arts, science, mathematics, social studies, and general questions. Home and School will provide snacks and a lunch for the participants. The public is invited to attend.

NEW STAFF

I would like to announce that Ms. Julie Seubert started teaching physical education in November and has some great ideas for improving students' health. I'll let her share that in her portion of the news.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Father Alan met with Mr. Hornung and Mr. Wagener to discuss building issues such as water seeping in during a heavy rain. If anyone would like to join the group, please contact Father Alan. We need to complete an environmental plan for the final portion of our accreditation.

CLOTHING POLICY

Prior to the school year, faculty and parents met to discuss the clothing rules in our handbook.

1) Please remember that when a student is wearing leggings/jeggings, etc. students should be wearing a shirt that is long enough to cover his/her buttocks. 2) On Mass days, students should be dressing a little better than on other school days. 3) We suggested that parents label clothing items. We already have a large stack of lost, sad clothing because their owners won't take them home.



Have a very Merry and Safe Christmas!
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



Christmas Social

Please join us for the Christmas Social after watching our talented students perform on December 18th. This year, each family is asked to bring a snack or sweet treat for the social. Please sign up on the [Christmas Social](#) document for your snack/treat. Please drop off your goodies at one of the following times:

- Friday, December 16th at the Rectory Office
- Saturday, December 17th after 4 o'clock Mass
- Sunday, December 18th by 11:30 p.m.



If you are willing to help set up for the social, we will be setting up the dining hall after 4:00 p.m. Mass on December 17.

Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Serogy and Wreath fundraisers, both were a HUGE success! Congratulations to our top sellers and random winners of the SCRIP drawing:

Top Sellers:

Serogy's—Blaser Family
Wreaths—Pospyhalla Family



Participating Family Drawing:

Wreaths—Hafferman Family

Hello from 3K,

In November we filled up on turkeys of all kinds and talked a lot about what we are thankful for!

It was a great month full of gratitude for everything that we are learning in our classroom and each other. From exploring our corn sensory table to making painted turkeys using forks. We wobbled right along through the month with our feathers spread and minds curious.

This month we've continued to work on our shapes, numbers and name recognition. The students not only know the first letter of their own name but also the first letter of their friends' names! They are learning the letter sounds that go with the letters as well!

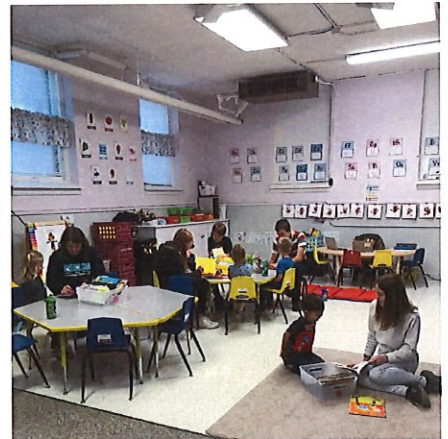
Speaking of friends, the class has grown closer this month as a team as we stepped into learning about Moses and the 10 Commandments through this month's faith based connection in religion class and tied it to our social emotional skills of following the rules.

The class created our classroom rules and have been doing a great job following them as well as reminding their friends how God wants us to act at school and home!

We also did a stellar job at the Veterans Day Program on November 11 with our songs "God Bless America" and "Thank You Soldier." The kids all enjoyed singing and celebrating the veterans that they know in their own lives.

With colder weather also comes a new self help skill of dressing and undressing for recess. Students have been learning how to independently get their snow pants, boots, jacket, hat and mittens on. Some have even started zipping their coats!

So many things for us to learn about so many ways to get better every day!



Hello from the 4K classroom!

Two weeks until Christmas break! Wow, does time fly when you're having fun!

In our ABC bootcamp, we just finished up letters I and J. The students do such a great job finding words that begin with the week's letter. We did, however, find that I was a trickier letter to find words for, nonetheless we were able to come up with words beginning with the letter I. Ice cream being the favorite!

In math, we have been talking about numbers 1-10. The students have been practicing writing these numbers. We will continue writing and counting, but this month we will also start talking about measurement.

In religion, we are talking about the Church and how we can be respectful to God, ourselves, and others while we are at Mass. (We are also practicing this every Wednesday while at Mass)

In Science, we are talking about the seasons, how they are different, and what kind of weather we can expect in each one. We also talked about hibernation, and some of the animals that hibernate in the winter.

Before Thanksgiving, the students came up with a list of things they were thankful for. Wow, were they able to come up with so many things! (Their families being the most common answer!)





Hello From Kindergarten!

AS OUR CLASS IS NEARING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING WHAT ADVENT REALLY MEANS. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THERE ARE FOUR CANDLES ON THE ADVENT WREATH, AND THAT THREE OF THEM ARE VIOLET AND ONE OF THEM IS ROSE. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT ALTHOUGH WE MAY LOVE TO RECEIVE PRESENTS, THAT IS NOT WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT!

IN MATH CLASS WE HAVE BEEN NAMING AND DRAWING DIFFERENT SHAPES. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO FIND A TON OF OBJECTS THROUGHOUT OUR CLASSROOM THAT LOOK JUST LIKE THE SHAPES WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT! WE HAVE BEEN USING STRAWS, DOTS, AND CLAY TO CREATE SHAPES AND THEN DESCRIBE THEM TO OUR CLASSMATES.

IN READING CLASS, WE HAVE NOW MET EIGHT DIFFERENT SUPERKIDS THAT HELP US LEARN THE LETTERS AND THE LETTER SOUNDS. WE ONLY HAVE FOUR MORE CHARACTERS TO REVEAL BEFORE WE HAVE MET THEM ALL! WE ARE ALSO PRACTICING DIFFERENT SIGHT WORDS EACH MORNING AND RECOGNIZING THAT SOME OF THE LETTERS THAT START THE SUPERKIDS NAMES, ARE ALSO IN THE WORDS WE ARE LEARNING.

IN OUR FREE TIME, WE ARE PRACTICING OUR CHRISTMAS SONGS (OUR FAVORITE IS "OVER THE RIVER"). WE ARE ALSO STARTING OUR COUNT DOWN TO CHRISTMAS WHERE WE GET TO OPEN A NUMBER EACH DAY, READ A BIBLE VERSE, AND GET TO SNACK ON A PIECE OF CHOCOLATE- WE ARE VERY VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS! LASTLY, WE ARE WORKING ON OUR SHARING, LISTENING, AND PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS DURING PLAYTIME WHEN WE PRACTICE PLAYING NICE WITH OTHERS EVEN THOUGH WE LIKE TO DO DIFFERENT THINGS!

THAT IS ALL FOR NOW!

-MRS. BLUME :)



Greetings from Grades One and Two~

Even with a whole week off for Thanksgiving, we packed a lot into November! Focusing on KINDNESS, decorating cookies to celebrate the feast day of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, disguising our Dash robots as turkeys and helping them escape a field of balloons and balls, getting Christmas around the World packages from Globe Trot Scott(watch for a full report in our next greeting) and practicing for our Christmas Program...the learning just keeps going! To celebrate KINDNESS, we read the book "We're All Wonders" to help us, made "Choose Kind" t-shirts, welcomed Mary on the Mantle to give us daily kindness challenges, and explored the WONDER in ourselves. Ruthie is a WONDER because she is good at gymnastics. Kash is a WONDER because his favorite video game is Fortnite. Klay is a WONDER because he is kind to his mom and dad. Max is a WONDER because he wants to be a Brewer player. Cooper is a WONDER because his favorite baseball player is Cooper Kupp. Memphis is a WONDER because she is kind to her family and friends. Sam is a WONDER because he is good at riding a bike. We will leave you with a quote from "We're All Wonders": **Look with KINDNESS, and you will always find WONDER.** ~Grades One and Two



←←←← with our Dash Turkeybots



decorating shortbread cookies with roses to celebrate St. Elizabeth of Hungary →→→→→



KINDNESS t-shirts



❄️🎄❄️ Greetings St. John Families!

An introduction to the kings of Israel brought unit three to a close for Religion 3/4. Israel's first king was Saul, not to be confused with Saul who became St. Paul. Go to <http://safeshare.tv/w/rVoztkDqUE> to hear Chris Stefanik tell us about Christ, Our King. Our Holy Day coming up Thursday, December 8, can at times also make us stop and think about what it is all about. How is it related to September 8? For December, we have St. Cecilia for our "Be a Saint" featured Catholic Sprouts Saint. The challenges with Saint Cecilia will be: Isaiah 9:5-6, to show your faith in Jesus, to praise Jesus in song, and to respect our bodies which are God's temple (dressing up and looking your best for Holy Mass is one way).

Math 3 has been trying algorithms and strategies to add and subtract within 1000. In ELA 3, mystery descriptions were created. Our goal was to describe something well so that we could identify what it was. Can you recognize what the following might be given just a portion of Jacob and Evelyn's descriptions? **Jacob wrote:** "...There are five windows, one in front, two on the right side, and one on the left. Next to the window on the left is a net. The back window has three metal bars. There is only one seat on the left side next to the net..." **Evelyn wrote:** "...The object I liked when I was young was purple and yellow. I like to see the sun shine on my object. Bees lick their tongues on it. It can wave at you. It keeps its feet in a pot, and it takes a shower in the rain..."

🎵 After doing a fantastic job with the program for the Veterans, St. John Saints have Christmas songs to focus on. Grades 3-8 should access their Google Classrooms to practice with audio files. Paper copies were also given with reminders to practice daily to "shine bright." It is hoped that rehearsing will bring enjoyment as well as benefits. Activities related to music (humming, listening to music, singing/make a joyful noise) were on a list teachers received at a meeting of things like smiling, having an attitude of gratitude, praying, complimenting others, etc. that are beneficial to our health and well being. So sing with joy! ✨ ~Mrs. Bergs



Thank you to Mrs. Barb Murkowski for this fantastic photo of our wonderful veterans in front of the special flag put together by Mrs. Wierzba.



Gratitude attitude

Greetings from Mr. Tony's Classroom

Well, sleigh bells are jingling, and it's almost time for Christmas. All my classes have been working hard. They just finished up Star Testing in Reading and Math.

4th grade will now be having homeroom with me. In Reading, they are about halfway through The One and Only Ivan. In science, they are in chapter 3 in energy conversions and enjoy the different simulators and experiments our curriculum Amplify provides.

Finally, in math, they are not only learning about fractions, but we have been reviewing for star testing. 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 lesson of the day 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.

6th grade has been reading The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. In grammar, they just finished pronouns and are beginning to write a how-to article.

Here are some pictures of the 4th grade all dressed up for Veterans Day and enjoying their reading area. The 4th-grade class would like to thank Mrs., Martin for providing us with some of the seating that they enjoy.





November has been a fun-filled and productive month for the middle schoolers. They continue to work hard in science and math. The 7/8 graders are learning about **magnetic forces**. They have been manipulating real magnets and using simulations to model the energy that magnets have. The 5/6 graders are now learning about heredity. They have been using Darwin's Bark spider silk to show **variation in the genes** of spider offspring. It's a sticky situation! :) Both classes have been showing growth in their skills and understanding.

The 7/8 graders recently held the **Graveyard of the Saints**. On Friday, November 18th the school gym was transformed into a darkened cemetery. The younger grades traveled from grave to grave where they met several "saints." One visitor commented that the 7/8 graders did an excellent job memorizing their speeches.



Some of the other events and projects the middle schoolers have been doing include preparing for the **Quiz Bowl Competition!** Save the date: January 11, 2023 is the date of the competition.

On November 8th, the students had the privilege to hear **Melissa Stackwell**, a veteran who lost her leg in the line of duty. Her inspiring story focused on her ability to rebound from the injury. She hasn't let her disability stop her. She competes in triathlons, representing the United States in the Paralympics!



Finally, Edgar area veterans were honored at the **Veterans Day Assembly** held on November 11th. The students did a very fine job singing and reading their Patriot Pen Essays.



Keep up the great work, students!

From: Mrs. Wozny



MRS. MICHLIG'S

newsletter



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

7/8 Social Studies:

In 7th and 8th grade, we have just finished learning about Ancient Rome. Our end-of-unit-project was creating baseball cards about ancient Roman leaders! We will be moving on to chapter 6 in our textbooks which details the history of the Christian Church.

5/6 Social Studies:

With the 5th and 6th grade, we have been learning about the battle for North America. This included learning about the French and Indian War, the Treaty of Paris, and General George Washington!

5 English Language Arts:

We have completed our personal narratives and will now be working on writing our how-to articles! Then we will be starting our unit on adjectives and we'll be working our way towards writing business letters.

5/6 Religion:

In our religion class, we have been discussing the Fourth Commandment and will begin learning about citizenship through a Catholic lens. After that, we will be moving on to learning about the authoritative figures of the Catholic Church and what their responsibilities are.

5 Math:

In math class, students have been working on unit 3, which details multiplying and dividing fractions. It has been a long unit filled with learning many new concepts and students have been doing great! We will finish unit 3 next week and will continue on to unit 4 which details multiplication and division with multi-digit numbers!



English Language Arts/Art:

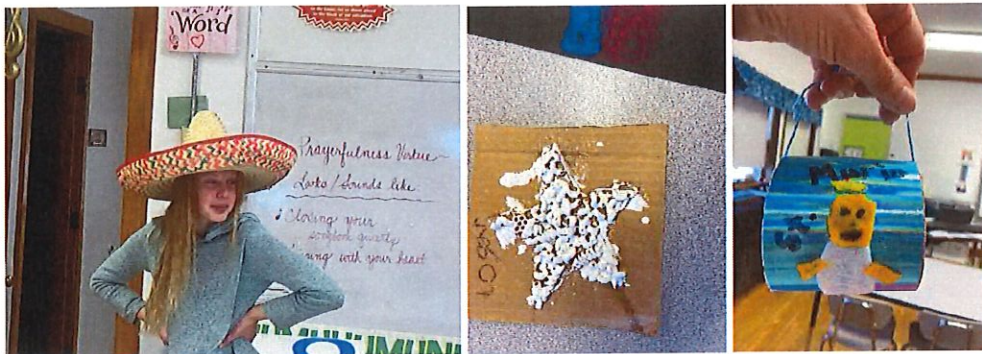
Congratulations and thank you to Eli and Jenna who both read their Patriot's Pen essays at the Veterans Day program. Great job!

We are almost through reading the Secret Garden and I am very much looking forward to comparing the movie with the book sometime before the Christmas break.

As of the day of this writing, students completed their second quarter STAR reading test. Watch for those results soon just as the three kings watched for the STAR that signaled our Savior's birth.

Possessive, interrogative and demonstrative pronouns and various adjectives occupy much of our grammar time right now. How fitting to discuss all that we possess, much that we question and point toward during the holidays! We are truly blessed!

We are also practicing our lines for the Christmas play. Watch for Abby the innkeeper in her hats.



Our "Yankee Doodle Noodle" Star spangled flag added pizzazz to the church entry way for our Veteran's Day program. Thank you to the 1-4th graders who helped glue those noodles to cardboard in a star shape and printed them. Thanks also to 5-8th graders who helped cut out some of the soldier pictures and words to adorn the stripes. Also, thanks to Kelly Fennel (sister to Father Alan) who brought in pictures of Edgar Veterans. Students and staff signed their names on this huge thank you banner.

5-8th grade students made textured prints. They glued not just noodles but other various objects to cardboard to fill in the positive spaces in the shapes of their own drawings. They then added paint and made prints onto which they could also draw. It is fun to see these side by side in the hallway so students can see what type of printed texture each object makes.

Studying about space, students blocked out an area of cardstock black or dark paper by cutting out a silhouette shape and then using oil pastels to define the outside edge. When they pulled it up, they could see the silhouette and then were able to fill in the rest of the negative space with color.

Looking forward to Christmas, students were invited by Gov. Evers to help decorate the capitol Christmas tree in Madison with handmade ornaments celebrating Wisconsin Waters. This tree will be unveiled on December 6th and will be up through January. If you get to Madison, look for the shiny blue touches to the tree. For our own parish tree, students made ornaments celebrating their favorite saint. Additionally, Mrs. Dvorack asked if we could decorate the parish basement lunch area. Watch for all these creative additions to our holiday when you visit.

Youth Night

December 5th

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Youth Groups: St Raphael & St Michael
(All Youth in Grades 5-12)

Please join us in the Youth Room
downstairs in the Parish Office

Learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe



*St. Juan Diego had returned to the hill and found the roses blooming
although it was almost winter.*

He picked some of the flowers and brought them in his cloak to the bishop.

*When he opened his cloak, the flowers fell out,
and an image of our Blessed Mother was imprinted on his cloak.*

The Blessed Virgin Mary



The Immaculate Conception



Holy Family Parish

Holy Day Evening Mass
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
7:00 PM



St John's Parish

Holy Day Masses
Thursday, December 8, 2022
Morning: 8:00 AM
Afternoon: 5:30 PM



**CALLING ALL RINGERS!
We need the Archangels' help!
And your families too!**



St Raphael's
Youth Group
Youth in Grades 5-8

St Michael's
Youth Group
Youth in Grades 9-12

During this Holiday Season, we are so very thankful
for the many blessings we have received:
Our wonderful families, our friends, our homes and our community.

As we give thanks, we want to remember those less fortunate.

**Everyone in our Parish Family is invited to
RING IT OUT!**

Who can help?

Our Youth Groups, your families and everyone in our Parish Family



We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on
December 10th at three Wausau locations from 4 - 6 pm
County Market
Festival Foods

Fleet Farm *(Highway/west door)*

Following the ringing, we'll be gathering for pizza supper at
Wausau Mine Company (upstairs room).

Please sign up to ring at any of these locations.

(And we need a count for Wausau Mine as well)

Call Nancy at Parish Office at 715-352-3011

Or email:

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Here's your chance to give back!