

**Saint John the Baptist
Catholic School**

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Upcoming School/Parish Events

- December 6** - Moms and Dads Day Out
3:30 pm - 7:00 pm
- December 7** - 6th thru 8th grade Band Christmas Concert @ Public School @ 9AM
- December 8** - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 9** - Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- December 10** - Live Nativity @ Oak St. Park
- December 11** - Youth Night - Grades 5 and up
- December 17** - Christmas Program and Social
Held in St. John's Church @ 1pm
- December 20** - Christmas Caroling/Jesu Versperi
- December 22** - NO SCHOOL
Teacher In-Service
- December 25-January 1** - NO SCHOOL
- January 1** - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- January 2** - Classes Resumes

Jesu Vesperi

"Jesu Vesperi" is latin and is translated to "Evening with Jesus". Hosted by the Archangel Youth Group, we invite kids of all ages, parents included! You do not need to sign up, simply show up, have fun, and enjoy great fellowship!

Christmas Program

We will be having our Christmas program on December 17th. We invite all families and friends and grandparents to the program. Please make sure to see the Christmas Social Sign-up attached to the email.

Cold Weather

Wisconsin winter is in full swing with our latest snowfall. Please make sure to send your child(ren) with the appropriate weather gear: jackets, gloves, hats, boots and warm clothes. We have extra gloves and hats in the office if forgotten. If a student forgets their snow gear, they will not be able to play in the snow.

Seroogy's Candy Bar Sale

The end of the fundraiser is in sight! We have 230 candy bars left to be sold. That is 5 candy bars per family and we are sold out!!

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Moms & Dads Day Out

Parents - do you need an evening out? Date Night? For shopping? Or just need an extra break? Adults and high school youth will provide games, crafts, and food for your children while YOU enjoy an evening to yourselves. Please check out the flyer attached to the email.



NOVEMBER 3K NEWS

Our month began with a new skill...cutting with scissors. The children were pretty excited to be able to cut paper and worked really hard at it. Their first project was cutting strips of paper which were turned into the spots on their giraffe's made from the letter "G". They also fine tuned their gluing skills putting the spots on their giraffe's. Believe me, those spots are not going to fall off! Our little artists then added the eyes and mouth and the giraffes were proudly displayed in our room. I have included a picture for you to enjoy of the kids holding their "G" giraffe along with our stuffed classroom giraffes.

The children were also introduced to the fairy tale "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" which they really loved. We read it more than once since they liked it so much and they also enjoyed doing activities at playtime like a felt board story with Goldilocks and the Three Bears and also an activity where they had to put items according to size in three categories - large, medium, and small. These were items like the chairs, the bowls of porridge, the beds, etc. each in one of the three sizes. We even used big deep papa bear voices for the big items, mama bear sounding voices for the medium size items and wee baby bear voices for the small items.

Our next letter "H" centered around the word "hibernation." The children learned about some of the animals that are getting ready to hibernate for the winter. We fed a stuffed bear some pretend food getting ready for hibernation in a game we played. Our class also enjoyed the books "Old Bear" and "Hibernation Station". We even went on a fun bear hunt! Our week with the letter "H" was concluded with putting the stuffed bear in a cave made from cardboard and the kids glued cotton balls on top for snow. Our bear will be soundly sleeping in there until spring.

Another important event for this month was honoring our veterans. The children have been learning the Pledge of Allegiance and practiced some songs that they sang at the program with the other school children for our veterans. They worked very hard and had great enthusiasm with the songs! The children also had another opportunity to sharpen their scissor skills by cutting patriotic paper strips that were glued on hearts to look like the American flag that were made as a "thank you" poster for the veterans. They then finished off the poster with gold star stickers. I was very proud of them!

Our month of November then continued with learning about the first Thanksgiving and how the Pilgrims and Native Americans joined together to give thanks. We had lots of Thanksgiving activities that helped the children

learn their colors, their numbers and their letters. We did the Turkey Dance Freeze for some silly fun and talked a lot about what we are thankful for. We learned the letter "I" during this time and the children each held a tall wood block with the letter "I" on it and they completed the sentence "I am thankful for.....holding the block like a microphone. Many, many times when the children named what they were thankful for they would say their moms and dads or grandmas and grandpas...and even brothers and sisters were mentioned. We also had fun reading "The Great Turkey Race" and "Bear Says Thanks." The Gospel reading at Wednesday mass was about the story with the 10 lepers who were healed by Jesus and only one leper came back to thank Jesus. This became a beautiful lesson for the children to learn that we should always be thankful and also always say thank you.

Thank you to parents and families, Mrs. Halvorsen, teachers and staff, and Fr. Alan and parishioners for all your support to help us accomplish the mission for our school.



3K Students and their "G" Giraffes

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4 YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

November
newsletter



Hi Moms and Dads!

It was fun talking about being thankful and learning about our heroes. The Veterans really enjoyed our songs and we were happy to sing to them! Many of us are thankful for our family.

NOVEMBER NEWS

Veterans Program: We had so much fun with the program and still continue to sing a few of the songs.

Gym: We had Ms. Neider teach us and we started to practice dribbling basketballs.

Art: We created some angels that Mrs. Wierzba helped teach us about the choirs of angels. They sing to God and the Saints in Heaven.

Religion: This month we have been able to bring up gifts for Mass. We enjoyed being able to be a part of the Mass!



Reminders

Christmas Program and
Social 12/17

NO SCHOOL 12/22-1/1
Christmas Break



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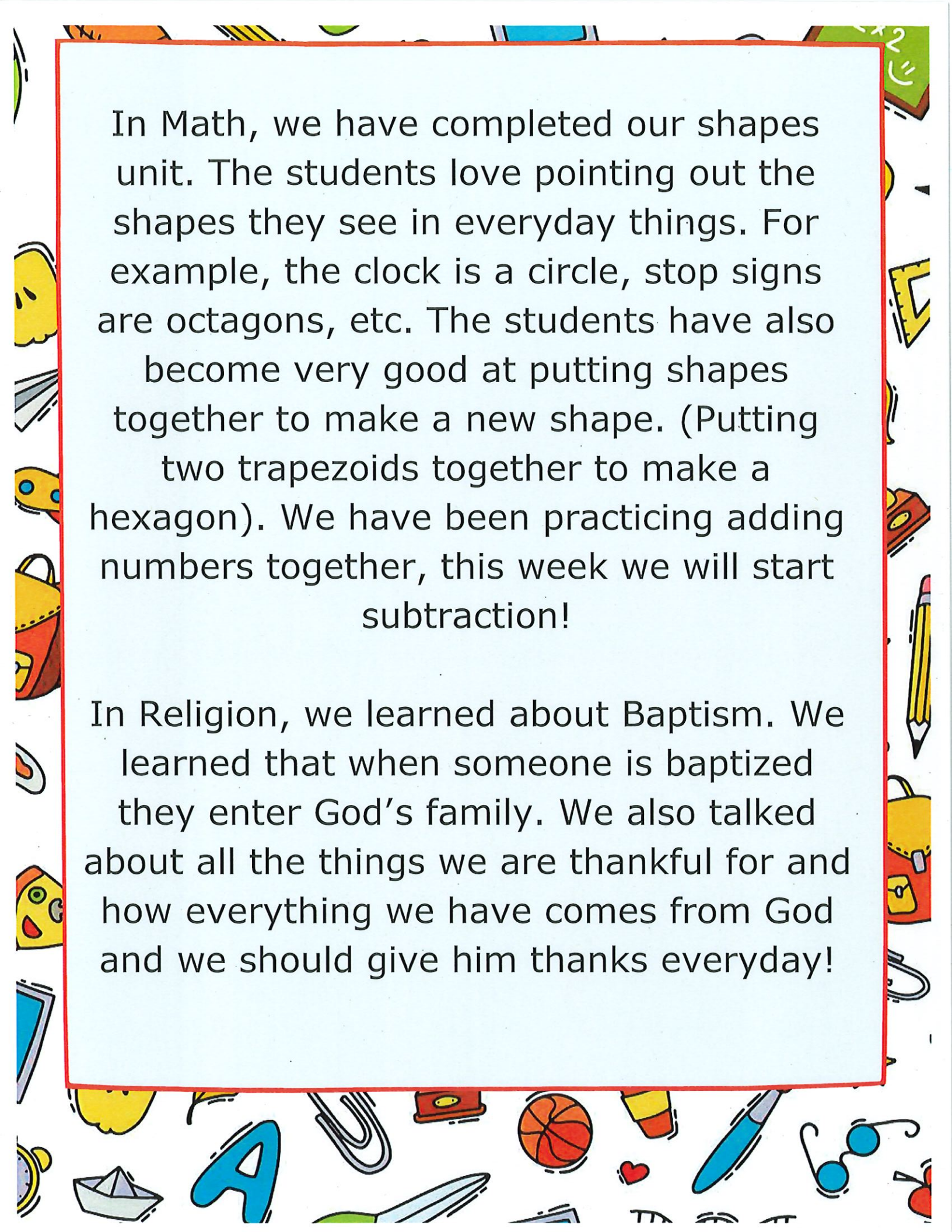




HELLO FROM KINDERGARTEN!

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving break! The kindergarten class made a list of everything they were thankful for. They came up with quite a few things! The kindergarteners have been helping the 4K students bring up the gifts in Mass. They seem to really enjoy helping the younger students!

In Reading, as we continue to meet new Superkids, we are reading about how the Superkids (we have already met) work together to solve problems! The students do a really great job blending sounds to read words!

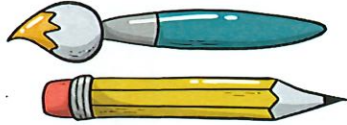


In Math, we have completed our shapes unit. The students love pointing out the shapes they see in everyday things. For example, the clock is a circle, stop signs are octagons, etc. The students have also become very good at putting shapes together to make a new shape. (Putting two trapezoids together to make a hexagon). We have been practicing adding numbers together, this week we will start subtraction!

In Religion, we learned about Baptism. We learned that when someone is baptized they enter God's family. We also talked about all the things we are thankful for and how everything we have comes from God and we should give him thanks everyday!







First Grade!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed the break! The first graders came back ready to learn! Before break they disguised turkeys so they wouldn't get eaten for Thanksgiving! They came up with some pretty creative disguises!

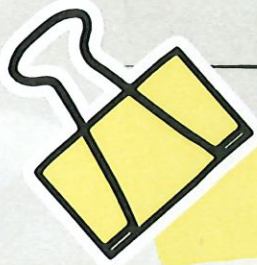
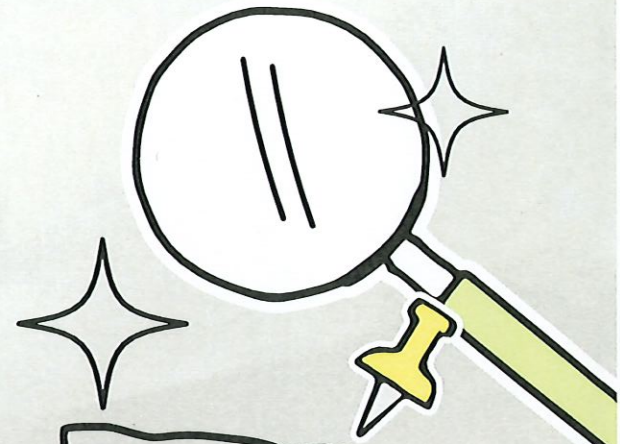
In Superkids, the students are learning about words that end in -er and -ed. They learned that when we add -er to the end of a verb or an action word that we change the word to one that's the name for a person who does that action. For example, help to helper. The students do a great job pointing these words out in their reading.

In Math, the students have been working on recognizing ten as a unit. They have learned that 10 ones makes a unit called ten. They also learned that a teen number is composed of a ten and some ones. They seemed to really enjoy using cubes to represent their 10 when showing a teen number! This week, we have started working on story problems with three addends!





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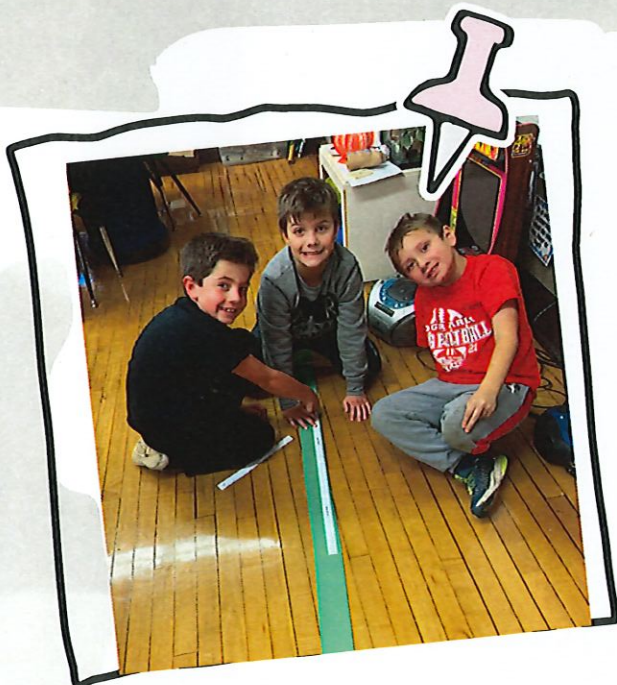
THIS MONTH IN GRADE 2

While November does not have a lot of days of school, they days were sure full! Our Veterans Day Program, beginning to practice Christmas Program songs, STAR Testing and our Saint of the Month party are a few of the things we managed to get in along with all of our “regular” activities. December is another month with not so many days, but we look forwards to being busy with Advent activities.



MEASURING UP!

In Math, we have been learning about measuring length. We started with straw pieces and discovered that having a standard unit of measurement is important. After that we used centimeter cubes and found that it is not so accurate for longer objects. Then we used rulers and meter sticks, making our measurements more accurate. Now we are exploring inches, feet, and yards, comparing them to the metric units. The photos show us using teamwork to measure strips of paper that represent the lengths of some larger reptiles.



TURKEY ESCAPE!

Grades One and Two received a mission: to disguise a turkey to help it escape the dinner table at Thanksgiving. We had many creative turkeys including Connor's fox, Adie's unicorn, James' American eagle, Klayton's Kansas City Chief, Max's hunter, and Cooper's LA Ram. We are happy to report that all of our turkeys made it through Thanksgiving!



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Along with learning and practicing our Veterans Day songs, we spent time reading lots of books including Twenty-one Steps about guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code about a Navajo code talker, and Rags: Hero Dog of WWI. Because we knew part of the presentation that the veterans were going to give would be about the Missing Man Table, we also read America's White Table to help us learn about the symbols of that beautiful tradition. The photo shows us with the Missing Man Table from the presentation.



BeAst

K-Grade 4 in our BeAst #beasaint t-shirts.



🦉 Grades 3&4 had many blessings throughout November.

Visiting the Graveyard of the Saints is a favorite way to start every November. Thank you to Mrs. Wozny and Grades 7/8 for teaching us more about Saints, our friends in Heaven! Then we continued to celebrate Saints with K, 1, and 2. We appreciated that Mrs. Werner shared some additional Saint themed prizes to add to what we had to choose from. It was an exciting afternoon of Saints Bingo :) Then over the next week or so, we took some time to color parts to assemble several batches of "turkeys" to give away. Thanks goes to the parish office and Grandma Grace for coordinating the delivery of our turkeys. 🦃

Blessed Chiara Badano was our Catholic Sprouts role model. The challenges for the month with Blessed Chiara were: learn and pray **Psalm 136:1-3**, attend a youth group, write a thank you note to Jesus, and hang a crucifix in your room. As we conclude Unit 3 of Our Life With Jesus Religion text, we are finishing up the 10 Commandments. At the same time, the Catholic Sprouts podcasts featuring the 10 Commandments were a perfect fit.

Math 3 is using place value understanding to add and subtract numbers within 1,000. From pronouns and on to verbs is where ELA 3/4 is at. The Southeast Region is up next for Social Studies. Lastly, with Reading, we are applying our grammar skills with activities to go along with Owls in the Family. Favorite seasons were the topic of poems, and we tried to avoid "said" as we got creative explaining what happened to Mr. Miller's hat.

🎵 All the St. John students did a marvelous job with the Veterans Day program, and we are on our way to performing a miracle...Miracle on Main Street, that is. The cast is hard at work learning their lines, and students have been showing great excitement for the songs! Thank you to staff and students for all the extra effort! 🎶 🌲 The lyrics will be memorized in no time with a bit of practice everyday. We're looking forward to a great program on December 17. 🌲 ❄️





BINGO 😊



Place Value Blocks!!



 **THANKFUL!** Thankful for our Vets;
 Thankful turkeys to share; Thankful for the
 Saints; Thankful for our **BEAST** shirts! 



As we conclude this month of remembrance, may we **still continue to pray** with fervor for the poor souls in purgatory. "According to tradition, Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would greatly ease the suffering of those holy souls in purgatory."

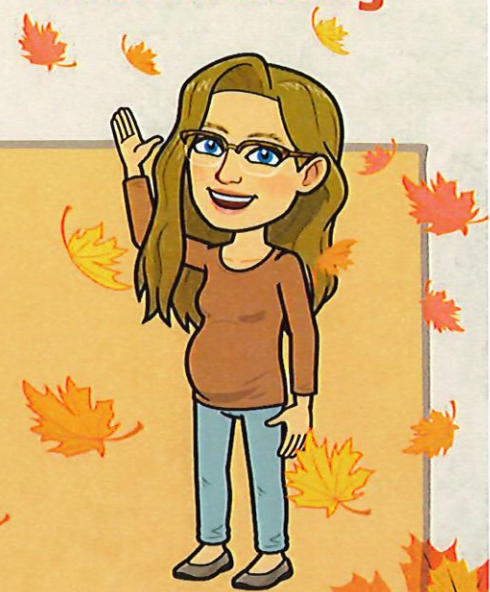
Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.
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Mrs. Michlig



5/6 RELIGION:

We have officially completed our study of Theology of the Body in religion class! The students enjoyed hands-on activities that help us explain creation and how we can view ourselves as gifts to the people and world around us.

We will be diving more into the Catholic Creed before Christmas break!

5 MATH:

In math we have been learning about multiplying and dividing fractions. We have used models and diagrams to prove and solve our answers.

5/6 ELA:

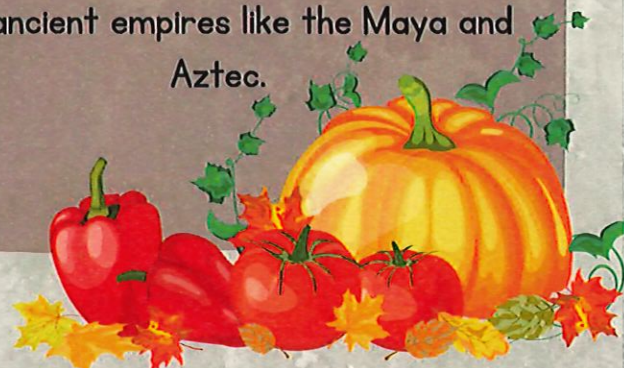
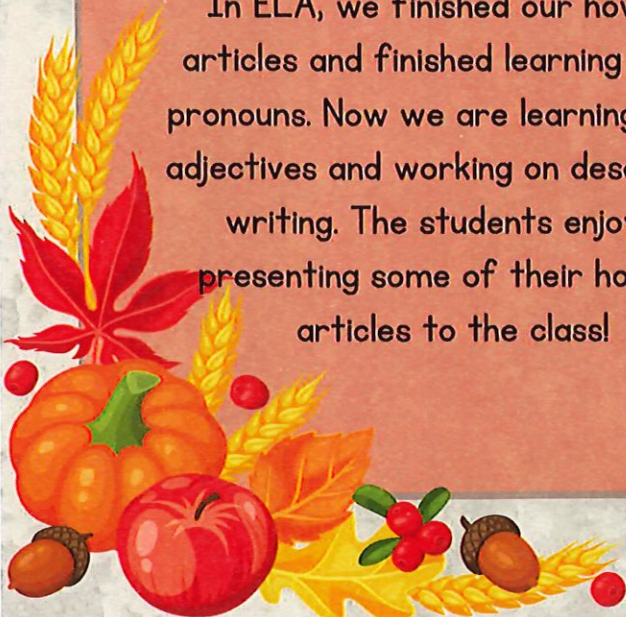
In ELA, we finished our how-to articles and finished learning about pronouns. Now we are learning about adjectives and working on descriptive writing. The students enjoyed presenting some of their how-to articles to the class!

5/6 SOCIAL STUDIES:

We have finished learning about the Ancient Greeks and Romans. We finished our unit on the ancient Romans by making Roman Emperor baseball cards! The students enjoyed learning about some famous Roman Emperors. We are now learning about the rise of the Christian Church.

7/8 GEOGRAPHY:

We are deep into our study of our topic 3, which is learning about Middle America and ancient empires like the Maya and Aztec.

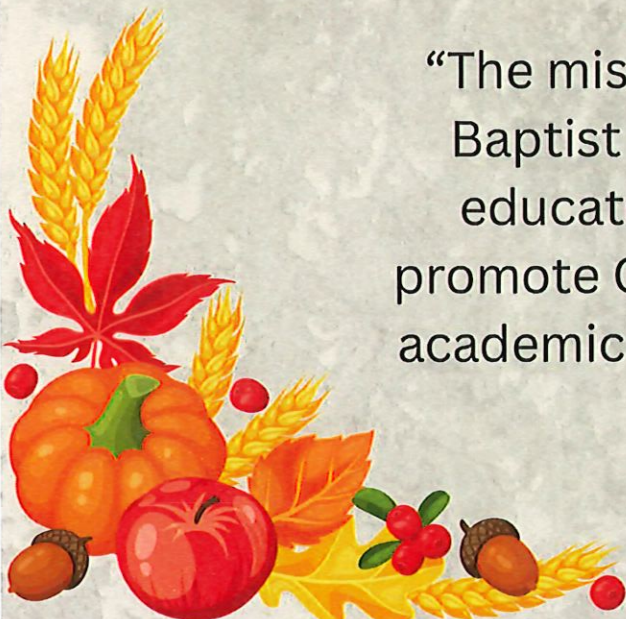




We had a fun time sharing our how-to articles in demonstration form! We had students make a smoothie and an apple pie for us to eat!



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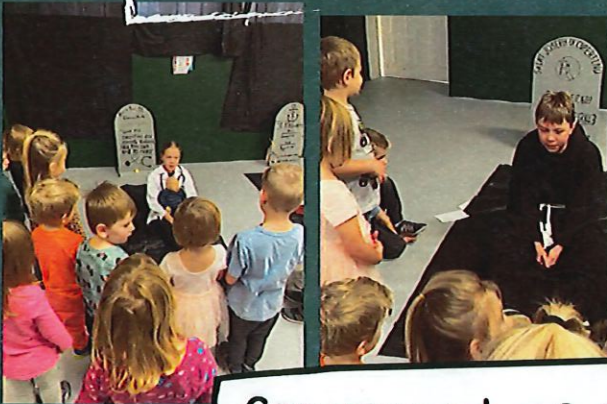


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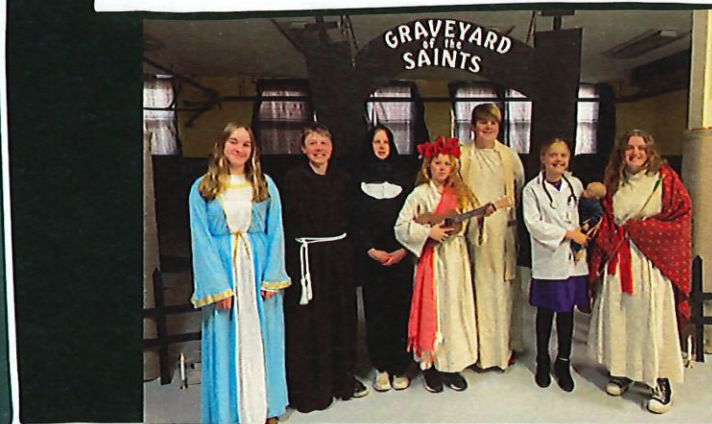


This Month In 7/8 Homeroom

The 7/8 grade students continue to work on leadership and positive attitudes during the month of November. With Veterans as role models at the Veterans Day assembly, the students witnessed qualities such as perseverance, loyalty, and commitment. Keep up the good work, students!



Graveyard of the Saints

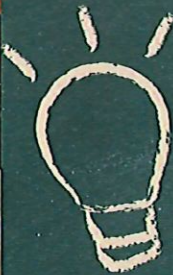
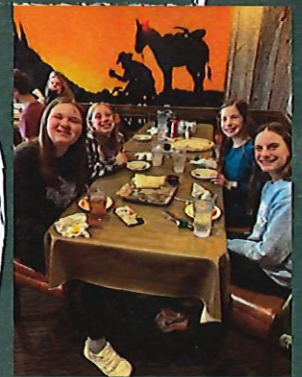


Upcoming School Activities

- St. Lucia's Day
- Christmas Program
- Saint of the Month

Middle School Subjects

Students continue to work hard in Math. Sixth graders have been learning about unit rates, 7th graders have been focusing on proportional relationships, and 8th graders are learning about linear relationships. All grades are brushing up on their computation skills using XtraMath. In Science, 5/6 grade students are learning about molecules, nanoscales, and chromatography. The 7/8 graders are finishing up the unit on plate boundaries and plate motion.



A Note From Ms. Wozny



What a great time we had at the Wausau West Planetarium! I would suggest going with your family, if you ever have a chance! Quiz Bowl practice continues as we march closer to the competition on January 10. Good luck, students!

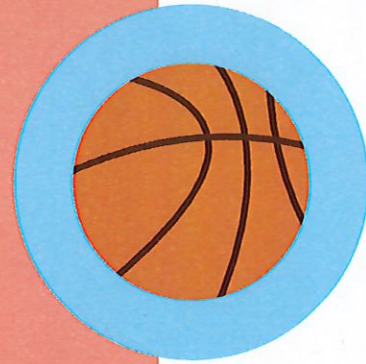
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We finished up our Volleyball Unit and have been diligently working on our basketball skills.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school has been working very hard to perfect their basketball skills.