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The Saint Michael Catholic School family is a Christ-centered community dedicated to the development of the spiritual formation, academic excellence, and stewardship within the framework of the Gospel and the Tradition of the Catholic Church.

A Note From Mrs. Ray, Principal

If you haven't been on a field trip with a school age kid lately you are really missing out. Yesterday, I had the pleasure of accompanying two of our 3rd grade students down to the capitol building so they could meet with Governor Heinemann for the signing of the Proclamation for Catholic Schools Week. I was thinking that it would be a pretty quiet ride. I was quite mistaken; I got a windfall of unsolicited information. The two started talking as soon as the seat belts in the car were snapped. I got the run down on everything from recently lost aunts and uncles and grandparents, -- and great-great-great grandparents too-- including what took them out of our world into heaven, to the fact that if you have a dog and it's ears stand straight up, it must be a German Shepherd. They talked in depth about their pets, but mostly about the ones that they used to have, not their current ones. Those made for better stories. One student talked about his Dad's gas station and how great the hot dogs are there. He tried to talk me into stopping there on the way back to school, going as far as to say that we could get a free one, but when we passed by, he said that his dad must have been at the bank. I told him maybe next time. These two kids are great conversationalists. When we got down to the capitol, they talked all the way in, even through the wind.

The event with the Governor was exciting for them. They got to sit at a big, fancy, wooden desk with nice cushy chairs and listen to the Proclamations that went before us. When it got to be our turn, they went up and did a fabulous job of standing by the Governor while the Proclamation of Catholic Schools Week was being explained. I was hoping that they would say something to him, but they must have run out of things to talk about. They did know his name; I prepped them for that one.

We capped off the visit with a trip up to the 14th floor of the building. They were a LOT worried about the elevator—it looked old-- and they thought we would get stuck up there. But we took our chances and rode it up, got out and walked around, and found out that you can no longer go out to the areas on the outside. On the way down, they were trying to figure out what the "m" meant that was labeled next to some of the floor levels in the elevator. One thought "mystery floor" the other said that they thought those floors were for "men only". But they surmised that that must not be true because there were 3 "m" floors and no "w" floors. We just let that one drop. The children were enchanting and I had so much fun getting to know them in this way, I wish I had the opportunity to do this with all of our students. We'll get there.

This field trip with two of our 3rd graders kicked off Catholic Schools Week for me, and we are all gearing up for it! Faith, Academics, and Service—this is our Catholic School Week theme for 2012. We have a full agenda planned for what I call "show and pray" week. It will be sent out on Friday. Please plan on joining us for any or all of the special masses, and for the special activities that we have going on for the week. Come pray with us during this very important week!

Blessings,

Denise Ray

School Notes:



Thank you, Thank you!!! We won a Smart board from the Hy-vee Smart board contest!!! It will be delivered sometime within the next two weeks. Many thanks to all who helped us grab one of the twenty boards that Hy-vee gave away in this contest. We already have a place picked out for it.

Band Rehearsal: The band concert rehearsals are at St. Joseph's Gym on January 25th 6-6:45 p.m. for 5th graders and 7-8 p.m. for 6th- 8th graders. Please have your children there on time.

• Band Concert will take place on Thursday, January 26th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph's School Gym. Students are to arrive by 6:45 p.m. Please mark your calendars!

We are asking all parents to please talk with your children about being respectful of school property. Regretfully we have found some damages in the gym. The calking in between the prefab wall slats is soft. We are beginning to see many holes being pressed into it. Thank you in advance for taking the time to talk with your children.

Preschool applications for the 2012-13 school year are now available at the school office. We will have three different sections that will be available.

- T-TH for 3 and 4 year olds from 12:30-3:30
- M-W-F for 4 and 5 year olds from 12:30-3:30
- Monday-Friday for 4 and 5 year olds from 8:30-11:30

There is a 50.00 application fee and the class size for each section is limited to 12. Please see Nikki at the front desk for an application or if you have further questions please call Denise Ray at the school or email her at denise-ray@cdolinc.net

Please note: The door that closes off the 4th – 6th grade wing now has an alarm that will activate if the push bar is pushed in. For those parent volunteers who come in on Sat. to clean, we can avoid this by opening up just the one door on the right from the back and leaving the other door (the one with the alarm) shut. This would mean that a person needs to go down the hall on the upper level towards the computer room, continue down the stairs by the computer room, and then down the 4-6 grade hall to open the door on the right from the back side. If for some reason the push bar gets pushed and the alarm activated, the only way to deactivate it is through a master key. Usually there is not anyone in the building with a master key, so we are trying to keep this from happening. If you have any questions please let us know.

The library is up and running very well! Please remind your students to look for overdue library books and bring them back on their assigned day, Starting Jan. 17th fines for overdue books will be assessed. For every day that the book is late it will be a \$.05 fine until the book is returned. Also, if the student has overdue books they will not be able to check out anything else during library time until the late books are brought back. Students may return books on any day of the week, it doesn't have to be their library day. Thank you for being book responsible.

- * The children will go outside when weather permits. Please dress your kids in warm coats, hats, mittens and so forth, and if you could also mark your items with initials so if they get misplaced we know who they could belong to.
- * If we have inclement weather please listen to what LPS does. If they close, we will also close. Cancellations will be announced after 7:00 a.m. on KFOR (1240 AM) and KLIN (1400 AM) radio. KOLN/KGINTV (Channels10/11) will broadcast school closings at 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and again at approximately 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

School Notes:

JA is still looking for volunteers to teach their program in our 1st & 2nd grades. Training is done one on one and takes about 45 minutes. If any parents would be interested in helping out with this very rewarding program please give Denise Ray a call at the school (402) 488-1313 or email her at denise-ray@cdolinc.net. Thank you for your time.

Support Villa Marie: Villa Marie School for Exceptional Children in Waverly (staffed by the Marian Sisters) is having their annual Dance and Raffle fundraiser on January 27th. Each year, all of our schools help to sell raffle tickets. We have 100 tickets available for sale in the School office. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Valentine's Dinner & Music: Pius X Vocal Music is hosting an evening of great food and special music, Sat, Feb 11, 2012 (6 pm, Social Hour; 7 pm, Prime Rib Dinner & Dessert); St. John's gym, 7601 Vine Street; \$40 per person or \$400 for a reserved table of 10. Proceeds support students' trip to New York City in April. RSVP to Cindy at cindy.wiebeck@hotmail.com or 402-304-2948 by Friday, February 3.

Thank you to all who supported and helped with the Village Inn pie card fundraiser. We raised \$213.50 for the teacher wish lists. We are appreciative of your generosity!

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half of its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! So far we have raised \$117.96. Each search donates \$.01 to St. Michael Church. If you have questions or need help signing up, please contact the school office.

How to SIGN-UP

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- Adding GoodSearch to your toolbar for your search engine allows St. Michael to receive extra dollars.
- Goodsearch is a faith based organization, therefore, safe for young adults.

Dates to Remember:

January 19th - Faculty Meeting, 1:45 dismissal, No uniform

- Report Cards go home

- School Family Association meeting, 7pm at St. Michael School

January 23rd - 5th Grade Special Mass

January 25th - 3rd Grade Special Mass

- Band practice at St. Joseph 5th grade-6:30-7:30 6th grade- 7:30-8:30

January 26th - 4th Grade Special Mass

- Band Concert 5th/6th grade-- at St. Joseph 7:00 students please wear your uniforms!

January 27th - 2nd Grade Special Mass

January 29th - Open house for CSW after 11am Mass from 12:00-1:00pm

January 29th - Feb 4th - CSW Theme is Catholic Schools ~~~~ Faith, Academics, Service

February 3rd - 1:45 dismissal, NO EXTENDED DAY AVAILABLE

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