

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

**WE INVITE OUR STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE A SOLID ACADEMIC FOUNDATION, ENLIVENED BY THE GOSPEL,
THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO BECOME PROBLEM-SOLVERS, COMMUNICATORS, AND CARETAKERS OF THE WORLD.**



FEBRUARY FAMILY BULLETIN



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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for all for your cooperation, flexibility, support, and generosity during our annual Catholic Schools Week festivities. The participation of our families and the performance of our students during the Catholic Schools Week Mass were nothing short of amazing. Thank you also to the Home and School Association for the wonderful social that followed Mass in the Dining Hall. We had a lot of fun celebrating our great Catholic school during the week but, it was most rewarding to witness our students living their faith by helping others through food pantry donations, nursing home visits, Coin Wars for Tuition Assistance, etc. I hope that all families truly enjoyed the week as we focused our attention on our faith, academics, and service.

Please keep in the back of your mind that March will bring us our final fundraisers of the school year. First, our annual Pizza Sale is set to kick off on Monday, March 5th. This will run through Tuesday, March 20th with delivery scheduled for Saturday, April 14th. We will also be holding our annual Book Fair from Monday, March 26th – Sunday, April 1st and our first ever **Home and School Spaghetti Dinner on the evening of Thursday, March 29th**. Thank you all in advance for your support and assistance with these important fundraisers!

May God continue to bless you and your family,

Mr. Jensen



SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL BAKE SALE

(BEFORE AND AFTER EACH MASS THIS WEEKEND)

FEBRUARY 11th and 12th

Saint Clement Round Up – Our annual invitation for next year’s incoming 4-K and new Kindergarten students to visit our school is scheduled for **Friday, February 24th** from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. We hope that all parish families with children in this age group will take advantage of this opportunity to see what our wonderful school has to offer. New Family Registration will be held during the week of February 27th – March 2nd. Please call the school office to RSVP or for more information.

Morning Drop-off Reminder - Those who will be drop their children off at school in the morning are asked to enter the back playground area from Cherry Street, drop their children off by the yellow slide, and exit onto Maple Street. If you need to park, please park on the West side of the parking lot by Best Western and walk your children into school using the playground entrance. **Please refrain from dropping children off at the front entrance of the school in the morning as this area is reserved for buses.** After school, parents are asked to pick children up at the front entrance of school. Please refrain from using the back playground area as this area will be reserved for the bus each afternoon. Thank you.

Spelling Bee Champions – We recently held our annual All-School Spelling Bee as part of our Catholic Schools Week activities. Teachers held individual classroom competitions to determine the top five spellers for the finals. Then, students in grades 1, 2, and 3 competed against their classmates to determine grade level champions. Congratulations to first grade winner – **Serena Bouzek**, second grade winner – **Rianna Straka**, and third grade winner – **Zachary Mendis!** Next, the top five students from grades 4, 5, and 6 all competed against each other with the top three finalists earning a chance to participate in the Area 5 Spelling Bee in Dodgeville this April. Congratulations to third place winner **Everett LaBudda**, second place winner **Evan Straka**, and our 2012 Saint Clement School Spelling Bee Champion – **Elizabeth Walker!**

Saint Clement School Blood Drive – Saint Clement School is working with the Red Cross to educate students and families about the importance of donating blood. We will be holding our annual Blood Drive on **Friday, February 17th** from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Saint Clement School Gymnasium. All students that recruit at least one person to give blood next Friday will receive a special watch from the Red Cross. We are looking for a few parents to help staff this important community service project. If you are available to help, please call the school or contact Lorrie Adams at school. Thank you for your support!

Saint Clement School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for earning a place on our prestigious Saint Clement School Honor Roll for the Second Quarter of the 2011-2012 school year:

High Honors:
(3.75 – 4.00)

Grade 5: Gracie Winter
Grade 6: Evan Straka

Honors:
(3.50 – 3.74)

Grade 5: Joey Recker
Grade 6: Austin Mumm

Honorable Mention:
(3.00 – 3.49)

Grade 5: Madelyn Adam, Everett LaBudda, Tanner Oyen,
Jenna Raisbeck
Grade 6: Shayanne Bainbridge, Devany Dreckman, Dalton Gardner,
Brandon Hoffman, Elizabeth Walker

Special recognition goes out to Gracie Winter for earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average for the second quarter!

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, February 17th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Coin War Results – I would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual Saint Clement School Coin Wars for Tuition Assistance during Catholic Schools Week. This was another wonderful opportunity to have fun while helping to ensure our great school is available to everyone. In fact, we raised **\$1,018.20** which almost covers one child's tuition for an entire year! I would also like to congratulate the 1st grade class for winning this year's competition and earning a pizza party for the entire class. Second place went to the 2nd graders and third place went to the Kindergarteners.

Family Luncheon & Talent Show – I would like to thank everyone who attended our annual Family Luncheon and Talent Show during Catholic Schools Week. It is because of the support of these great families that we have such a wonderful Catholic school! A special thank you goes out to Darrin and Sue Miles from the Lancaster Country Club for furnishing all of the delicious BBQ Pork and macaroni salad for the luncheon. We are also very proud of all the students who performed in this year's Talent Show! A special thank you goes out to Amy Dreckman, Nate Dreckman, Sue McLean, and Amara Hoffman for organizing this year's event. Also, thank you to Saint Clement graduates Tricia Petrowitz and Tony Craugh for volunteering to emcee for us.

Third Quarter Lunch Fees – Third quarter lunch fees are now past due. Please make checks payable to Saint Clement Hot Lunch. Regular lunch fees are **\$90.00** and reduced lunch fees are **\$18.00**. Thank you for taking care of this and any other past due fees as soon as possible! Also, if you would like to join your child for lunch, please let us know ahead of time and pay the small \$3.00 fee. The cooks would also like to thank everyone who attended the parent/grandparent lunch and for making it such a huge success. Thanks again for your support of our great hot lunch program!

Student Masses – Father Bill plans to schedule Mass for all students on Wednesdays. On the weeks that he is gone, Mass may be moved to Fridays. Please see the attached mass schedule:

All School Masses:

Wednesday, February 8, 2012	Weekday	Grade 3
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Weekday	Grade 2
Wednesday, February 22, 2012	Ash Wednesday	Staff
Wednesday, February 29, 2012	Lenten Weekday	Grade 6

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Winners – We would like to congratulate the top finishers at our annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest held at Saint Clement School on Saturday, January 14th: **Alex Schildgen, Dalton Gardner, Austin Mumm, Lauren Thole, and Brittany Stein**. Students who were eligible to advance then competed at the District Level here at Saint Clement on Saturday, January 28th. Congratulations to **Dalton Gardner** for winning again at this level and moving on to the Diocesan level of competition which will be held at Sauk City on Saturday, March 3rd.

Basketball News – Congratulations to the boys' and girls' basketball teams on an outstanding season! The girls played their final game of the season at the annual Mississippi River Valley Parochial League Tournament in Potosi last weekend. The boys won the regular season league championship and will be playing their final two games this coming Saturday and Sunday, also in Potosi. Thanks again to all of the players, coaches, parents, and fans for your dedication throughout this season!

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION SPAGHETTI DINNER
THURSDAY, MARCH 29th

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL ROUND-UP

(FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS ENTERING 4K OR KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR)

Friday, February 24th @ 9:30 a.m.

Great New Charitable Offer!!! – Brian and Sonya Kirsch, parents of Noah in second grade and Brianna in Kindergarten, have a great new offer to help raise money for our wonderful school. Ace Lending, LLC, Newline Realty, LLC & Access Title Company will graciously **donate 10% of all sales proceeds to Saint Clement School & Church**. The 10% will be earned by having current school and parish families using these services or by school and parish families referring customers to use these services. Customers using our services must mention this donation to us before the transaction is complete, in order for the donation to be made to Saint Clement.

Services are for Mortgage Lending (purchase & refinance mortgages) especially while interest rates are at all time record low, any Title & Escrow services that are required in a real estate transaction, and realty services for buying or selling a house. People can save money and help the school and church at the same time!

Scrip Notes – Thanks again to everyone that has been purchasing Scrip and encouraging family members, colleagues, friends, and others to also purchase Scrip. Please continue to support Saint Clement School and receive 1% off your tuition by purchasing Scrip certificates. If you are interested in your 1% tuition reduction amount through December 25th please give Carla a call in the office. Again, what better fundraiser could we have than Scrip? Saint Clement is profiting when you are spending money that you would already be spending!

Home & School News from Cari – It was great to see everyone attend the Sunday Mass for the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. I would also like to thank all those that participated and came to the after church social on Sunday the 29th. It was a well attended event and so glad to see the families of our students come together. Thank you to Missy Janssen whom organized it and Laurie Walker, Lynn Crooks, Deb Ihm and the rest of the Home and School committee for helping on Sunday. Check the news letter closely for upcoming events and have a great week one and all.

5th & 6th Grade Retreat – Saint Clement School students in Grades 5 & 6 will be going to Camp Gray again this year for an overnight retreat on **Monday, May 7th & Tuesday, May 8th**. All students are expected to participate as this is a part of our school learning and stewardship experience. Parents who also wish to attend are encouraged to go along as chaperones. Please let us know in the office if you are interested in going. Thanks again to the Home & School Association for covering half of the cost for this wonderful retreat. No money is needed now.

A Special Note To Those Who Volunteer at Saint Clement School – If you have not attended a Protecting God's Children session in the past and you volunteer with our kids in any way, such as centers helpers, field trip chaperones, drivers, etc. you NEED to attend one of these very important and pertinent informational sessions. Please contact Bill Manthe at 723-4990 to help with the on-line registration via the PGC website. Thank you!

Bake Sale – The families of Saint Clement School are asked to make some Valentines themed treats for our annual Bake Sale this weekend. You can bring the treats with you to whichever Mass you attend on **February 11th and 12th** or drop them off at school this Friday if you will be unable to attend. These items will be sold before and after all three Masses with all proceeds going to support our wonderful school. Also, please contact Roshini Mendis at fossilsr@chorus.net or 723-2367 if your family can help sell bake goods at one of the Masses this weekend.

February Dates to Remember:

4 th	- Basketball @ Ss. Andrew-Thomas, Potosi	14 th	- Valentine's Day
5 th	- Basketball @ Ss. Andrew-Thomas, Potosi	15 th	- Mass – 8:30 a.m. – Grade 2
7 th	- 6 th Grade CASH Ski Trip – Leave at 2:30	15 th	- DARE – Grade 5
8 th	- Mass – 8:30 a.m. – Grade 3	17 th	- School Blood Drive – 11:00 - 4:00
8 th	- Red Cross Pint Size Heroes Presentations	24 th	- 4K and Kindergarten Round-up – 9:30
8 th	- DARE – Grade 5	21 st	- Presidents' Day
11 th	- Basketball @ Ss. Andrew-Thomas, Potosi	22 nd	- Ash Wednesday Mass – 8:30 a.m. – Staff
12 th	- Basketball @ Ss. Andrew-Thomas, Potosi	29 th	- Mass – 8:30 a.m. – Grade 6

