

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.



NOVEMBER FAMILY BULLETIN



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Dear Saint Clement School Families,

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the school year has come and gone already. I have been very pleased with the way things have been going so far and have to thank our wonderful students, their dedicated parents, and our amazing staff for all of this. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community working together to live our faith here at Saint Clement. And, as we approach the time of year that focuses our attention on the things we are most thankful for, I realize just how blessed I am to have such a loving and supporting family!

We are pleased to announce that Saint Clement School will be making its annual Thanksgiving offering to the domestic abuse shelter in Dubuque through the Sisters of Saint Francis. Sister Carol and Sister Charla have indicated that the items they need the most this year include: Dish Soap, Liquid Hand Soap, Lysol Disinfectant Spray, Toothpaste, Shampoo or Money to buy SCRIP for the purchase of needed items. A more detailed list of "Wishes and Needs" and more information about the shelter can be found on their website at <http://www.dubuquey.org/dv/>. These donations will all be used to help support women and children who have been victims of domestic abuse in the tri-state area and we thank you all in advance for your support!

May God continue to bless you and your family,



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Safe Environment Week – Bishop Morlino has declared **November 6th – 13th** Safe Environment Week in the Diocese of Madison. Teachers will be presenting lessons to all students from the “Valuing God’s Gifts in Ourselves and Others” program during the month of November. A more detailed letter about the specifics of this program in each class has been sent home with each student. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or myself.

Police Pals – In addition to the Safe Environment lessons provided by the Diocese of Madison, we will also be hosting our Police Pals on **Monday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 8th**. This wonderful program has members of the Lancaster Police Department come in to talk to students in grades 4K-3 about how they can help keep us all safe. If there are specific topics that you would like them to discuss with the children, please let us know in the office.

Home and School Meeting – Our next Home and School meeting is **Monday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Everybody is encouraged to attend these important meetings as we make decisions about the daily operations and the future of our wonderful school.

Thanksgiving Offering – As I mentioned earlier, we will be making our annual Thanksgiving offering through the Sisters of Saint Francis to the Dubuque Community Y Domestic Violence Program. This year we are asking each family to bring in items from the following “Wish List of Very Needed Items” provided by Sister Charla and Sister Carol: **Dish Soap, Liquid Hand Soap, Lysol Disinfectant Spray, Toothpaste, Shampoo or Money to buy SCRIP for the purchase of needed items.** These donations will all go to support women and children who have been victims of domestic abuse in the tri-state area. Also, please take time as a family to discuss why it is important for us to participate in service projects such as this one and bring your donations to school by **Thursday, November 17th**.

Parent - Teacher Conferences – As I mentioned earlier, the first quarter ended on November 1st. That means we will be conducting Parent – Teacher Conferences just as they have been in the past. They will be held on the evening of **Thursday, November 17th** from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. and during the morning of **Friday, November 18th** from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Please return your conference preference forms to school by Tuesday, November 8th and thank you for your support!

A&W Night – Josh Burr, owner and operator of A&W Family Restaurant, has invited us back for an easy opportunity to raise money for our wonderful school. On **Tuesday, November 22nd, 2011** we will hold our Saint Clement Family Night at A&W. Josh has agreed to give the school a share of all sales, including carry-out orders, from **5:00 – 9:00 p.m.** There will be a special guest appearance from the A&W Bear! So, take a night off from cooking and bring the family out to the A&W for some good food, good fun, and an easy opportunity to raise money for our wonderful school.

Flu Shots – Our school nurse, Heather Grandgenett, will be administering free flu shots to all students who wish to receive them on Tuesday, November 29th. Please fill out the parent consent form and return it to school by Monday, November 28th if you would like your child to receive a flu shot.

Saint Clement School Clothing Sale – We are taking our annual orders for Saint Clement School and Saint Clement Basketball apparel. Order forms will be sent home and e-mailed very soon as these items make great Christmas gifts and show support for our wonderful school. We will not be placing another order until this same time next year so, be sure to place your order now! Spread the word to friends and family, fill out the order form and return it to the office with your payment by **Tuesday, November 15th**!

Second Quarter Lunch Fees – Just a reminder that second quarter lunch fees are due to the cooks. They are **\$90.00** for regular fees or **\$18.00** for reduced price lunches. Milk tickets are \$5.00 for 20 cartons. Thank you for taking care of this as soon as possible!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE A&W Tuesday, November 22nd from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, November 17th & Friday, November 18th

Raffle Calendars – Have you sold all of your raffle calendars yet? Please remember that we are asking everyone to have their slips and money turned in by **Thursday, December 1st**. If you are having difficulty selling all of your calendars please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you to Bennett's Auto Clinic!!! – Saint Clement School has also received a **\$500** grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program to support the school's math and science programs. Don & Michelle Bennett of Bennett's Auto Clinic worked to help secure the grant and have also volunteered to take care of our snow plowing needs at school. Please be sure to stop by Bennett's and thank them for their generosity and support of our wonderful school!

Cough Drops and Other Meds – We are more than happy to help administer cough drops to your children at school if necessary. However, we also ask that you help explain to your children that cough drops are only to be taken when needed. Some students think that they “need” a cough drop simply because another student in their class has one. Our Family Handbook states, “Non-prescription medication, including cough drops, will be administered at school only by the principal, the secretary, or classroom teacher. If your child will need medication at school, please bring the medication to the office in its original container, clearly marked with your child's name. A **PARENT/GUARDIAN MEDICATION CONSENT FORM** must be submitted to the office.” These forms are available on the school web site and in the office.

Holiday Bazaar – Home and School is sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar to be held in the school gym and cafeteria on **Saturday, November 12 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** Any vendors are welcome to bring and share their wares. Everyone is invited to attend for that early Christmas shopping opportunity. All vendors are confident that products will be delivered well in time for Christmas. Please contact Jenny Oyen 732-4829 or Sara Bahl with any questions.

Aluminum Can Collection – This month's Can Collection will be held on **Thursday, November 17th**. Aluminum cans may be deposited in the recycling bin by the dumpster behind school. Please spread the word so friends and family can help our wonderful school by donating their cans any time off the day. The money we raise goes to support a child in Guatemala and keeps our field trip costs to a minimum for all school families.

Campbell's Labels, Boxtops for Education, and Milk Jug Caps – Campbell's product labels (with bar codes), Vlassic and Prego product lids, General Mills “Boxtops for Education” coupons, Swiss Valley milk and juice bottle tops, and Kwik Trip “Milk Moola” milk and juice jug caps and bag tops, can all be saved to support our school. Please spread the word and send these items to school with your children as often as possible.

GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com – To date, Saint Clement School has raised **\$849.25** from supporters using GoodSearch.com to do internet searches and GoodShop.com to do their online shopping. Simply go to goodsearch.com and enter St Clement School - Lancaster as your designated cause. This is a great way to earn money for the school while doing your Christmas shopping on-line!

Basketball News – The basketball season is here! The boys and girls have been practicing hard for their first home game of the year this **Sunday, November 6th vs. HG-IC**. Come on out and show your support as our boys play at 12:00 noon followed by our girls at 1:00 p.m. and our 4th grade scrimmage at 2:00 p.m. I would like to extend a special thank you to this year's coaches: Nate Dreckman, Mark Schwab, Dick Becker, Jason Kenney, Bart Straka, Courtney Mumm, Ashley Adams, and Arin Crooks. We also appreciate the parents helping out during the basketball season by serving on this year's Athletic Board: Al and Judy Mumm, Scott and Tonya Bainbridge, Kevin and Cheryl Raisbeck, & Pat and Jenny Oyen. And, thank you to our volunteer referees: Steve Esser and Brian Kirsch!

Cheerleading – This year's Saint Clement Cheerleading Squad includes Lexi Bahl, Shayanne Bainbridge, Jenna Raisbeck, and Cara Schwantes. We are very fortunate to have these girls cheer at all home basketball games this season under the direction of Coach Sara Bahl!

SAINT CLEMENT HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 12th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**HAVE YOU SOLD ALL YOUR RAFFLE CALENDARS YET?
PLEASE TURN THEM INTO THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

Home & School News from Cari – The next Home & School Meeting will be **Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Saint Clement Cafeteria. We would like to encourage all to attend these meetings. They are an easy way to become involved with your children's school plus get to know other families. This month we will be discussing future fund raisers and how they fit with the mission of our school. Changes could be made involving which fund raisers we do. If you have any ideas in this regards be sure to attend this meeting in November.

Also, Saturday, November 12th from 8:00am to 1:00pm the Home and School Committee will be hosting a Holiday Vendor Bazaar. You can come and get all your Christmas shopping done in a few short hours. We will be hosting vendors and local businesses with products from crafts, to cookware, power shakes, candles, photography, clothing and accessories and many, many more. Concessions will be available and we NEED volunteers to help make the day run smoothly. A sign up went out for volunteers, please complete and return if you are available to help! Contact the office or call one of the home and school officers soon!

Also, please continue to sell your calendars. Return your stubs and checks to the school by December 1st so we can get an idea of how many are left to sell.

Lastly, we are still working on getting the mentor program going. Will try and get names and families matched up soon. Thanks for your patience.

Scrip Notes – Ready or not...here come the holidays! We will be ordering Scrip more often during November and December but please contact the school office as soon as possible if you know what you'll need for certificates. Remember to think Scrip when doing all your holiday shopping! Also, due to increased demand we now have **\$25 iTunes** cards in inventory. Please let us know if there are other SCRIP cards that you would like us to keep in inventory.

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 or we may schedule a Prayer Service. Please see the attached mass schedule:

All School Masses:

Tuesday, November 1 st	All Saints - Solemnity	Staff
Wednesday, November 9 th	Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica	Grade 3
Wednesday, November 16 th	Saint Margaret of Scotland	Grade 6
Wednesday, November 23 rd	Thanksgiving Prayer Service in the Gym	Grade 5
Wednesday, November 30 th	Saint Andrew, Apostle	Grade 4

ITBS Testing – The Iowa Test of basic Skills has been given in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. We will have the results to share with you at parent – teacher conferences. A special “THANK YOU” goes out to Sister Angeline for administering make-up tests for all students needing them!

Christmas Program – This year's Christmas program will be held on **Friday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m.** Please mark your calendars now and spread the word to friends and family as we hope to see you all there. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of our outstanding music program.

Fall Festival Baskets – Our classroom baskets brought in a total of **\$960** for the church at the Fall Festival Silent Auction. The 4K Fun-4-Kids Basket sold for \$137, Kindergarten's Gift Wrapping Basket sold for \$77, First Grade's Cooking and Baking Baskets - \$83 and \$65, Second Grade's Fall Baskets - \$83 and \$65, Third Grade's Boys and Girls Baskets - \$68 and \$77, Fourth Grade's Game Time Basket - \$116, Fifth Grade's Movie Night Basket - \$83, and Sixth Grade's Art Baskets - \$59 and \$47. Thank you to all of our school families for your continued support of our parish!

**SAINT CLEMENT CLOTHING ORDERS
DUE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th**

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23rd @ 8:15 in the Gym

(OFFERING ITEMS ARE DUE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th)

First Sunday of Advent – Sunday, November 27th marks the first day of the liturgical year and, this year, we will also begin to use a revised translation of the prayers we say at Mass. Generally, the revised translations in the new Roman Missal will be much closer to the Latin text than what we have been using and they show that the words we use for prayer have their roots in Scripture. Change is never easy but, if we understand why change is made, we can be more open to it and embrace this opportunity to grow in our faith. The Education Commission will be organizing a social gathering in the vestibule behind church following all Masses during the weekend of November 26th and 27th. We are also encouraging everyone to attend Mass this weekend and to invite another individual or family to join them. Perhaps this simple invitation will help others to better understand the changes to the Mass and renew help renew their commitment to our beautiful faith.

November Dates to Remember

6 th – 13 th	Safe Environment Week	18 th	Parent Teacher Conferences, 8:30-11:00
6 th	Daylight Savings Time Ends	18 th	No School
6 th	Basketball Home vs. HG-IC	20 th	Basketball @ Cuba City
7 th	Police Pals (1-12:30, 2-1:00, 3-1:45)	22 nd	Family Night @ A&W, 5:00 – 9:00
7 th	Police Pals (4K-8:30, K-8:45)	23 rd	Thanksgiving Prayer Service in Gym
11 th	Early Release, 11:30	23 rd	Feast Day of Saint Clement
12 th	St. Clement Holiday Bazaar, 8:00-1:00	24 th	No School – Thanksgiving Break
12 th	Father Greg Ihm’s Birthday	25 th	No School – Thanksgiving Break
13 th	Basketball @ Platteville	27 th	First Sunday of Advent (New Missal)
14 th	Home & School Meeting, 6:30	27 th	No Basketball Games
17 th	Thanksgiving Donations Due		
17 th	Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00	Dec. 9 th	Christmas Program @ 6:30
17 th	Aluminum Can Collection Day		

Student Spotlight...Accelerated Reading Success!!! – Each month we like to showcase examples of what students have been doing at Saint Clement School. This month we would like to congratulate all of the students in grades 3 – 6 for their outstanding effort in our Accelerated Reader Program. As a result of all their hard work and dedication to reading, all of the following students have reached their goal for the first quarter: Hunter Abing, Warren Adam, Madilynn Bainbridge, Kaden Crapp, Katie Doll, Allison Dreckman, Emma Esser, Quentin Fritz, Lukas Howard, Ross Howard, Rhyann Luckey, Zachary Mendis, Isaac Oyen, Paige Pluemer, Cole Raisbeck, Sam Schaffer, Halie Schwab, Alexia Winter, Brooklyn Connelly, Mason Crooks, Matthew Crosby, Kellen Kenney, Ian Martin, Kenny NeCollins, Anna Pratt, Logan Schneider, Brook Schwab, Caden Straka, Haley Timmerman, Erin Walker, Alexa Weber, Madelyn Adam, Katie Martin, Tanner Oyen, Jenna Raisbeck, Joey Recker, Gracie Winter, Cole Zenz, Lexi Bahl, Shay Bainbridge, Devany Dreckman, Dalton Gardner, Brandon Hoffman, Liam Kenney, Austin Mumm, Jenna Reynolds, Cara Schwantes, Evan Straka, and Liz Walker.

FREE FLU SHOTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Tuesday, November 29th