

St. Ann School

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Wednesday Memo

Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM

Total for 20 Lunches for Jan. : \$58.00

Monday, Jan. 27	Macaroni and Cheese	
Supervision	Balthazor, Ross	
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Hard or Soft Beef Tacos	
Supervision	Schipper, Balthazor	
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Creamy Turkey Gravy & Mashed Potatoes	
Supervision	NEEDED, NEEDED	
Thursday, Jan. 30	Hamburger or Cheeseburger	
Supervision	Ellison, NEEDED	
Friday, Jan. 31	Subs (Lunch served at 10:45 AM)	
Supervision	Royko, Nelson	

Msgr. Healy Catholic

Educational Scholarship

St. Ann School provides its students with a holistic education through a curriculum that encompasses the vision and values of a Christian community. Applications are currently being accepted for St. Ann Catholic School's 2014-2015 school year. The Msgr. Healy Catholic Educational Scholarship is now available to help defray next year's tuition expenses while attending St. Ann Catholic School. For more information, please contact school principal, Joan Leonard at 873-3343. Application deadline is 3:00 PM on February 28, 2014.

KEVA Field Trip

Reminder to all parents grade K-8, permission form and waivers for our All-School field trip on Friday, January 31 to Keva are due now. If you have not returned these forms to school, please do so as soon as possible.



Last chance to order is this Thursday! January has two free items with every purchase. A 2014 Eat Well Calendar and a GoGo SqueeZ Applesauce Pouch! All orders need to be placed by Thursday 1/23. Paper orders need to be turned into the Market Day Box outside the teacher's lounge by 3:00 PM and on line orders at marketday.com placed by 11:00 PM. Pick-up is in the gym on Monday January 27 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Please contact me if you will have any problems with picking up your order. The freezer space is very limited. Koreen Kuhn at 712-4126 or jhkuhn@charter.net.

Reminder....Please sell your Spaghetti Dinner Basket Raffle Tickets!!!

The Basket Raffle drawing is fast approaching! We want to remind everyone to get out there and sell your raffle tickets. The child that sells the most tickets in each grade will receive 2 free books of tickets to be entered in the basket drawing of their choice!! The child that sells the most iPad Air Raffle tickets will also receive a free entry in the iPad drawing! (This prize will be awarded to only one child in the school.) Additional tickets are available in the school office. Please return your ticket stubs and money to the office, in an envelope, labeled with your child's name and grade to be counted in the contest. All tickets must be returned by 3:00 PM, Thursday, January 30 to be counted in the contest. Winners will receive their tickets on Friday, January 31.

Thanks for your support!

The Spaghetti Dinner Committee



Our current total

collected is \$1,452.41. Thank you for your continued support and generosity towards this mission.



Principal's Corner

In Memory

As I did my classroom visitations last week, I stopped into a number of classrooms to observe the students discussing the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., whose life we celebrated on Monday, January 20. The students were reading about, listening to and writing about how Martin Luther King, Jr helped the people of America. The stories and video clips shared about him spoke of King's belief in justice, peace and freedom for all people.

As I sat and listened to the classroom discussions and read the Grade Two "Peace" poems on the bulletin board, a special poem written by a former student of mine came to mind. I share this poem with you today, hoping that the life and beliefs of Martin Luther King, Jr. continue to challenge us to live a life of love, peace and justice for all.

~ Joan Leonard

In Memory

It took a wise man to dream big,
To dream great,
To talk of peace, brotherhood and love when all around was hate.
It took a strong man
To stand tall,
To speak of liberty and justice and dignity for all.
He saw a great county with some growing still to do.
He dreamed of a better world where freedom could ring true.
And so today we'll gather for a birthday celebration
For a man who sought to change the mind and heart of a nation.
Of liberty and brotherhood and peace today we'll sing.
As we celebrate the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.
(Erika Northrup)

Gathering Table Program

The Gathering Table is a new endeavor in Stoughton serving a free meal the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the Senior Center from 5:30-6:30 PM. ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME. No signups, no qualifications, just show up! Our goal is to provide a helping hand and to enhance our overall sense of community not only for those who show up for the meal, but also for the volunteers and the City of Stoughton as a whole. The next meal will be February 3, which is our first Pizza and Sub night, with all food being donated by local pizza and sub shops. Any questions, please contact Larry Eifert at 206-1178. Hope to see you there!

It's a CLASS ACT

News from the Art Room and from the Gym by Mrs. Jamison

Remember to have your child(ren) show you their art work on display on the night of the Spaghetti Dinner. As always, it should be a very colorful art show.

Something new this year; after art projects are on display in the halls of the school, I am storing them in the art room until the end of the school year when your child will be bringing home a portfolio of all their completed art projects.

If for some reason you need a specific piece beforehand, please, just ask.

P.E. and art time allows me to get to know your children on a unique level. I get the chance to engage with them in a way that I could never do with my own three children, just because I am not their parent. So, this got me thinking...

10 QUESTIONS TO GET YOUR KIDS TALKING MORE

At the end of the school day, you ask your child how their day was and the response is a perfunctory, "Good." You press for more information and the response is, "I can't remember anything." Sound familiar? Here are 10 questions to get your kids talking more:

1. What was the funniest thing you heard all day?
2. What was your favorite thing that happened today?
3. Did your teacher laugh today? What happened?
4. What lesson was most interesting?
5. Was anyone away today? Did it make the day different?
6. What happened today that you wish didn't happen?
7. What did you enjoy most for lunch today?
8. Did anyone do something nice for you today?
9. Did you do something nice back?
10. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

10 OTHER QUESTIONS TO ENGAGE YOUR KIDS IN HELPING THEM MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS SO YOU CAN STOP DOING THIS FOR THEM

When your kids are happy and life is good, the above questions will work like a charm, the conversation will flow easily. But what about those times when life throws them curve balls? Here's another set of questions to practice using to help them help themselves when difficult situations arise:

1. What would you like to focus on today?
2. How can you word that idea more specifically?
3. How can you word that goal using positive language?
4. What's working well for you at the moment?
5. What's not working well at the moment?
6. What are you afraid of or worried about?
7. What do you think you should do first?
8. Can you think of anything that would stop you from doing it?
9. What do you sense God is telling you?
10. If you had 50% more confidence, what would you do differently?

Go ahead and ask away, but most important, remember to listen to their answers.

It's a CLASS ACT

Learning History through Online Resources By Mrs. Grutzner

The seventh and eighth graders are currently using a program called Cicero History for their social studies class. This online program focuses on key historical events of the United States. Currently, the content is used in a two year cycle. One year we focus on the Industrial Revolution, the Progressive Era, analyzing police force and street gangs of the late 1900's, and delving into the life of Theodore Roosevelt. The next year we start at WWI and go until current day. Students use online resources to do their homework, which usually involves reading about key people of that time period, analyzing why an event happened, and grasping the key elements of that event.

This year we started with WWI. Students began looking into Woodrow Wilson's 14 point speech and the need for the League of Nations. They also researched and presented about important battles of WWI that the United States was involved in. From there, the students have created presentations that show inventions of the 1920's, studied gangsters of that same time period, and written scripts for the attack on Pearl Harbor. They have also made timelines for the Battles of the Pacific in WWII and worked in groups to create a newspaper about the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

This online resource helps students make connections from the past to current day. I get excited when I have a student ask if the League of Nations is the same as the United Nations. I love it when I hear them talking about whether we should have joined WWI. I think it is great when they get animated in their discussions about certain battles and decisions that our government made during WWII. Next, it has been insightful for my students to see that Japan had a bigger role in WWII than many people realize. Most believe it was just a battle with Germany. Finally, they always want to know who won the war, and they are learning that no one really wins a war based on casualties and costs.



A Prayer of Reparation on January 22

The Catholic bishops of the United States have designated January 22 as a special day of prayer and penance in reparation for the massive killing that has resulted from the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision (handed down January 22, 1973) which permitted abortion throughout pregnancy.

God and Father of Life,
You have created every human person,
And have opened the way for each to have eternal life.

We live in the shadow of death.
Tens of millions of your children have been killed
because of the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

Father, have mercy on us.
Heal our land
And accept our offering of prayer and penance.
In your love for us,
Turn back the scourge of abortion.

May each of us exult in hearts full of hope
And hands full of mercy
And work together to build a culture of life.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.