

# St. Ann School

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# Wednesday Memo

**Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM**

**Total for 20 Lunches for October: \$55.00**

<b>Monday, Oct. 13</b>	<b>Rotini with Meatsauce</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Pigarelli, Milbrath</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 14</b>	<b>Grilled BBQ Chicken and</b>
	<b>Mashed Potatoes</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Hellenbrand, Royko</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 15</b>	<b>Hot Ham &amp; Cheese</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Pedersen, McCoy</b>
<b>Thursday, Oct. 16</b>	<b>Chicken Nuggets</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Bailey, Roose</b>
<b>Friday, Oct. 17</b>	<b>Sloppy Joes</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>McCormick, Matheny</b>

## Parent Teacher Conferences, Oct. 21 & 22

Your conference request form went home in your family envelope today. **Please return your request on or before MONDAY, Oct. 13 so that we can get schedules out to you by the 15th.**



## Ultrazone Night for St. Ann School Sponsored by St. Ann Home & School

**Thursday, Oct. 23, 6-9 PM**

**\$15 admission or \$20 admission and 2 pieces of pizza. See sign-up form in your family envelope this Wednesday.**



The next Scrip order will be processed on Monday, October 13.

All **paper orders** must be to the school office no later than **3 PM**

and all **online orders** must be completed no later than **4 PM on the 13<sup>th</sup>**. For your convenience, you may also email or text your order to Diane Neumeyer at [neumeyerdiane@yahoo.com](mailto:neumeyerdiane@yahoo.com) or (608) 235-3274. Any recurring orders for the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month will be included in this order. Thank you for supporting the St. Ann Scrip Program! To date, a profit of over \$641 has been raised for Home & School.



## Living Rosary

St. Ann Students will participate in the Living Rosary on Thursday, October 9 at 10:30 AM in the church. Your child may bring a rosary to school, if they have not already done so.

**Don't Forget:** There will be no school only for St. Ann School students on **Friday, October 10**. Please mark your calendar. Teachers will be attending the Catholic Educators Convention in Milwaukee.



## Grandparents/Special Person Day

**Friday, November 7**

The invitation for Grandparents/Special Person day was sent home today in your family envelope. Please read over the invitation and RSVP no later than Wednesday, October 29. We look forward to spending time with the special people in your child's life. We will be sending home a request for food donations also. Please be sure to look over the sign up on Sign-up Genius to see what items we will need for the day. The Sign-Up Genius link will be emailed to you. Thank you!



# Principal's Corner

## Forgiveness

I have to admit; sometimes it's really, really hard not to roll my eyes at God's timing. In all fairness, I'm sure God has done the same to me over and over. I'm convinced last Sunday's Gospel message was aimed directly at me. We heard the parable of the land owner who sent out his servants to collect the produce that was owed. When approached, instead of paying, the tenants murdered the servants. Eventually, the land owner, instead of sending his army, sent his son to collect and, unfortunately, the tenants murdered him as well. It was a poignant reminder of God's love for us, and Father Randy's message was a good one: We must all act with the same compassion and forgiveness that God gives to us.

As adults, we might think this most applies to our kids – that we need to teach them how to forgive; however, I have to admit often times it's not the kids who need to be taught compassion and forgiveness. Our kids have an amazing ability to seek that which is good and to forgive. Often times, a simple "I'm sorry," followed by a "You're forgiven," is all it takes for kids to be friends again. We parents expect that from our kids and spend much of our time telling our kids that just as Jesus forgives our sins so must we forgive others. Thus, in all honesty, the Gospel last Sunday was not speaking to our kids; it was a direct proclamation to adults. When we tell our children that they need to forgive the mistakes of their peers, we must also choose to forgive. I have had to do this myself. Not too long ago one of my sons told me of an incident involving another student who humiliated him in front of a group. As I tried to explain to him that he has to be hopeful that eventually this person will change, the "Mama Bear" in me wanted to protect my son and verbally attack the kid who made him so upset. It took a lot of praying and self-talk to convince myself that the best message I could give my son was to be hopeful and compassionate, but then I had to model that same behavior myself. In doing so, he was able to "let go" and know that he was a better person for it. As Jesus tells us in Luke 17: "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, 'I am sorry,' you should forgive him." Let's continue to model Jesus' message in our daily lives so that our children may see forgiveness in action and not just in words.

~ Mrs. Roisum

## Home & School Association Steering Committee Meeting

**Thurs. 10/09/2014 – 6:30 p.m. Healy Hall**



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The second Home & School steering committee meeting will take place in Healy Hall at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9. The committee meets the second Thursday of every month and all families are invited to attend or submit agenda/topic items for discussion by this committee by sending them to Lynn Wood ([lwood@wcgpr.com](mailto:lwood@wcgpr.com)) or Kari Fernholz ([karifernholz@gmail.com](mailto:karifernholz@gmail.com)).

## Spirit wear order – Friday, Oct. 10

An order for St. Ann School logo wear will be placed this Friday, Oct. 10. If you would like to purchase any youth or adult items and have not already submitted your order, please put your order form and payment in the folder in the office by the end of the day on Thursday. Order forms can be found on the school website or by following this link [http://www.stanns-school.org/Newsletters/SAS\\_LogoWearOrder\\_2014\\_2015.pdf](http://www.stanns-school.org/Newsletters/SAS_LogoWearOrder_2014_2015.pdf). If you have questions, please contact Lynn Wood at [lwood@wcgpr.com](mailto:lwood@wcgpr.com). The next order will be in late November.

# It's a CLASS ACT

## A little bit of Mrs. Talbert in my life; a little bit of Mrs. Talbert sure is nice...

Welcome back, St. Ann's Families. It's wonderful to be back in the classroom this year. Although I am not outside at recess this year, I am enjoying so many of your children in the variety of classes I'm teaching!

The third grade math class is progressing well. We are still reviewing the key concepts from last year and solidifying our basic math facts. I think the kids enjoy coming downstairs to the "big kids' classroom."

In fourth grade religion class, we started the year talking about our Christian responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation. We are collecting money for our friends in Haiti who attend the School of the Two Mangoes. We will exchange letters with these students one or two times this year and send our classroom collection for them to buy items and food for the school. Each student also spiritually adopted a seminarian from the Diocese of Madison for the school year, and we are waiting for our first email responses from these young men. Our in-class discussions have been wonderful so far and the children seem to love participating in our Monday Bible Studies.

The seventh and eighth graders are *busy*! We have been analyzing a variety of texts, including the Gospel of John, and placing them into an historical context. Ask the kids what a New Historicist is – they are in training this year! In language arts, we are continuously reviewing the parts of speech and focusing on using more figurative language in everyday writing. Our next field trip will be our day spent together at Holy Hill National Shrine of Mary (near Milwaukee) October 30. We will tour the grounds, participate in Mass, and have lunch before heading back to Stoughton.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me and set up an appointment. I'm available most mornings before or after school to discuss a student's progress or parental concerns. I look forward to seeing everyone at conferences!

~ Mrs. Talbert

## Middle School Math Classes

Last Spring I didn't think I would be here teaching math, but God had other plans and as usual, His plans are a huge blessing. I am so happy to be back with the students this year. They brighten my days!

Because math can get a little dry at times (don't tell the students I said that, please!), we do our best to make math class lively. So far this year we have tried some interactive ways to learn. Just last week, we made human parallel lines, right angles, acute angles and more by forming our bodies into some interesting looking concoctions. We then went outside with our clipboards to find these math concepts in architecture and nature.

Kids love to be fed, so we used Skittles to learn probability and to make a percentage graph. We also threw in the game of *Twister* when talking about probability. Nested Tupperware containers came in handy to teach about sets of numbers. I think they totally get that now! Yay! *Fraction Pictionary* was fun, as was playing coordinate number *Battleship*! And, of course we have our ever popular math raps and videos. Sometimes on Mondays, we just need to get moving!

Your children are a joy to work with. Thank you for sending them to St. Ann's!

~Mrs. Kleitsch

## Our Faith Stories

*Featuring Travis Gille and Julie Buffington*

We are so happy to once again provide a night of faith sharing and witnessing! This time our gathering will be on a Sunday night so that all those with weekday obligations are able to attend. Please come to hear St. Ann parishioners Travis Gille and Julie Buffington share how important God is in their day-to-day life! We keep packing **Healy Hall**, so know that you will be in for an inspiring, wonderful evening! Come grow in your faith on **Sunday, October 19th at 6:30 pm.**



# Spotlight on New Staff

## Welcome, Miss Gilbert

My name is Alivia Gilbert, and I am the new Spanish and Technology teacher. In May, I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with degrees in Spanish Education (K-12) and Political Science. I grew up in a small town near Sheboygan, WI, and have been living in Madison for the past five years. In my free time I love to be with friends and family, go biking and running, cheer on the Packers and the Badgers, and be outside (except when it's cold!). I am excited to be beginning my first school year as a teacher, and feel fortunate to be doing that at St. Ann School!



## Welcome, Mrs. Brennan

Traci Brennan lives in the country, just outside of Orfordville. She moved to Wisconsin last year with her family from the busy Chicago suburbs. So, yes, she is a Bears fan! Traci graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a degree in Elementary Education. After teaching for a few years in Illinois and in New Jersey, she and her husband, John, started their family with Graham, who is now 18, and Hannah, who will be 16 on New Year's Day. Traci has also been a dance teacher and choreographer for the past 25+ years and has owned a dance studio where she taught children and adults of all ages. She and her husband have also had a photography business (that's what John does!) for the past 11 years. Traci is so excited to finally be back in the classroom doing what she loves most, teaching.

## 7/8th Grade Carnival

Last Thursday and Friday, our 7/8th grade students and Miss Demeter held a mini-carnival for the school students for the benefit of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Students in grades K-8 participated in games and activities. There were ping-pong ball tosses, bean bag tosses, ring tosses, minute-to-win-it games and basketball, as well as delicious baked treats for sale. The students had a great time as well as helping children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Their total income from the carnival was \$618.42. This donation will help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital continue its lifesaving mission of finding cures and saving children. St. Jude founder Danny Thomas believed that "no child should die in the dawn of life," and our donations help bring them closer to the day when every precious life can be saved.

### How do your donations help?

Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food – because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.

Because the majority of St. Jude funding comes from individual contributors, they have the freedom to focus on what matters most – saving kids regardless of their financial situation.

