



St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

SAINT ANN SCHOOL
— putting faith in education —

1/13/16



Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive no later than 11:15 AM (11:00 AM if possible).

Total for 18 Lunches for January: \$53.10

Monday, Jan. 18	No School
Tuesday, Jan. 19	Teriyaki Chicken
Supervision	DiBenedetto
Wednesday, Jan. 20	Hamburger Gravy and Mashed Potatoes
Supervision	DiBenedetto
Thursday, Jan. 21	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
Supervision	Scott
Friday, Jan. 22	11:00 AM Early Release Day

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th 7pm-9pm

St. Ann's School Gym

Popcorn & drinks will be provided
Feel free to bring a pillow or wear your pj's

"Big Hero 6" (PG)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact: Joan McCormick (jrmccormick1@yahoo.com), Judy Apel or Lisa Howard.

Spaghetti Dinner Basket Raffle



The Basket Raffle Content list was emailed to you this week. If you need a hard copy, there are copies in the brochure rack outside of the school office or you can contact the school office and we will send one home.

St. Ann School Drama Club

St. Ann School Drama Club is proud to present *Seussical, Jr.*, as this year's musical.

Permission forms to participate for students in Grades 4-8 will be coming home soon. Our lead director will once again be the wonderfully talented DeeDee Bouzek. Our high school directors who will be helping DeeDee are Connor Roisum, Emalyn Bauer, Gabe Ross, Isaac Eugster, Kira Fields, Ellie Trotter, and Madelyn Falk. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact Diane Neumeyer



(neumeyerdiane@yahoo.com) or Jennifer Unitan (jenniferunitan@gmail.com).



School Closures

As a reminder, we will follow the Stoughton Area School District's decisions regarding school closure due to inclement weather. Please listen to your local TV or radio station for closure information due to snow and wind chill advisories.

We will email you if school is closed **during** the school day. PLEASE discuss with your child an **emergency plan** in the rare case that school is closed **during** the school day.

Outdoor Recess Policy

Also, in regards to outdoor recess, students will go out at recess unless temperatures are below 0 degrees actual temperature or wind chill factor.

4K

St. Ann 4K Open House

St. Ann School will be holding a 4K Open House on Tuesday, January 19, 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the PK Room. The 4K Program is sponsored by the Stoughton Area School District. Classes will meet Monday-Thursday, with an additional Friday once a month, from 12:00-3:00 PM with a religion option from 3:00-3:20 PM. Students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2016 in order to be eligible to participate in 4K. If you or anyone you know might be interested in having their child attend 4K at St. Ann School or would like more information, we welcome you to our St. Ann 4K Open House or you may call the school office. District-wide registration for 4K will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM at Sandhill Elementary School.



Principal's Corner

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope everyone enjoyed their break and found time to be together and experience the peace of Christ's presence. Happily, I managed to find lots of time to relax and just BE which so rarely happens anymore. When I was younger and just married, and coincidentally prior to children, I used to have a lot more quiet time, but too often I spent those moments dwelling on my plans and wants rather than on spiritually connecting to God. Nowadays, I spend a lot of time seeking and relishing my "God moments," and I have a tendency of looking back and reflecting on all those times God made himself present both during difficult as well as joyous occasions. There was the Christmas Eve just after I was married when I stopped at my mom's house for a visit. I remember that peaceful evening of just her and me enjoying a cozy fire, sipping tea, and laughing and bonding. There was also the very frightful time when as a teenager I made the mistake of leaving my friends to swim out after my raft that had gotten away from me. At one point I had grown so exhausted that I stopped swimming and thought I was going to drown. Instead of panicking, I felt God's comfort and assurance before one of my friends grabbed me from his raft and pulled me out of the water.

Perhaps because I have actively sought to find God and to open myself to those moments as they happen, rather than look at them in retrospect, I am feeling them more often. Last week at our morning staff prayer gathering, I told the staff that this was my hope for the New Year: that they may find more opportunities to open their hearts and experience those moments of God's total presence. If you have found those moments already, then you know what they feel like. The following paragraph, by William Blazek, SJ, appeared in the Washington Post several years ago. This resonates with me because it encompasses not only the emotion of feeling God's presence, but also the sensation:

That ordinary morning, on a plunging high-speed run through Foggy Bottom, three stops north of the Pentagon, but before the Red Line transfer at Metro Center, the engines wound up like turbines on a tarmac, and for a moment the car seemed to rocket towards someplace beyond the limits of space. Then, in a special way, at some ear-popping depth beneath the Potomac River, God washed right over me. Hidden below the pilings and culverts, the mains and conduits whose tangles sustain the Capitol above, I rested in his love. He poured through me like an endorphin rush that crescendoed as the train sped along carrying its cargo of God's people to their unique and personal destinies that day. Arriving near my clinic, I took another escalator to the surface and went about my work.

My hope extends to all of you as well as your children: that you may be ever-aware of God's infinite love and presence in each of your lives.

~ Kara Roisum



Please consider attending the next 'Our Faith Stories' featuring Doug and Mary Crandall Sunday, January 17th, 6:30 pm in Healy Hall.

When Doug was asked if there may be a 'theme' to their talk, he told said..."Pray for the answer, but you still aren't taking it with you". Doug and Mary have a beautiful story of not only extreme faith, but also of Christian generosity and love. Mary was an organ donor, which required much prayer and discernment. More recently, Doug and Mary experienced an unexpected death in their family. Please come to hear how trust and faith in God helps lead them through the path of life.