



St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

SAINT ANN SCHOOL
— putting faith in education —

11/9/16



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

Total for 18 Lunches for November: \$53.10

Monday, Nov. 14 Supervision	Chicken Nuggets M. Clark
Tuesday, Nov. 15 Supervision	Beef Burritos Shumate-Olson
Wednesday, Nov. 16 Supervision	Grilled Chicken Sandwich Hanson
Thursday, Nov. 17 Supervision	Spaghetti and Meatballs Thompson
Friday, Nov. 18 Supervision	Hawaiian Ham Sandwich Wiese

National Vocation Awareness Week



Vocation Prayer

Loving God, You speak to us and nourish us through the life of the Church Community.

In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your Spirit to us so that men and women among us, young and old, respond to your call to service and leadership in the Church.

We pray especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, or brother.

May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service. Amen

Tutoring Services Available

Mrs. Kathleen Korab has been a reading specialist and tutor for 38 years. She is available for private tutoring in reading. If you would like information on how to contact Mrs. Korab, please call the school office.

Home and School volunteer opportunities available!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to help make our school a better place for our kids! This is a quick note to let you know that there are still some opportunities left for those looking for ways to help. Several committees are still looking for members, Spaghetti Dinner and the Adult Fundraiser still need "day of" volunteers, and a lunch duty or two may have opened up. In particular the Spiritual Committee, which coordinates the Camp Grey activity night/lock-in and the end of year picnic/Mass, is in serious need.

Please check Sign-up Genius or contact Russ Horton (russ@uwalumni.com) if you have any questions.

Safe Environment Lessons

Next week, students in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade will participate in the Safe Environment Program for children. You will receive a letter today by email from Mrs. Roisum explaining this program and a letter from your child's teacher in their backpack with grade specific details about the program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office or your child's teacher.

HOLIDAY GIFT FAIR

NOVEMBER 12
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

NOVEMBER 13
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ST. ANN'S GYM
324 N. HARRISON ST
STOUGHTON

Funds benefit St. Ann's Youth Ministries:
"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Discovery Toys
Honey related products
Wine Bottle Lights
Pottery
Mary Kay Cosmetics
Watkins
Lulu Avenue
Wild Tree
Hand Crafted Soap
Knit/Sewn items
LulaRoe
Mary & Martha
Usborne Books
Scentsy
Pet related items
Silk & dried flowers
Ornaments & Suncatchers
Pampered Chef
CINNAMON ROLLS, BAKED GOODS, SANDWICHES, CHIPS

Hand made jewelry
Jamberry Nails
Stella & Dot
Tupperware
Yar Mixer
Paparazzi
African Straw Baskets
Origami Owl
Cold Canyon Candles
Perfectly Posh
Cardigans
Sweatshirts
Norwegian donuts/lefsa
Raffle Drawing Sunday at 12:30



Principal's Corner

Way back when I was still a computer teacher, I had my 2nd graders create a slideshow entitled, “Life Lessons.” It was based upon their experiences, offering “words of wisdom” to their audience. I’ll never forget the one child who created a very detailed picture, along with the caption, “I learned that if you don’t pay taxes, the IRS will come and take your stuff.” Yikes! Right then I realized how much our kids listen to their parents and mimic the things they hear when adults forget to filter their words.

By the time you read this, the election will be over, and the long awaited anticipation as to whom will lead our country come January will have been announced. I, for one, am glad to finally see some kind of resolution to what has been one of the most heated and controversial campaigns in my lifetime. I understand how passions can run high, and I don’t pretend to be better than anyone else. Although I constantly strive to treat my neighbor with compassion even when we disagree, there are one or two “hot button” items on my list that have a tendency to trigger my anger and frustration. It’s during those arguments that I find myself hitting below the belt and using a tone that I work so hard to otherwise squelch. It has taken much prayer and effort, but for the most part, I have learned to step back when moments become too intense and try to make peace or simply “agree to disagree.” Unfortunately, for the most part, our kids are not old enough to have developed the wisdom and maturity to know when to walk away from an argument or to desist when names are called or their friends are insulted. In addition, as my story illustrates, they also don’t understand the privacy of a conversation that takes place at home and often times will mimic their parents’ words or things they hear on social media outlets.

This was just the case last week when I had to have a very serious discussion with a group of students after word reached me about an ongoing political argument that had reached such intensity that several students were heard yelling in the hallway while parishioners were on their way to a funeral luncheon. In addition, remarks were made that were personally offensive to some of our students and their families. I spent a straight 25 minutes reprimanding the group and reminding the kids what we are about at St. Ann’s. I think it also important as the election process comes to a close, to emphasize the same thing at home tonight. Please remind them, in short, that we are a Catholic community who strives to live as Jesus taught us. That means that our mission is to love one another, especially those we think are undeserving of that love. In so doing, we recognize that ALL of us make mistakes, but we work together to develop peaceful resolutions and compromises even if it’s not to our benefit.

Please, PLEASE talk to your children and remind them of what is most important in living a life in Christ. The challenges they will be facing as they grow are going to be that much more complex, and I firmly believe that ultimately it will be the recognition of our differences that will bring about peace. As I told the kids, my job is to love every one of them, and someday if I am blessed to see Jesus and am asked, “What did you do for the least of my brothers?” I will be able to honestly answer that I tried as hard as I could to fulfill Christ’s challenge to love my neighbor as myself.

~Mrs. Roisum



St. Ann Knights of Columbus are collecting coats for kids.

If you have a gently used coat, hats or mittens/gloves, please consider donating them to our KC drive which ends Dec. 5. The KCs will arrange for the items to be cleaned and they will go to Stoughton area kids.