



St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

SAINT ANN SCHOOL
— putting faith in education —

02/07/18



Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive no later than 11:10 AM (10:55 AM if possible).
Total for 18 Lunches for February: \$53.10.

Monday, Feb. 12	Salisbury Steak
Supervision	Gjermo
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Nacho Grande
Supervision	Gjermo
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Mac & Cheese
Supervision	Shumate-Olson
Thursday, Feb. 15	Pizza Dippers
Supervision	Nemeckay
Friday, Feb. 16	Grilled Cheese & Soup
Supervision	Schafer

Salad Bar included with hot lunch.
Salad Bar costs \$1.75 for cold lunch students.

Save the Date March 23, 2018



St. Ann's Helping Hands and the American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at St. Ann's on Friday, March 23, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. in Healy Hall. Please consider donating. Blood donations are always needed for others in need.



Middle School Lock In February 22-23

In your family envelope today, please find a permission form for students in grades 6-8 for the Middle School Lock-In on February 22-23. Students attending the lock-in should arrive to St. Ann's at 8:00 p.m. on the 22nd and be picked up by parents no later than 7:00 a.m. on the 23rd.



Snacks and breakfast will be provided. Students should plan to stay up all night, or feel free to bring a pillow and blanket if sleep is needed. The night will include many team-building activities as well as Adoration.

Need a Date Night?

Making plans for Valentine's Day? Need a babysitter? If so, you are in luck. The St. Ann School 8th graders are offering babysitting in the school gym on Friday, February 9, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Cost for this service is \$20 per child or \$40 per family. There will be games, as well as a movie and popcorn. For more information, please contact Lisa Clark at 877-4344. All funds raised will help support the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., in March.

Babysitting



8th Grade Bake Sale

The 8th graders will be hosting a bake sale after Masses the weekend of February 10 and 11. Please stop by after Mass to purchase some yummy treats. Families of 8th graders, please be sure to sign up on Sign Up Genius for bringing treats or to help with sales.



Parent/Teacher Conferences February 20 and 21

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, and Wednesday, February 21. Parents of students in grades K-5 are encouraged to schedule a conference with your child/ren's homeroom teacher/s. Middle school teachers will reach out to parents of students with academic concerns about scheduling a conference; however, if a parent of a middle school student does not hear from a teacher and would still like a conference, he/she may request one. A conference request form is included in your family envelope today.



Parent-Teacher Conferences



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Principal's Corner

Kids and Faith

Each year, I am fortunate enough to receive an extra dose of spiritual awakening, first through the activities and community of Catholic Schools Week and then the amazing evangelization of teens and young adults at Frassati Fest at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells during the weekend. Admittedly, I come out of these experiences completely exhausted, but there is so much insight and value that I gain from both.

Catholic Schools Week was an absolute riot. From the kick-off Mass and Peace Games, celebrating the upcoming Olympics, to the Religion Bee Kahoot! Games, and, finally, the celebratory mass and reception, and culminating Spaghetti Dinner Friday evening, Catholic Schools Week is a time to show our church and community all that makes St. Ann's an amazing place for our kids. As I sigh a huge, "Whew!" I am unbelievably grateful to the countless number of volunteers who pulled it together, especially my staff who sessioned during their "free" time to plan all the fun activities. Be sure to visit our school Facebook page to see some of the highlights.

Right after my dinner Friday, I headed off to the Kalahari for Frassati. This is an incredible opportunity for high school students to have fun, listen to important topics on their faith, and connect with other teens throughout the Diocese. Numerous friendships have come out of Frassati that are often nurtured through other Diocesan-sponsored events, such as Love Begins Here. I have attended many Frassati Fests, and although the list of things I enjoy is great, in particular, I look forward to Adoration as well as the leader breakout session. This year's topic was on ways to engage middle schoolers in their faith, and I thought the ideas expressed were not only helpful to the leaders but to parents of kids all ages; therefore, I am sharing them with you:

1. More than anything, our kids need to understand that heaven is a place of celebration and that it is our goal to live a life in such a way that we are paving a pathway to get there; therefore, choices we make and friends with whom we choose to surround ourselves must also seek that end goal for us.
2. As adults, we need to transform prayer for our children. Being in union with Jesus means being in a relationship, and prayer is the most valuable way to develop that friendship with God.
3. Our kids absolutely **MUST** participate in the Mass WEEKLY. Regular attendance at Mass gives our kids the opportunity to receive the Eucharist and to cultivate that friendship with Christ.
4. And finally, we need to help our kids find deeper meaning in Sacred Scripture. Kids, especially teens, often complain that God is not talking to them. The Bible IS his continued conversation with us.

With Lent quickly approaching, I am planning on activities and discussions with my staff about how we can nurture our students' love and friendship with Christ. My hope is that in helping our kids develop this deeper relationship, we as adults will also find inspiration to continue our own faith journey.

Kara Roisum, Principal