

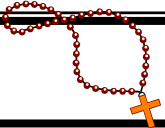
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ST. FRANCIS OF THE LAKES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2012



Letter from the Principal

Well, winter finally arrived! As always, we are blessed in many ways and always have a great deal going on with the children at St. Francis. **Registration continues** for next year so call today about the child in your life. Give the gift of Catholic education!

Our **Family Fun Dance** is on Fri., Feb. 3rd from 5-8pm at the school. There is a spaghetti dinner from 5-6 and a dance / games from 6-8. Tickets at the door are \$8 for dinner & dance, \$3 dance only. We have a DJ, Wii, karaoke, games in the gym, door prizes, cake walk, and concessions. Our theme this year is Hawaiian.

Star students Try harder, Act Christ-like, & are Responsible & Respectful.



Congrats to our STAR Students for January: K—Andrew B. 1—Anika A. 2—Emily C. 3—Max O. 4—Malia H. 5—Olivia H. 6,7,8—Kristin R.

Catholic United Financial Raffle—This fundraiser runs through Feb. 24. School goal: \$42,000, stretch goal \$45,000. Tickets are \$5. We had 5 winners last year. This year's prizes are listed on page 4. Call today to purchase yours!

Students in Mrs. Turner's language arts classes participated in 2 essay contests. Sixth graders entered the VFW Auxiliary's annual contest. The topic "My Hero and Why." **Congratulations to Ben K. for earning 2nd place and Maddie B. for earning 3rd place.** Seventh & eighth graders participated in the Elk's Lodge annual contest. The topic was "Why I Am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag". **Congratulations to Theo K. for his 3rd place win and Josh V. for earning 2nd place.**

Fish Fries begin Friday, February 24th! Fridays during Lent (Feb. 24—March 30), Fish Fries take place at St. Francis Church from 4:30-7pm. Students host and families pitch in to serve up a great meal with a community-feel! \$8 adult, \$5 child. Volunteer to help or c'mon over to eat!



Every blessing to you all,
Deb Euteneuer

St. Francis of the Lakes
Catholic School Principal



Applause, Giving Tree, Volunteer Needs



Kaleidoscope Club thanks Morgan L. for the treats and fingernail polish. Also, a HUGE thank you to the mystery family (ies) for the "Christmas Jar." Your generosity is appreciated.



Kaleidoscope Club needs watercolor paints, bingo prizes, and colored hair spray for Wacky Hair days.

Please contact Ms. Cori Wrobel if you can volunteer for the Ice Fishing Extravaganza on Feb. 11th!

Please call 829-2344 if you can volunteer at our Fish Fries (Fridays during Lent starting Feb 24th.)



Please call Heidi to volunteer for the book fair Jan. 30—Feb. 3rd. We also need help to set up on Friday, Jan. 27th and take down on Friday Feb. 3rd after school.

Mrs. E is seeking a volunteer to vacuum the library and computer lab once per week. It will take about 2 hours per week. Please talk with Mrs. E. if you can help.



Kaleidoscope Care needs volunteers for ice skating. We will be skating at Gregory Park every Friday in Feb. (except Feb. 3) at approx. 4:00 pm. Volunteers would be helping tie skates.

In 9 hours of bell-ringing, we brought in \$329.14 for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.



Thank you to all!



*Dear Students and Staff,
Thank you very much for all the gifts you sent to Birthright at Christmastime! With your generous donations, we will be able to help lots of moms who need things for their babies. We are very grateful to all of you for giving to Birthright! Wishing all of you at St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School a happy and successful 2012!*

*Birhtright
Volunteers*



Middle School Focus — 6-8th Grade



Middle school is such a critical learning time for adolescents. In addition to daily religion, service projects, weekly mass and clergy visits, our students meet stringent academic standards led by licensed, skilled teachers.

In sixth grade, in World History, we are learning about the Middle Ages in Europe. So far we have studied ancient civilizations including Egypt, Greece, Persia, Rome, and China.

In seventh and eighth grade, in Civics, we are discussing public opinion and how it is formed, and the media and how it shapes public opinion. Earlier, we studied the National Government and the different branches.

In seventh grade, in Math, we completed a chapter on inequalities and circumference. Next, we will study ratios, proportions, and percentages.

We are offering a middle school **Honors Math Program**. Each grade is scheduled for Math at the same time each day. Students who excel can advance into a higher grade during the scheduled math time. Currently, several students are working on High School Geometry, High School Algebra & Pre-Algebra. Also, students can take a remedial math course. Instructors ensure each student is progressing and learning at a level that is suitable to their needs. We use the same curriculum as the Brainerd public school, so our students are well prepared to enter their public school when they graduate from St. Francis.

We are planning an 8th grade graduation trip to Washington, DC from May 19 to May 23rd. Six 8th graders, along with Mr. Binsfeld, Father Tony and other chaperones, will travel to DC and visit landmarks such as the Capitol, White House, various museums & memorials, The Smithsonian, and cathedrals.





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Mission Statement

St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School, in cooperation with the family, is committed to challenging preschool through 8th grade students to grow spiritually, academically and socially within a Catholic-centered environment.

www.stfranciscatholicsschool.org

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 3 — Family Fun Dance, 5-8pm, at the school. Tickets available at the door, dinner is optional. All are welcome for this fun event.

Feb. 6 — Home & School Assoc. (HASA) board mtg., 5:15pm, conference room, open to all

Feb. 8 — Mass, 10am, St. Francis Church, Early Out 12:50pm

Feb 11 — Ice Fishing Extravaganza, see Ms. Wrobel to volunteer

Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 — Mass, 10am, St. Francis Church

Feb. 21 — School Board meeting, 5:30pm, conference room

Feb. 22 — Ash Wednesday, Mass, 10am, St. Francis Church

Feb. 22—April 4 — Penny Competition

Feb. 24 — Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm, St. Francis Church social hall, Kindergarten & 6th grade families are hosting, all are welcome, \$8 adult, \$5 child

Feb. 29 — Mass, 10am, St. Francis Church

March 2 — Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm, St. Francis Church social hall, 2nd & 6th grade families are hosting, all are welcome. \$8 adult, \$5 child



Catholic United Financial Raffle Basics



Tickets = \$5. Sales = until 2/24. Goal = \$42,000. 100% of sales = directly to the school. We had 5 winners last year!

Prizes: \$25,000 or Ford Escape, (2) Carnival cruises, (6) iPads, (8) Kindles, (8) Playstations, (8) \$200 Apple Gift Cards. Drawing March 1, 2012. **Students have tickets or call the school!**

Families, bring sold tickets each Thursday to be eligible for 5 weekly drawings: Ski Gull tubing, Prime Time tubing, Jacks House bowling and more.

At \$42,000, Fr. Tony and Fr. Steve will dye their hair and students enjoy one uniform-free day.

At \$45,000 (S-T-R-E-T-C-H!), the Minnesota Science Museum will come for 2 days to present two exciting hands-on science assemblies and classroom presentations. **WOW!**