

St. Gertrude School News

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Dear Families,

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at parent/teacher conferences tonight. This is a great time to see what is going on with your child and to strengthen our partnership with you for the educational, emotional and spiritual needs of your child.

Remember no school tomorrow and because next week is only 2 days there will not be a newsletter next week prior to Thanksgiving.

The students and staff of SGS would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all St. Gertrude families and our supporters who give so much of themselves to provide us with a great school that we love and cherish. We know that without your support we would not have the abundant blessings we share. We will keep you in our prayers throughout the school year.

Happy thanksgiving!
Mike

Confirmation

Confirmation last Thursday evening with Bishop Carlson was beautiful as the Archbishop bestowed the blessings of the Holy Spirit upon our 8th graders.

Thanks to all who had a hand in making it such a special night. For everyone who helped with the mass and music to everyone who worked so hard to put on the reception following mass. Special thanks to Mr. Genteman for all of his hard work and dedication in preparing the students to receive the sacrament.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at conferences tonight. Remember it is **mandatory that the 7th & 8th grade students attend the conferences.** 5th & 6th can attend by parent or teacher request.

8th Grade Candle Sales

Once again the 8th grade class is selling "Celebrating Home" candles and gift wrap as a fundraiser for their Pro-Life Trip to Washington D.C.

All orders are due by Nov. 29 and can be placed through your favorite SGS 8th grader or any school family. Orders will be delivered to school by Dec. 10 just in time for Christmas. Order forms when returned should be accompanied with payment – checks made payable to St. Gertrude School.

Thank you for your support – the 8th grade makes 25% of the sales which is a big boost to the Pro-Life Trip.

Scholastic Book Fair Tonight!

The Scholastic Book Fair continues tonight during conferences. The Fair will be in the library this year. The theme is "Heroes." Our schedule for the Fair:

Nov. 18th—purchasing in the morning before mass and then throughout the day for Parent Teacher Conference until 7p.m.

Nov. 19th, 20th closed

Nov. 21st open after Masses on **Sunday** till noon

Nov. 22 last minute purchases and close at noon.

Money raised through the Book Fair goes to the purchase of classroom and library books, promoting reading and 7&8 grade leadership training.

STUCO Clothing Drive Nov. 23

Next Tuesday the Student Council will be hosting a "warm" clothing drive to benefit the area needy. Students are asked to bring in gloves, scarves, hats, coats, etc. that will be donated to Loving Hearts. These items can be new or used in good condition.

Annual Toy Drive December 2

Our annual Toy Drive is Thursday, Dec. 2. At Morning Prayer that day we will collect new and slightly used toys that will be given to the Washington Elks who will use them for their baskets that go to needy families at Christmas time. Thank you for helping out our children in need.

Congratulations

Congratulations to 6th grader Brett Elbert who placed 2nd in the VFW Post 2661 Ladies Auxiliary "Patriot's Pen Essay Contest." The theme this year was "Does Patriotism Still Matter?" Brett's essay has been sent to the district competition for judging. Good luck Brett!

First Quarter Honor Roll

Sorry! I always seem to make at least 1 mistake on the honor roll. I accidentally omitted 7th grader Cassidy Stone from the "A" Honor Roll. Sorry Cassidy.

½ Way 2nd Quarter

The second quarter will be ½ way over next Tuesday. 2nd Quarter progress reports will be send home on Thursday, Dec. 2.

HEALTH ROOM NEWS

This week I continue to see vomiting, coughs, runny noses, and headaches. Some children have not been wearing heavy enough coats to school. PLEASE make sure that your child wears a heavy coat. It is always very important but please make sure your child eats right and gets enough rest this time of year. Strep still is hanging around here at school. Enjoy your long weekend. Kim

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From the Wellness corner...

The cold weather is upon us and now is a great time to get out those soup and chili recipes. **Tip:** Pile in those fresh veggies and make your recipes hearty and healthy!

WHITE CHILI RECIPE

2 cups low sodium chicken broth
1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breast cut in 1 in. pieces
2 - 15 oz. cans great Northern beans, rinsed and drained
(or feel free to: use dried beans prepared by package directions, add black beans, or add any other type of bean you'd like...they're full of fiber)
2 medium zucchini, diced (can also add yellow squash or any other veggies...be creative)
2 onions, chopped
2 cloves minced garlic
1 small can diced chilies
1 Tbsp cumin
1 tsp chili powder
1 cup frozen corn kernels
½ cup fat free or light sour cream (or can use nonfat plain yogurt)
½ tsp sea salt (add to taste)
ground pepper (add to taste)

1. Sauté chicken and seasoning in EVOO (extra virgin olive oil) or canola oil. Add to crockpot. 2. Sauté onion and zucchini in EVOO or canola oil. Add 2 cloves minced garlic and seasoning. Add to crockpot. 3. Add rest of ingredients except corn and sour cream. Cook 3-8 hours. 4. Add corn and sour cream ~ 15 minutes before serving, then ENJOY! Low fat shredded cheese can be used as a garnish. You can also double the recipe to share, or freeze for other meals!

Additional note: The new Wellness Team will be meeting this Monday, Nov. 22nd at 6:30 at Panera Bread in Washington. We have a good response so far. If you would like to join us then it's not too late! Feel free to meet us at Panera, or contact Colleen at nowakcolleen@gmail.com, or (m) 636-390-3535.

New Scrip Vendor & Holiday Bonuses

American Girl has been added to the list of Great Lakes Scrip national vendors. They will be offering \$25 scrip with a 10% bonus during the holidays.

There are many holiday bonus percentages offered by Great Lake Scrips at this time. If you would like to check them out please go to:
glscrip.com/shop/specialoffers

Don't forget you can use Scrip Vouchers for Christmas Gifts!

Scrip Holiday Hours

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays the Scrip schedule will be modified.

We will not take orders the week of Nov. 22 but will resume orders on Nov. 29.

Our last day to order before Christmas break is Dec. 13. Orders will be delivered on December 16. Regular schedule resumes on January 3.

Hearing and Speech Screening

THE CENTER FOR HEARING AND SPEECH Will be here on Monday Dec. 13th and Tues. Dec. 14th to do EYE and HEARING SCREENS. These screens are free to you. Please take advantage of this service. Your child WILL be screened unless I hear from you that you DO NOT want your child screened. The State requires that ALL K,1st,3rd,5th,and 7th graders have their eyes and ears screened. Thank You Kim Piar

SKIP

Skip statements will be sent home next week. It will take your balance up to Nov. 18th 2010. If you have any questions about your statement please contact me here at school. The number is 636-239-2347. Your child needs to dress for the weather for skip. We will be going outside when it gets cold. If your child does not have a coat to go outside they will have to stay in. I like to get the kids outside even if it is only for a short time. If you have any questions please call me. Thank you Kim Piar

STUCO Meeting Monday

Our next Student Council meeting is this Monday, Nov. 22 after school in the Art Room from 3:00 – 4:00.

Lost and Found

The lost and found cart always fills up this time of year. Students wear sweatshirts on the cool mornings and then take them off during the day when it warms up and forget to pick them up. Please put your family name on the tags so we can get them back to their owners. If you would like please see the lost and found cart by the pie room to claim lost items.

PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN BACKGROUND CHECKS:

It is that time of year for me to do the background checks. I will be doing one on everyone that volunteers here at school, is a coach, scout leader, or 4-H leader. You will get the same report in the mail that I get. I want to try and get everyone on the same 2 year cycle. If you have any questions please feel free to call me here at school, 636-239-2347. Thank You Kim Piar

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Educators Lottery Winners Nov. 15-19

Day	Winner	Sold By
Mon. \$100	Leona Miesner	Sarah Miesner
Tue. \$50	Missy Nobel	Ally Nobel
Wed. \$100	Dan Diener	Self
Thur. \$50	John Simmons	Self
Fri. \$100	Lisa VanLeer	Kaylee Niederholtmeyer

November School Tools

The Catholic Family Services November issue of School Tools is with this newsletter. The topic this month: Teaching Kids To Be Responsible.

Athletic News

We will be having a parents meeting on Tues. **November 16** at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria to go over Basketball and Cheerleading games. Also, is will be sign up night for concession stands. First come, first serve. Hope to see all at the meeting.

A December Calendar is With This Newsletter

Next Week at SGS

- Mon. – Scholastic Book Fair
- Tues. – Scholastic Book Fair
 - ½ way point of the 2nd quarter
- Wed. – No School
- Thurs. – Happy Thanksgiving – No School
- Fri. – No School

Week of Nov. 29 – Dec. 3

- Mon. – First Reconciliation Parent Meeting @ St. Ann 7:00 p.m.
 - School Pre-Registration begins for currently enrolled students.
- Tues. – 8th grade shadow day at SFBRHS
- Wed. – School Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs. – Morning Prayer 10:00 – Toy Drive
 - 2nd quarter progress reports go home.

A December Menu is With This Newsletter

Lunch Menu Nov. 22 & 23

Monday – Ravioli with meat sauce
Garlic Bread Stick Green Beans
Fruit Salad Milk
7th & 8th alternate: ham chef salad

Tuesday – Roast Turkey
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn
Warm Spiced Apples Milk

Lunch Menu Nov. 29 – Dec. 3

Wednesday – Soft Beef Tacos
Shredded Lettuce, Cheese Corn
Mixed Fruit Milk
7th & 8th alternate: turkey chef salad

Thursday – Cheeseburger or plain
Oven Fries Baked Beans
Diced Peaches Milk

Friday – Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Smile Fries Fruit Cocktail
Rice Krispy Treat Milk