



1st Trimester B Honor Roll Students

<u>GRADE 6</u>	<u>GRADE 6</u>	<u>GRADE 7</u>	<u>GRADE 7</u>	<u>GRADE 8</u>	<u>GRADE 8</u>
Tommy Adam	Catherine Nardi	Jason Berg	Emma Mills-Rittmann	Jacob Austin	Nathan Lee
Marissa Bauer	Matthew Notermann	Tommy Fleetham	Connor Moriarty	Lindsay Becker	Katie Lehnherr
Nate Becker	Mackenzie Norton	Michael Gillen	Charlie Nicklay	Ariel Behnke	Emily Lerick
Noah Beer	Alex Nunne	Sara Janssen	Kristen Ober	Brandon Dorshak	Emily Miller
Kevin Brosam	Emily Osterbauer	Jenna Kacheroski	Austin Schulze	Holly Duren	Ryan Ogorek
Sam Brunkow	Shawn Patch	Megan Kaiser	Nathan Shadick	John Fesenmaier	Alexa Orr
Katie Clarkson-Schwoebel	Victoria Pelletier	Melissa Maxwell	Abby Shafer	Greta Fisher	Will Reger
Thomas Connor	Hang Phung	Luke Meulepas	Bradley Susag	Charlie Fox	Joe Schmitz
Kaija Eckholm	Jillian Radosevich	Jack Miler	Paige Wohlers	Brandon Gill	Nicole Swensen
Matthew Finn	Austin Rocheleau			Lili Gomez	Julianna Thomas
Melanie Fox	Jack Roscoe			Joey Haas	Kyle Thomas
Will Goettl	Halle Scheer			Molly Kate Jones	Lucy Walbruch
Kayla Henning	Madeline Schmitz			Tom Kinney	Matt Warner
Callie Heyes	Sydney Schulberg			Victoria Kusber	Shannon Wilson
Maris Kregelberg	Tyler Scott			Kara Lattery	Sarah Zwack
Sam Leonard	Taylor Sernett				
Carrie Mannila	Spratt Brandon				
Kathleen McSweeney	Jacob Thomas				
Chris Miller	Johnny Wermers				
Eryn Mitchell					

1st Trimester A Honor Roll Students

<u>GRADE 6</u>	<u>GRADE 6</u>	<u>GRADE 7</u>	<u>GRADE 7</u>	<u>GRADE 8</u>	<u>GRADE 8</u>
Kayla Beckel	Emma Marko	Jared Anderson	Jacob Notermann	Charlie Abbott	Jacqueline Luth
Cassie Boutelle	Maggie Martin	Megan Cleary	Amanda Pfeiffer	Andy Bollig	Nicole Oliver
Spencer Cook	Eric Miller	Will Diedrick	Nick Sabin	Abby Broadwell	Danny Plinck
Matthew Dill	Amanda Navratil	Peyton Faber	Sarah Scislow	Anna Brunner	Gil Roscoe
Bri Fesenmaier	Caleb Reiter	Stefani Fleischhacker	Cori Shea	Marisa Brunner	Dan Schaefer
Charles Haug	Tony Roscoe	Connor Gordon	Mikayla Smalley	Abby DeMuse	Bailey Sernett
Mikayla Kelly	Lauren Seme	Madeline Hayden	Robbie Specht	Madie Emanuel	Daniel Strittmater
Natalie Kincs	Sarah Waterman	Jacob Heim	Sam Steinkamp	Connor Feldt	Robert Tobroxen
Kaila Laumann	Laura Wee	Lizzy Hurinenko	Jake Vancampenhout	Angela Gruenwald	Garrett Weiss
Thomas Lehnherr	Abby Welsch	Elissa Kapusinski	Elli Vohnoutka	Joe Hanel	Michael Younghans
		Emily Martin	Andy Walerius	Andrew Heil	
		Nicole Miller	Alicen Zschokke		



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Mrs. Behnke's Corner

Happy 2010 to all of you!

My prayer is that you and your family had a joyous Christmas break. We are excited to see all of the students back and ready to learn. In many ways they returned to the routine very smoothly and with excitement to be back. Thank you for sharing your children with us each day - they are the reason why we are here.

Students at St. John's Shine Here and Beyond

Attached you will find the first trimester's honor roll list. We are very proud of the students for continuing to do their very best and to the dedication it takes to complete the daily work, study for tests, and to stay active in extra-curricular activities. 82% of the 8th graders, 81% of the 7th graders and 87% of the 6th graders are on the honor roll listing.

We are in the process of gathering information in regards to last year's graduating class that will show how many are in advanced placement classes at their respective schools. The class of 2008 has nearly 80% taking advanced placement classes at their respective schools.

Open house for prospective students is January 12th

On Tuesday, January 12th, St. John's will host an open house for prospective preschool and kindergarten students and their families. The open house will begin at 5:30pm with pizza and the program will start at 6:15pm. Tours will be available after the program. The event closes at 7:30pm. Please invite families you know who might be interested in St. John's School. It is the perfect time for them to learn about our foundation in faith and values, our 50 years of excellence in Education, our talented teachers, our sports and activities, and much more.

For more information or to RSVP to attend the open house, contact the school office at (952) 890.6604.

Upcoming Events

January

- 7 - Mass, 9:35am
- 10 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm
- 11 - Home & School Mtg., 7:30pm off-site
- 12 - Preschool/Kindergarten Open House, 5:30-7:30pm
- 13 - RE
- 14 - Mass, 9:25am
- 18 - NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 20 - Preschool Registration, 6-7pm (Current Families)
- 21 - Mass, 9:25am
- 22 - Grade 4 EYM Overnight
- 23 - Preschool Registration, 9-10:30am Room 115, Parish-School
- 24 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm
- 25 - NO SCHOOL
- 27 - Preschool Registration, 6-7pm (Open Registration)
- 28 - Mass, 9:25am
- 29 - Grade 3 - EYM Overnight
- 29 - Chillfest, grades 6-8

Catholic Schools Week

Celebrating 50 Years

January 31 - February 5

February

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

- 2 - Groundhog Day
- 2 - First Eucharist Parent & Child Mtg., 6:30pm

2010-11 Registration Dates

- Feb. 3 - Current Family Registration
- Feb. 13 - Parish/Steppingstone Family Registration
- Feb. 26 - Registration Open to the Public



WISHING YOU A NEW YEAR OF *GOD MOMENTS* *A Reflection by Father Mike Tix, Pastor*

Reluctantly the newspaper reporter agrees to do so with the stipulation that they meet at regular intervals so that he can better know this figure from his childhood. Over the course of three years, the rabbi and newspaper reporter meet in a variety of places and talk about a variety of things.

In one of these meetings, the newspaper reporter meets the rabbi in his office at the temple. The office is a mess, and while the rabbi leaves at one point to retrieve something, the newspaper reporter notices a folder that is labeled, "God." Curiosity abounds for the newspaper reporter about what might be in this folder, however, he never asks and only wonders.

Later, the rabbi does eventually die, and the newspaper reporter finds himself in the rabbi's office where again he sees the folder labeled, "God" that has perplexed him for months. On this occasion he opens the folder to find various newspaper clippings; some more yellow than others from age, as well as notes scribbled on scraps of paper. Each of the newspaper clippings and notes is about what may be called a "God moment," a time or place where God was present because of the love and goodness of another person.

For the newspaper reporter, he experienced a "God moment" in his meetings with the rabbi along with another place of outreach that I'll leave you to read more about in the book itself.

As we come to the month of January we frequently hear about resolutions for the New Year. These resolutions capture our hopes and dreams for the new year to make it the very best it can be for ourselves and others. Without a folder marked, "God," a resolution to consider is taking the some time each day to think about not only how we experience "God moments" but also about how we share them with others through things like our care for the sick and welcome to the stranger. As adults and young people, our words and actions have the potential to create positive and powerful "God moments" for others. What will be the message we share with others and our world in the New Year that lies ahead? My hope and prayer is that the New Year we together begin be filled with many blessings that actively reflect God's spirit of love to all! ☘



Just before Christmas, I was at Barnes & Noble as a part of a school fundraising event. While at the store I looked at the shelf with those books on the New York Times best selling list. One that has been on the list for weeks now is written by Mitch Albom and titled, *Have A Little Faith*. Albom is the author of the other bestselling books, *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. In the end, I bought the book and was glad I did.

I've now talked about the book at different times, and even in a homily or two, but without giving the story away, the focus is a Jewish newspaper reporter who is called by the long-time rabbi at the temple where he was a child. The rabbi requests a meeting where he reveals he is dying and asks the newspaper reporter to offer the eulogy at his funeral.

Volunteers needed for Preschool/Kindergarten Open House

St. John's Marketing Committee needs volunteers! We will be holding our Preschool/Kindergarten Open House on the evening of January 12th. We need school parents or families to give tours to prospective new families. The time commitment is small and you will be making a big difference! You don't need to be a member of the marketing committee, just come from 6:30-7:30 pm on the 12th with a positive message to tell about your experience at St. John's. If you would like to participate, e-mail Cynthia Kincs at cynthiakincs2468@comcast.net by Friday, January 8th. We'll send you a list of "talking points" to help answer questions and address topics during your tours. Bring your kids in uniform and they'll get a free out-of-uniform pass!

Student News

Time To Shine And Be A Good Role Model!

This year there is a program starting called STAAR! STAAR Team (Students Teaching Acceptance and Respect) Ms. Hissim is in charge of it and Mrs. Behnke and Mr. Smalley helped her organize it. The purpose of the program is to use conversations and skits to help our students make good decisions. The STAAR Team is made up of ten eighth graders including, Joey Haas, Nathan Lee, Andy Bollig, Abby Broadwell, Ariel Behnke, Marisa Brunner, Molly Jones, Lindsay Becker, Victoria Kusber, and Nicole Oliver. Over the next few weeks they will start by going to kindergarten through third grade classrooms to teach them on good behavior on the playground, at lunch, and much more. The training day was yesterday, Tuesday, January 5. They went through all the things needed to be part of the STAAR Team and it's going to be a blast! STAAR is a great thing that is just getting started and I think it is going to do very well in the coming years and beyond that!

Molly, 8th

The New Year Calls For New Goals!

New Year's resolutions are a big factor of New Year celebrations. Half of Americans make New year's resolutions but it is a real challenge to keep them so one in five Americans break there resolutions with in a week! The most frequent New Year's resolution is to be a healthier person. Some examples of resolutions that our St. John's students have set are: To pay attention in class; get better grades; become a better Christian; watch less tv; eat healthy diet; and to be a more positive person.

~ Nicole, 7th

Amy Mannick Benefit

St. John's will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in honor of Amy Mannick as she continues her battle against cancer. Amy is a St. John's parishioner. She also has a second grade son who attends St. John's. The benefit will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2010 after 5:00 mass. The dinner will be held in the school cafeteria, followed by a silent auction, games, activities and a DJ in the gymnasiums beginning at 7:00 pm. If anyone is interested in donating items for the silent auction, please send them to the St. John's school or parish office clearly marked "Amy Mannick Benefit". We are looking for tickets to events, games or concerts, gift cards, services or any other item that could be auctioned at the benefit. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Grace Specht 952-892-1523, Shannon Jones 952-435-3648, Brooke DeVos 952-403-1234, Laura Lundquist 952-583-5994 or Shelly Osterbauer 952-898-3738. Any support you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

High School Information

Prior Lake High School:

Parent Information night: PLHS registration on Thursday, Jan. 21st at 6:00 pm at Twin Oaks MS Auditorium.

The **Academy of Holy Angles** is hosting a Winter Open House for prospective students and their families on Thursday, January 14, 2010, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the school located at 6600 Nicollet Avenue South in Richfield. Winter Open House is a way for families who may have missed AHA's fall open houses to learn more about Holy Angels. It is for the whole family and will include an overview of the rigorous academics at Holy Angels, the school's talented and dedicated teachers, the 60 co-curricular, and the opportunities for students to grow in and live their faith. Information about how Holy Angels integrates the latest technologies and individual laptop applications to improve learning and student achievement also will be part of the presentation.

Notes about the eighth-grade placement test: Eighth-graders who apply for admission to Holy Angels should take a placement exam. AHA offers the ACT Explore test. Holy Angels will offer the exam on Saturday, January 16, 2010. Registration begins at 8 am. The test will be administered from 8:30 to 11 am. Students should bring a pencil, a calculator and a \$10 testing fee. Parents are invited to attend a financial aid workshop that day beginning at 8:45 am while their students are taking the placement exam. A make-up exam will be offered on Tuesday, January 19, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

For more information about the open house, the placement test, financial aid resources, or AHA admissions procedures, contact Admissions Director Jesse Foley at 612-798-2621 or jfoley@academyofholyanagles.org.

Alumni News

The Academy of Holy Angels recently announced its Trimester I honor roll. The following listing are prior graduates of St. John's School, let's granulate these students for their hard work. Students who maintain a 4.000 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.000 scale are named **Scholars of Distinction**; students who achieve 3.6667 or above earn **High Honors**; and students who maintain a GPA of 3.2000 receive **Honors**.

Scholars of Distinction - Katherine Budin, Ryan DeMuse, Madeline Esterl, Caitlin Frear, Marcus Gavino, Samuel Girouard, Marissa Mahoney, Sean McSweeney, Donovan Morrison, Megan Nicklay, Timothy Pelletier.

High Honors - Jamie Christenson, Cole Freschette, Mitchel Gavino, Jenna Gruenwald, Madelyn Haug, Scott Hegg, Chris Hinh, Sam Hinh, Joshua Holt, Micholas Murdakes, Sarah Ober, Andrew Ochs, Dominique Pavlow, Alyssa Radosevich, Nolan Radziej, Kayla Roberge, Hunter Sager, Matthew Schmidt, Amy Scislow, Meghan Shea, Alexandra Specht, Jordan Tuff, Therese Wichmann.

Honors - Rachel Adam, Alexander Andrzejek, Chelsea Behnke, Lindsey Bollig, Kathryn Cleary, Zachary Cook, Luke Elfering, Tyler Emanuel, Claire Girouard, Samuel Gullickson, Rachel Haas, Brittney Hegg, Taylor Hill, Erin Jones, Jonathan Keske, Nicholas Miller, Daniel Moriarty, Katherine O'Halloran, Molly Olson, Amanda Patch, Joshua Renner, Jennifer Ryan, Rachael Scislow, Catherine Shea, Erin Sislo, Derek Steele, Sam VanderAarde, Chloe Walbruch.

Home and School News

Let's Fill Up the Baskets!

St. John's Home and School Association is organizing the classroom themed baskets again this year. The baskets will be available through a raffle to all families during Catholic Schools Week on Saturday, January 30th and Sunday, January 31st. The baskets will be displayed and tickets sold before and after every Mass.

We are asking each student to consider making a donation of a new, non-perishable item or a cash donation for their classroom basket by Tuesday, January 26th. If you have any new large baskets, totes or laundry baskets that you would like to donate, please have your child bring those to the classroom also.

Thank you!

THEMES

- Preschool: "For the Birds" – birdfeeders, children's binoculars, nature gifts/CDs/puzzles/games/stationary, bird books
 Kindergarten: "Fun with Baking" – cake/bread mixes, frosting, sprinkles, cake pans, muffin tins, oven mitts
 1st Grade: "Boy's and Girl's Toys" - Cars, Legos, Tonka Toys, dolls and accessories, Play-Doh, gift certificates
 2nd Grade: "Hooked on Learning" – Activity, puzzle and maze books, educational games, (such as, Boggle, Scrabble, Smath), chapter books, book store gift certificates
 3rd Grade: "Making Memories and More" – children's art supplies, craft kits, scrapbooking supplies, picture frames, note cards
 4th Grade: "Family Fun Night" – Board games, cards, dice, movies, popcorn, craft items
 5th Grade: "Coffee, Cocoa and Chocolate" – Chocolate, hot cocoa items, candy, all coffee items, ice cream related items

Middle School:

Theme #1	"Me n' Mom" – make-up, manicure, bath and hair accessories, fancy chocolates/candies, stationary, games, crafts, gardening supplies, kitchen/baking items, etc.
	"Me n' Dad" – sports, golfing, fishing items, outdoor recreational or nature/scientific items, board games, DVDs, video games, tickets for Grand Slam, ProKart, movie tickets, etc
Theme #2	"South of the River Fun" – gift certificates or tickets to fun local places, such as, favorite restaurants, coffee shops, gas cards, car washes, movie rental, clothing stores, retail stores, museums, Grand Slam, Skateville, Minnesota Zoo, IMAX, Barnes and Noble, etc.



Faith Community News



Mary & The Saints is topic of January Adult CCD

Begin the New Year with an evening with award-winning author Liz Kelly who will introduce us to Mary and the Saints at the January Adult Catholicism, Coffee and Dessert (Adult CCD) on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010 from 6:30 to 8 pm in the atrium. Liz Kelly has written several books, fiction and non-fiction, including *The Seekers Guide to the Rosary*, *The Rosary: A Path into Prayer* and her latest, *Heaven in You and You in Heaven, Unveiling Eternity on Earth*. She also is an accomplished jazz singer who has released two CDs. She lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, teaches Catholic studies at the University of St. Thomas. Liz also is the managing editor of *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought & Culture*. Adult CCD presentations are sponsored by St. John's Adult Faith Formation Committee at no cost and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Brenda Schroll at bschroll@stjohns-savage.org or call (952)890-9434.

Reminder to Confirmation candidates and parents

Plan to attend an important meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 6:30pm, in the church about this year's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition to the brief informational meeting, there also will be a presentation by David Rinaldi for all candidates and any parents who wish to remain. The topic of David's presentation is "Putting on the Armor of Christ." If you have questions, contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or 952.890.9434.

--ALSO, if you have not already done so, all candidates must return their Candidate Information Form, which lists their chosen Confirmation name and sponsor, as soon as possible. Deadline was December 7. Forms are available on line at www.stjohns-savage.org or call (952)890-9434.

There's still room for you in Mission 2010

Registrations are still being accepted for this summer's Mission Minneapolis — offered to teens who will enter Grade 10 and older (including adults) in the fall of 2010. This is a "higher level" camp sponsored by Catholic Heart Workcamp. Tentative dates (offered by Catholic Heart WorkCamp as of this date) will be Sunday to Friday, June 13 to 19. The host facility where all CHWC participants will be housed is Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria, Minn. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis. Forms are available in the RE Office or contact Youth Minister Lori Taormina at ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org or call (952)890-9434 for more information.



WEE Faith is a parent-child program modeled after the Early Childhood Family program developed by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The program is aimed at parents with children ages newborn to five years old; however all family members are encouraged to participate. St. John's WEE Faith program is scheduled in three sessions, each is two hours long, patterned after the highly successful and popular ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) programs. WEE Faith offers, like the ECFE model, time for parent-child interaction, parent discussion time and a children's time.

Parent-child time focuses on different aspects of our Catholic faith, allowing children and parents to learn and experience their faith together through a variety of hands-on activities. When parents meet together, they have the chance to share and learn from other parents who are committed to passing on their Catholic faith to their children. Cost for the program is \$15/family. The sessions will be 9 to 11 a.m., on Saturdays, Feb. 13, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27, 2010. Registration is required and forms are available online at www.stjohns-savage.org and the Education and Parish offices. For more information, contact Early Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator Joan Walerius at jwalerius@stjohns-savage.org or call (952) 890-9434.

Overnights are coming!

Children in Grades 3 and 4 are invited to spend a night of faith, fun and fellowship at overnight experiences planned just for them (and their parent chaperones!) in January! The 4th Grade Overnight will begin 7 pm, Friday, January 22, to 8 am, Saturday, January 23 (registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 11). The 3rd Grade Overnight is 7 pm, Friday, January 29, to 8 am, Saturday, January 30 (registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 18). Overnights include a wide variety of faith-focused activities including games, crafts, snacks and evening prayer and open gym time — and even a bit of sleep. A continental breakfast is served before children return home. Cost is \$10/child with financial assistance available and no child is denied the opportunity to participate. Friends are welcome, too! Registration forms are now available in the Education Office — but mark your calendars now so that you don't miss this highly anticipated event! For more information contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call (952)890-9434.

55+ Group Outing

Sharing and Caring Hands will be the destination for our 55+ Group outing on Thursday, January 14th. We will leave from the parking lot at 9:15 for a tour of Mary Jo Copeland's outreach to the poor and homeless located near downtown Minneapolis. After our tour we will stop for lunch, which is not included in the cost of \$15, and return to the parking lot by 1:30. This charge is to cover the motor coach expense. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. Please RSVP to Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext 114 by Monday, January 11th.