



# St. John The Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

February 3, 2010

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## Mrs. Behnke's Corner



Again this year we welcome for a two month experience Korean Exchange students. These 6 young men will be with us through the month of February. The purpose for the exchange program at the elementary/middle school level is immersion into the English language and culture. We want to thank the 6 host families who graciously have opened their homes and offer hospitality to these young people. We sincerely want to continue to invite students to experience American culture and education at St. John's through the exchange program. If you are interested in ever hosting one of these delightful young people, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

## January Student of the Month

Each month we recognize students at a Student of the Month Breakfast who have exemplified the character trait that has been focused. This month we had the chance to *reward* and *thank* the student in our classroom who is patient and generous with their time. Patience is a hard thing to learn, especially when you are young. They wait to be called on, wait to ask questions, and know when it's a good time to *NOT* ask a question. They are also generous with their time, sacrificing their work time to help others or to help teachers in the classroom. They give of their time and have patience, even when it's not easy to do. January students: Eli Rome, Samantha Austin, Jessie Colon, Shelby Meaden, Grace Baumler, Ellen McDevitt, Samantha Nelson, Emily Elmer, Annabelle Maroney, Rosa Gomez, Conor Thomas, Amanda Fuechtmann, Will Nicklay, Billy Shupe, Max Fox, Rachel Rogers, Samantha Shadick, Adam Kadrlick, Grace Dalecki, Savannah Polzin-VanWaes, Melanie Fox, Emma Marko, Connor Gordon, Megan Cleary, Holly Duren, and Greta Fisher.

## Upcoming Events

### Catholic Schools Week Celebrating 50 Years

**February 4 - Wacky/Neon Day**

50 Years of Community

**February 5 - Team Spirit Day**

50 Years of School Spirit

### February

#### **I LOVE TO READ MONTH**

5 - Preschool Field Trip -  
Kinder Concert

7 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm

8 - 7th Grade Science Fair

8 - Davanni's Night

8 - Home & School Mtg., 7:30pm

9 - SAC, 7pm

10 - First Eucharist Parent &  
Child Mtg., 6:30pm

11 - Breakfast with a Book, 8:15-9am

11 - Mass, 9:25am

11 - Confirmation, 7pm  
(at Cathedral)

12 - Black, White, & Red Day

13 - WEE Faith, 9-11am

**14 - Valentine's Day**

14 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm

**15 - NO SCHOOL**

16 - 23 : ITBS Testing Grades  
2, 4, 6, 8

17 - Ash Wednesday service, 9:25am

17 - NO RE

20 - WEE Faith, 9-11am

20 - Used Uniform Sale after 5pm Mass

21 - Used Uniform Sale after 9am and  
11am Masses

21 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm

22 - Washington's Birthday

24 - Character Day

24 - RE Large Group

25 - Mass, 9:25am

25 - Middle School Fine Arts Program  
7pm

26 - School Registration, Open to the  
Public

26 - Book Swap

27 - WEE Faith, 9-11am

## *Thanks for filling the baskets!*

Thank you to the parents and students who donated items for the classroom baskets, thanks to the volunteers who helped assemble the baskets and thank you to all who bought a raffle ticket for a chance at winning the beautiful baskets! We raised approximately \$2,400 that will purchase LCD projectors for use in the school, the parish and religious education program.

2010 basket winners:

Nick Berra	Larry McCrory	Jean Daleki	Michael Walsch
Alexa Wilgenbusch	Father Tix	Denise Beckel	Chris Peterson
Debbie Roscoe	Emma Brower	Allison Ross	Erika Gansler
Cheri Meidinger	Katie Hietpas	Linda Haas	
Cheryl Fox (2 baskets)	Jill McCauley(2 baskets)	Pat Lehnerr (3 baskets - way to go!)	

## *Catholic School Week Winning Essay's*

### **St. John's...Then/Now**

*Alyssa Wilgenbusch Grade 2*

St. John's was different 50 years ago then it is now and I will tell you about it.

50 years ago they had...chalkboards, books, nuns for teachers and a smaller school. I bet they didn't have a big playground. Mrs. Behnke probably wasn't born yet and they didn't have art class or computer class.

Today we have computers, smartboards, different teachers, movies, fire drills, and lock down drills. We have computer class, art class, music class, gym, and library. The school is bigger and has way more kids.

But some things are the same...we learn about God and Jesus, have social studies and science and we eat lunch. Boy, do I love St. John's!

p.s. I bet kids loved it 50 years ago too!

### **What St. John's Means to Me**

*Rachel Holm Grade 4*

St. John the Baptist Catholic School means a lot to me. It's almost like a second home to me. I've been here since my first year of preschool all the way to fourth grade, which I am in now.

Here in this essay I will tell you some of the many things I like about St. John's school.

I really like the teachers that I've had so far. They are loving, kind, funny, caring, cheerful, and firm when they need to be. The school lunches are great, Bunnie and the lunch ladies do a great job. I get to see a lot of my friends and play with them at recess. I like singing in the school choir with Mr. Malone. Mr. Malone does a really good job too. My little sister who is in preschool likes it here too, she looks forward to seeing me on her gym days when I have indoor recess.

These are some of the many things I like about St. John's School. Well, that's all I have to say for now, bye!

### **What St. Johns' Means to Me**

*50 Years of Catholic Education*

*Kate Ruth Grade 5*

At St. John's I have a lot of friends. I have always had very nice teachers, and they have all taught me well. I have always gone to St. John's and I will continue to go here through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

On the first day of school each year I am nervous but, also happy to see my friends. Each year it is like a new adventure to begin a new grade. I am always happy when I see a former teacher of mine say, "hello." Each morning I wake up and say, "I wonder what I'll do today at school?" With each passing day, we get closer to the last day of school. Sometimes I am happy that summertime is here, but when I look back on the year I am sad to realize that most of it has passed. St. John's has always been here for me and it feels almost like home. That is what St. John's means to me.

## ***Parents of Sixth Graders***

Last year your student brought home a letter regarding updating immunizations for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Thank you to those of you who have already returned the documentation. An e-mail or postal mail was sent in January to remaining families who have not responded. The state now requires a health provider's documentation of chickenpox illness. Please let me know if you have any questions. Remember, physical exams are also recommended for youth in this age group, so it's a great idea to schedule a physical and immunizations at the same time. Clinics become swamped in August, so plan now to avoid next summer's rush. Please contact your physician, the Dakota County Public Health Department at 952-891-7500 or the Scott County Public Health Department at 952-496-8373. St. John's and ISD 191 are part of the No Shots, No School Program. State law requires that we have documentation of the required immunizations or a notarized exemption to the immunization prior to starting 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Hopefully, this year we won't have to pull any students out of class the first day back at school. Thank you for your kind attention to this necessary detail!  
THANK YOU!

Carol Blum 952-890-6604 ext 235

## ***2009-10 Yearbook***

The St. John's school yearbook is on its way! It is an exciting way to remember all the fond memories and experiences the year has brought to you. Look for all your friends and those wacky moments that have had us all laughing throughout the year 2009-2010. Look next week to get an order form so that you can have your own personal copy. We wish our 8<sup>th</sup> grade good luck and farewell and will remember them through our yearbooks. Sign up for your copy next week and don't miss your opportunity to remember all the fun times at St. John's this past year!

## ***Lunch Room News***

In celebration of Catholic School's Week, Chef Brian Renz, a renowned corporate chef from Taher, Inc., will be visiting our lunchroom on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Chef Brian will be creating a special rice side dish for students in grades K-2 to enjoy with their main entrée choice. He also will be demonstrating a 'Santa Fe Rice Bowl' available for staff and students in grades 3-8 to order in their homeroom/first hour classes. The 'Santa Fe Rice Bowl' features a bowl of rice, topped with seasoned vegetables, chicken, and a flour tortilla. A chipotle sauce, green onions and crunchy tortilla strips may be added as toppings. Chef Brian appeared as a guest in our lunchroom last May and is anxious to return to St. John's. We hope you will appreciate his visit and again warmly welcome him during your lunch period.

## ***St. John's Steppingstones Preschool Registration 2010-2011***

While there are many good preschools in our area, there are very few Catholic preschools. St. John's Preschool is proud of its Catholic based program, and also very proud of the quality program it provides for children ages 3-5. The preschool offers a nurturing program designed to meet the spiritual, cognitive, social, physical, and emotional needs of young children. The curriculum is based on learning through play and hands-on activities, and all of the certified teachers hold a Bachelors degree, at minimum. Registration for the 2010-11 school year has begun. Contact Dora May at 952.846.4663 or [dmay@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:dmay@stjohns-savage.org) for registration information or to schedule a tour of the preschool.

## ***Alumni News***

Former St. John's student, Alex McGraw, a sophomore at Prior Lake High School took to heart when her teacher challenged her AP World History class to raise \$500 for Haiti. Alex collected \$550 herself raising the total her classed raised to \$3,500 for Partners in Health, an organization dedicated to providing health care to those in poverty in various locations throughout the world, including Haiti. Great Job Alex! To see the full article go to [www.plamerican.com](http://www.plamerican.com).

We are always looking for Alumni in the News please forward to [msmalley@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:msmalley@stjohns-savage.org)

## Calling All Box Tops!



The **Box Tops for Education Program** ends this month for the 2009-2010 school year. It's time to clean out your collection and send all of your box tops in at this time! **Please send your box tops into the office by Friday, Feb. 12.** This has been another great year for the Box Tops program at St. John's. Thanks to all who send them in! Thanks to all who shop through the [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) website and to those who use the Box Tops for Education VISA! And finally, a big thank you to all of our volunteer families who help bundle those box tops for submission to General Mills. Our first check for this school year was for **\$856.90!** You are all really making a difference, 10 cents at a time! Remember to keep saving and sending Box Tops to be applied to next year's totals too!

Volunteers are needed to help cut, peel, count, and bundle box tops for the **Box Tops for Education Program**. This is such an easy way to help earn money for St. John's! You can prepare the box tops for submission in the comfort of your own home and even enlist the help of your kids. Better yet, helping with Box Tops counts for Middle School service hours! If you would like to volunteer your time to help with this submittal, please contact Maria Boutelle at 447-0605 or [boutelle5@integra.net](mailto:boutelle5@integra.net).

### PARENTS, PLEASE ENTER = I ♥ MY SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES

Enter the Box Tops for Education **I Love My School Sweepstakes** now through Feb 28 at [www.btfe.com/love](http://www.btfe.com/love). You can enter daily for a chance to win \$100 for St. John's School! See attached flyer for details. Check [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com) for other contests and ways to earn money for St. John's. Thanks for supporting our school!

### *Celebration! Gala 2010*



Spring is just around the corner. Time to begin thinking about warm weather, the outdoors and getting out the gardening tools. Some of us enjoy rolling up our sleeves, getting in the dirt and beautifying our yards. Others wish that someone would just come and do it for us. If you're in the latter group, we have a treat for you! Join us at Celebration! 2010 on February 27 and you can bid on a wonderful landscaping package. With labor provided by the Boy Scouts, our landscaper extraordinaire will design a new look for your yard, bring the plants and transform your yard. It doesn't get much easier than that! You enjoy a wonderful evening at The Wilds with friends and your yard gets a "summer ready" makeover. Hope to see you there!

We welcome you to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. This is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. A time to enjoy a great dinner, dancing and even try your hand at a game of chance. For those who prefer to include shopping in their evening, we have both a silent and live auction. Attire for the evening is completely up to you. If you look forward to the one evening a year where you get dressed up "Oscars-style" for a night on the town, then we're your event. If you prefer to keep it simple and don your favorite "church outfit", that's perfect too. What's important is having you with us at The Wilds on Saturday, Feb. 27. Tickets will be sold following all Masses on Feb. 6/7 and 20/21, in the atrium. During the week tickets can purchase at the parish office. Information is also available on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org). For event details contact Jody Wermers at 952.233.8951 or e-mail her at [jodywermers@yahoo.com](mailto:jodywermers@yahoo.com). For auction donations contact Nancy Roscoe at 952.808.1295 or e-mail her at [anaroscoe@msn.com](mailto:anaroscoe@msn.com).

# VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS!!!

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are selling Valentine Candy Grams for \$0.50 each. Each candy gram will include chocolate hearts and a note. You can add your own comments for the recipient on the back of the slip. Chocolate free and peanut free options are available. Please circle CF for chocolate free or PF for peanut free on the form. Additional forms are available in the school office. Fill out the attached form(s) and return with payment to the office by Wednesday, February 10. Candy grams will be delivered on Friday, February 12.

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*Happy Valentine's Day!!!*

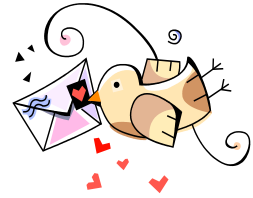


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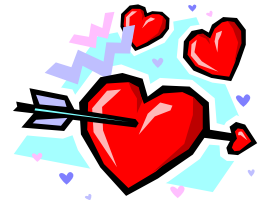


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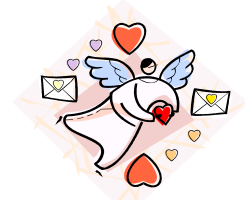


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