



St. John The Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

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Mrs. Behnke's Corner

Upcoming Events

February

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

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

March

- 1 - Tubing (contact the RE dept.)
- 3 - RE
- 4 - Mass, 9:25am
- 5 - End of Trimester II
- 6 - First Eucharist Retreat
- 7 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm
- 8 - 5th Grade Learning Fair
- 8 - Home & School Mtg., 7:30pm
- 8 - Davanni's Night
- 9 - SAC, 7pm
- 10 - RE
- 11 - Penance Service, 9:25am
- 12 - Middle School Dance
- 13 - Lent Retreat, Grades 6-8
- 14 - Daylight Savings Time begins - Spring ahead
- 14 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 17 - RE
- 18 - Living Stations, 9:25am
- 19 - EYM Easter Baskets
- 20 - First Eucharist Retreat 9:30am - 2pm
- 21 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm
- 22-24 - 8th Grade, Camp St. Croix Trip
- 24 - Conferences, 5-9pm
- 24 - NO RE
- 25 - Conferences, 12-8pm



- This year's theme for Lent is "**Behold The Cross**" — a Lenten reminder of this theme is posted on every classroom door.
- Popular tradition maintains that this little prayer was given by St. Anthony to a poor woman who was troubled by temptations. It has been popular prayer among Franciscans for centuries. Pope Sixtus V, a Franciscan himself, had the prayer carved at the base of the obelisk, which he erected in St. Peter's Square in Rome in 1585.

The following is St. Anthony's little prayer:

Behold the Cross:

*Behold the Cross of the Lord! Be gone all evil powers!
The Lion of the tribe of Judah,
The root of David has conquered! Alleluia!*

- Here are some simple reflective questions your family can use to help your children reflect on what this year's Lenten journey may mean to them.
 - **PRAYER** ~ How much time to I give talking to God? How do I thank Him for the many blessings He has given me? Do I turn to him in prayer in hard times? How will I add more time in prayer this Lent?
 - **ALMSGIVING** ~ How do I share the gifts God has given me with others? In what ways can I share these blessings in my world — at school, at home and in the community?
 - **FASTING** ~ What sacrifices can I make in my life to help me open my heart wider for the Lord?

March Lunch Menu

Following is the first week of March's lunch menu. The full menu for March will be sent when completed.

- Monday, March 1st - Beefy Nachos with Cheese Sauce
- Tuesday, March 2nd - Deli-Turkey Sub Sandwich
- Wednesday, March 3rd - Shrimp Poppers
- Thursday, March 4th - Mini-Corn Dogs
- Friday, March 5 -- Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce

Current Family Registration Update

FYI - open registration starts this Friday. For those who have not returned registration forms, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Feel free to contact the school office to discuss any questions or concerns.

April

- 5 - School Resumes

Spring Break

March 25 through April 2

Pancake breakfast - 8th Grade Fundraiser

On Sunday, Feb. 28, a pancake breakfast will be served from 8-11am, in the parish center, with a free will offering. The 8th grade class will host this breakfast and all proceeds will benefit the class with their variety show and their trip to Camp St. Croix. We thank our Knights of Columbus for the preparation of the food.

8th Grade Camp St. Croix Meeting

On Monday, March 8 there is a mandatory meeting for all 8th graders and their parents at 8pm in the library of the school. Materials will be handed out and questions answered. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Emanuel at (952) 890-6604, ext. 228 or email temanuel@stjohns-savage.org.

Jump Rope for Heart Event

St. John's Second through Eighth graders are invited to join in the Jump Rope for Heart Event taking place on Thursday, March 18 in Fr. Wittman Auditorium from 3:45-4:45pm. This event raises money for the American Heart Association. If your child would like to take part, please have them see Mrs. Jirik or Mrs. Mayasich for the needed forms.

About the American Heart Association: Its mission is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. To achieve its mission, it funds cardiovascular research and develops educational programs. The American Heart Association is funded by public donations including support for events like Jump Rope For Heart.

Why It's So Important!

Heart disease and stroke are America's No. 1 and No. 3 killers and touch all of our lives.

About 13 percent of children and adolescents are overweight. Obesity is the fastest growing cause of illness and death in the United States. For the first time in history, children's life spans are predicted to be less than their parents' because of inactivity and obesity-related illnesses. For more statistics see americanheart.org

Book Swap

Book Swap Friday, February 26th 9:30 to 11:30

Kindergarten through 5th grade: Don't forget to bring in up to 3 gently used books by this Friday and drop them in the Book Swap box in your classroom. Make sure they are appropriate for YOUR age, so that we have enough books for each age group. You will bring home as many "new" books (up to 3) as you donate.

Two St. John's Students find away to help Haiti



St. John's Students Molly Ruth and Ellie Schaffer wanted to help make a difference after hearing about what happened in Haiti and talking about it in school. They decided to make bead puppies and clay Hearts for Haiti and sell them at the Soup Supper last Friday night. The total raised was \$85.50 and will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

Alumni News

Let's all congratulate **Andy Jirik**, as he will be attending Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and signed a NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) letters of intent to play football for them.

Burnsville Fire Soccer Club

The Burnsville Fire Soccer Club will be having a Soccer Fair on Sunday, February 28th from 1:00pm-4:00pm at Nicollet Jr. High in Burnsville. We will have representatives from our Club regarding our Recreational and Competitive Leagues and our Referee program. You can register for our Spring Recreational League on site. Will also have free Futsal Soccer Clinics from 1:00pm-4:00pm. For more information, please contact Tammy Cahill at tammy.cahill@burnsvillefire.org.

The BFSC has no affiliation with St. Johns Catholic Church.



Faith Community News



Middle School Day Retreat

All youth in grades 6-8th are invited to a day retreat on Sat., March 13 9:00am ending with mass. The theme is *Disciples on the Journey*. This retreat will engage the youth in scripture and reflect how to live the Gospel in their daily lives. Cost is \$10 per person which will cover breakfast and lunch. Deadline is Friday, March 5. For more information please contact Lori.

Save the Date: Spring Break Stretch is March 30

The details aren't set yet but there's a great day of faith, fun, fellowship and service brewing up for young people in Grades 3, 4 and 5, as we plan to take a bit of a stretch during spring break and take a big, yellow bus (or two!) around town from 9am to 5pm. Adult chaperones also will be needed so check your calendars now! If you don't have plans that day, plan on joining in the fun! Watch this newsletter, parish bulletin and individual flyers for details as we welcome March!

Healing & Forgiveness is topic of March 7 Adult CCD

Everyone is invited to a Lenten evening of conversation and insight into "Healing & Forgiveness," at Adult CCD (Catholicism, Coffee & Dessert) from 6:45 to 8pm, Sunday, March 7, in the atrium.

Our featured guest will be Brother Bob Roddy, OSF Conv., who has served as director of Franciscan Retreats & Spirituality Center in Prior Lake since 2007. He is a native of Nebraska and has served at the Franciscan Retreat Centers at Mount Saint Francis, Indiana and Mesilla Park, New Mexico.

Brother Bob brings more than 17 years of experience in preached retreat ministry. He also has served as an editor for a major Catholic publishing company and as administrator of St. Bonaventure Friary in Washington, DC.

There is no cost to attend and all are welcome! For more information about St. John's Adult Faith Formation programs, contact Brenda Schroll at bschroll@stjohns-savage.org or call (952)890-9434.

Sister Parish Vacation Bible School Team Forming

Applications to volunteer at this summer's VBS at our sister parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Houston, Miss., are available in the Education Office. IHM VBS team members are in 8th grade or older who want to help provide a fun and faith-filled week of Bible school and reading enrichment to the children of Houston and Vardaman, Mississippi. Travel is scheduled Saturday, July 3 through Saturday, July 10. There is a cost of \$100 per person to help defray transportation and housing costs for the week. **Space is limited!** Applications from youth volunteers will be accepted only after the number of adult participants is confirmed and then, on a first-come, first-served basis starting Feb. 15.

To find out more about how you can share your gifts with the children and adults of Houston, Miss., contact Andi Little at alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call (952)890-9434, ext. 249.