

Saint Clement School

“We invite our students to achieve a solid academic foundation, enlivened by the Gospel, which will enable them to become problem solvers, communicators, and caretakers of the world.”

December Family Bulletin

<http://personalpages.chorus.net/stclem>

Dear Parents,

Merry Christmas to you and your family from the entire Saint Clement School Family! We are all very grateful for everything you do to support our students and wonderful school. May your holidays be filled with joy and happiness as we spend precious time with friends and family.

Advent is a season that we can all make great use of. With the beginning of the season of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. The First Sunday of Advent is therefore the Church's "New Year's Day". The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning coming and means that the Lord is coming. This is a time of great joy, because we look forward to the beautiful feast of the Nativity, but it is a joy that is also somber and focused on spiritual preparation by doing penance. Please help your children understand what Advent is all about.

Thank you and as I have mentioned before, I am always looking for ways in which we can improve our school and provide more meaningful experiences for our students. How can we improve student learning and become better Christians? I welcome any and all suggestions that you might have in order to accomplish this goal. Please feel free to contact me at school, home, or by e-mail: jensen1@tds.net.

Yours humbly in Christ,

Josh

WAL-MART HAS JOINED SCRIP...CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE NOW!

Changes in Class Schedules – We will once again be changing some days and times for Music and Physical Education classes to accommodate practices for the December 18th Christmas program. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this busy time of year.

Saint Clement School and Basketball Apparel – Thank you to everyone who recently purchased Saint Clement apparel. These items make great Christmas gifts and are a wonderful way to advertise our school pride. If anyone is still interested in placing an order, please contact Carla in the office. We have some items available now and may place another order if we have enough interest.

RAFFLE CALENDAR MONEY IS DUE...PLEASE TURN IT INTO THE OFFICE ASAP

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEB SITE FOR LUNCH MENUS, SCHOOL NEWS, TEACHER LINKS, ETC.

Grant County Conservation Poster Contest Winners – The Grant County Land & Water Conservation Department recently announced this year’s poster contest winners. Entries from Saint Clement School took first, second, and third place in the Middle Division at the County Level. Coming in third place was Shantelle Reuter, second place went to Lindsey Schwab, and first place honors were awarded to Becky Mumm. Becky’s poster then went on to be judged at the Area Level where she won second place. Congratulations girls and keep up the good work!

A&W Night –I would like to extend a big thank you to Josh Burr and the entire A&W staff for being such gracious hosts for Saint Clement Family Night at A&W. I would also like to thank the teachers for all of their hard work in making this event such a success. And, most importantly, I would like to thank all of the Saint Clement families for coming out and showing support for our wonderful school. As a result of all your efforts and the generosity of Mr. Burr, Saint Clement School recently received a check for \$400.

Basketball News –All three teams are off to a great start this season. Please come out and join us for one of our upcoming games. We also appreciate the parents serving on this year’s Athletic Board: Mark and Sandi Wood, Tom and Carol Hughey, Bruce and Sharon Friederick, and new members Jeff and Amy Bahl. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.

Aluminum Can Collection – Thank you to those who remembered to bring in aluminum cans the past few months. Remember, we will be having collection days on the third Thursday of each month. This month’s collection day will be on Thursday, December 20th. If you need to get your cans out of the house or garage over the holidays, please deposit them behind the school in the corner by the drinking fountain.

Other Collections – Just a reminder that Campbell’s product bar codes, General Mills “Boxtops for Education” coupons, Swiss Valley milk and juice bottle tops, and Kwik Trip Milk Moola caps and bag tops can all be saved to support our school.

GoodSearch.com – To date, Saint Clement School has raised \$119.95 from supporters using GoodSearch.com to do internet searches. Please help spread the word about GoodSearch.com and its new GoodShop link.

GoodShop – Do your Christmas shopping on-line and earn money for our school. Simply go to www.goodsearch.com and click on the GoodShop link. Enter Saint Clement School (Lancaster, WI) in the “Who do you GoodSearch for?” box and click on one of the numerous vendor links provided. A portion of your purchases, ranging from 1% to 25% and higher, will then be donated to our school. It is almost like an online version of our scrip program. In fact, if you use scrip to pay for your online purchase, you could earn twice as much for our wonderful school!

Raffle Calendars – We have encouraged everyone to have their Raffle Calendar money turned in by December 1st. If you are having difficulty selling your calendars please contact Carla in the office for names of people still interested in purchasing them. Otherwise we need to have your money turned in as soon as possible. Thank you.

****CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18th AT 7:00 P.M.****

**IT IS ONCE AGAIN TIME FOR WINTER COATS, HATS, AND GLOVES
PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD WEAR THEM TO SCHOOL**

A Special Note To Those Who Volunteer With Children – If you have not attended a Protecting God’s Children session in the past and you volunteer with our kids in any way, such as chaperones, drivers, playground duty, etc. you do need to attend one of these very important and pertinent informational sessions. To attend, contact Bill Manthe at 723-4990 as registration needs to be done on-line via the PGC website.

Scrip Notes from Linda - WAL-MART IS HERE! Yes, you read it correctly. We now have Wal-Mart \$25 & \$100 certificates in our inventory. We will be placing another national order on Monday, December 3rd and again on December 10th. I will place another order on the 17th if we need it, but on the 17th I will not guarantee your items being to school before Christmas break. So, please don't wait until the last minute to purchase or order your Scrip! We added a few other national items to our inventory: Amazon.com \$25, Radio Shack \$25, Arby’s \$10, Denny’s \$10 & Younkers/Boston Store \$25. Also, we have 4 - \$25 gift certificates available for Pizzeria Uno’s in Madison if anyone is interested in helping us get rid of these. Thank you very much; sales are awesome so keep it up!

Home & School News from Adrienne – Our November meeting was held on Tuesday the 13th. Thank you to all who came. Calendar sales are still in progress. Monies and stubs need be turned into Carla as soon as possible. Currently, we have just 202 out of the 500 calendars turned in. There is a listing available in the school office of people who have purchased calendars in the past...if you are still holding some calendars and need some ideas of interested parties, stop in and take a look. Happy Holidays!

Student Masses – Father Bill plans to schedule Mass for all students on Wednesdays. On the weeks that he is gone, Mass may be moved to Fridays. Please see the attached mass schedule:

All School Masses:

Wednesday, November 28	Solemnity of All Saints	Grade 4
Wednesday, December 5	Advent Weekday	Grade 3
Wednesday, December 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Grade 6
Wednesday, December 19	Advent Weekday	Grade 5

December Dates to Remember:

- 1st - Calendar Money Due
- 2nd - Basketball Home vs. Dodgeville
- 9th - Basketball at Potosi
- 11th - Fourth Grade to Care Center
- 18th - Christmas Program – 7:00 p.m.
- 20th - Aluminum Can Collection Day

Dec. 24th – Jan 1st: Christmas Break

Jan. 2nd - Classes Resume