



Saint Clement School



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

DECEMBER

FAMILY BULLETIN

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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 our 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.

We look forward to seeing you and your family Sunday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas Program. This year's theme is "Celebrate! The Reason for the Season" and promises to be another hit!

May God continue to bless you and your family,

Mr. Jensen

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th @ 7:00 P.M.

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

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Thanksgiving Offering – Thank you to all our school families for generously helping with our annual Thanksgiving Offering! This year's offering was a huge success and will once again be made through the Sisters of Saint Francis to the Dubuque Community Y Domestic Violence Program. Sister Charla and Carol will be coming to Saint Clement School on Friday, December 4th at 2:15 p.m. to pick up the offering, personally thank us, and explain how our actions will help others in need.

Prayers for Sister Eva – Please keep Sister Eva Marie in your prayers as she will be having knee surgery on Monday, December 7th. We simply cannot express how thankful we are for all that she has done and continues to do for our wonderful school. We would also like to thank Mrs. Kathy Kolb for volunteering to sub in Sister Eva's room while she recovers.

Saint Clement Quilters – All of us at Saint Clement School are very thankful for the generous support of the Saint Clement Quilters. This wonderful group of ladies recently donated \$1,000.00 to our Tuition Assistance Fund and gave each teacher a nice Christmas Bonus to help purchase classroom supplies. We humbly say "Thank You" to all of the Quilters for their continued support of our school and the wonderful examples they provide for all of us.

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

Visiting Team – The five member Visiting Team asked me to let all school families know just how impressed they were with our school. They were most impressed with just how welcoming the school is as a whole. They commented on the brightly colored, well maintained facilities and the respectful students, staff, and families. I couldn't agree more with their words of praise and would like to thank all of you for that!

School Apparel – We would like to say "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 may be able to place another order in the future if we have enough interest.

Christmas Program – This year's Christmas program will be held on **Sunday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.** Please spread the word as we hope to see all of you there. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of our outstanding music program!

Raffle Calendars – Have you sold all of your raffle calendars yet? Please remember that we absolutely have to have all of them sold **before Christmas Break!** Everyone was asked to have their money and stubs turned in by December 1st. If you are having difficulty selling all of your calendars please contact Carla in the office immediately to return them or get names of people still interested in purchasing them.

Basketball News – Both teams are working very hard and are showing great improvement as the basketball season progresses. Please make plans to come out and join us for home games on Sunday, December 6th and Sunday, December 13th. I would like to thank this year's coaches: Rick Benson, Al Mumm, Dick Becker, and Dan Hentrich. We are also very appreciative of the parents serving on this year's Athletic Board: Mark and Sandi Wood, Jeff and Amy Bahl, Tony and Kathy Pozorski, and Al and Judy Mumm. Please be sure to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to our athletic program.

!!!RAFFLE CALENDAR MONEY IS DUE!!!

PLEASE TURN MONEY AND SLIPS INTO THE OFFICE A.S.A.P.

Can Collection – Thank you to those who remembered to bring in aluminum cans for our collection last month. Aluminum cans are collected on the third Thursday of each month. This month's collection will be held on **Thursday, December 17th**. If you need to get your cans out of the house or garage over the holidays, please deposit them behind the school in the new can depository by the dumpster.

Other Collections – Just a reminder...Campbell's product labels (with bar codes), General Mills "Boxtops for Education" coupons, Swiss Valley milk and juice bottle tops, Kwik Trip Milk Moola milk and juice jug caps and bag tops, and Nestle Pure Life bottled water labels can all be saved to support our school. Thank you!

GoodSearch.com – Thanks to everyone for using GoodSearch to do your internet searches and online shopping! We recently received a check for \$179.18 for your recent efforts. Our total earning from GoodSearch is now **\$568.17** and rising.

Christmas Shop at GoodShop.com – Do your Christmas shopping on-line and raise money for our wonderful school! Simply go to www.goodshop.com and enter St Clement School (Lancaster, WI) as your designated cause. Click on the link for the store you want to shop and a percentage of your sale will be donated to our school.

Second Quarter Lunch Fees – Just a reminder that second quarter lunch fees are now past due if you have not paid them. They are \$88.00 for regular fees or \$17.60 for reduced price lunches. Milk tickets are \$5.00 for 20 cartons. Thank you for taking care of this as soon as possible!

A Special Note To Those Who Volunteer at Saint Clement School – 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.

Memory Books – We have a limited supply of memory books still available from last school year. If anyone would like to purchase one of these treasured keepsakes, please bring \$8.50 to the office.

Home & School News from Sheila – Thanks to everyone that attended our November Home and School Meeting. It is hard to believe that the month of December is already upon us and the 2009 is coming to an end. I would like to extend a Thank You to everyone who submitted recipes for the 2010 St. Clement Cookbook. Have a Wonderful Holiday Season with your Family and Friends!!!

Scrip Notes from Linda – We will be ordering nationally twice before Christmas, Monday, December 7th and Monday, December 14th. Please check out the order form and the website www.glscrip.com to see if there are some national stores that you will be shopping at but they are not on our order form. Gift certificates make great gifts for anyone! Thanks for your great support of the Scrip program! 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 or we may schedule a Prayer Service. Please see the attached mass schedule.

All School Masses:

Wednesday, December 2 nd	Advent Weekday	Grade 5
Tuesday, December 8 th	Immaculate Conception, Solemnity	Grade 6
Wednesday, December 16 th	Advent Weekday	Grade 4

December Dates to Remember:

1 st	Calendar Money Due!	Dec 23 rd	Early Release
6 th	Basketball Home vs. Cassville		
13 th	Basketball Home vs. Dodgeville	Dec 24 th – Jan 1 st	No School – Christmas Vacation
13 th	Christmas Program @ 7:00		
16 th	Grade 4 to Care Center	Jan 4 th	Classes Resume
17 th	Aluminum Can Collection Day		

Student Spotlight... Letters to Santa – Each month we would like to show examples of what students have been doing at Saint Clement School. This month, students in grades one, two, and three wrote letters for the Herald Independent’s annual “Letters to Santa” section of the paper. The following are a few examples:

Dear Santa,

I think you are a jolly man. I think you are the man that makes people happy. I know you make me happy. It is so nice. You are very thoughtful. Can I please have an experiment kit with new potions? I love to experiment with potions. I love you for all you do.

Love, Erin

Dear Santa,

I want to thank you for delivering presents to our house on Christmas Eve. Thank you for all that you do on Christmas. I love you for that. Thanks again!!!

Love, Haley

P.S. I already sent you a letter with my Christmas list.

Dear Santa,

I thank you for delivering the presents. Thank you for everyone having presents. I have corn for your deer. Can I have a remote control tractor?

Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,

I would like a Star Wars Luke Skywalker Pack and 00 Dominoes NASCAR, and a pack of five Pokémon and a John Deere Semi, a skateboard and one more Webkinz.

Love, Cole

P.S. What kind of cookies do you like?

Dear Santa,

I will like the presents you give me. I will be thankful for those presents. I love you Santa. I love Christmas. It is great!

Love, Lexi

Dear Santa,

I want D-Rex, Star Wars guys and a football. I am sorry I was bad sometimes. Merry Christmas!

Love, Sam

Dear Santa,

When are you going to stop at my house? Make sure you look for the cookies and grab the cookies and milk. I want a DS and drums.

Love, Hunter

HAVE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR!