



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.

FEBRUARY

FAMILY BULLETIN

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your support and generosity during our annual Catholic Schools Week festivities. I was very impressed with the turnout and performance by our students at Mass last Sunday. Also, the money, shoes, crutches, backpacks, and medicine collected for our friends in Haiti was nothing short of amazing! The school was also able to help those in need in our own community with food pantry donations and "Coin Wars" to help make our wonderful school a viable option to everyone who wishes to receive a Catholic education. I truly hope the students enjoyed the weeklong festivities and learned a little bit more about the faith, knowledge, discipline and morals we focus on in Catholic schools.

Also, March will bring us our last fundraisers of the school year. First, our annual Pizza Sale is set to kick off on Monday, March 8th. This will run through March 24th with delivery on Saturday, April 17th. We will also be holding our annual school brunch on Sunday, March 21st. and holding on annual Book Fair. Thank you all in advance for your help with these important fundraisers!

We would also like to extend a heartfelt welcome to our newest school family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Carey Howard and their twin sons in first grade, Ross and Lukas. Grandparents, Ken and Jane Klaas are very excited to have their grandchildren attending our wonderful school as the Howards have been a very welcome addition to our school family!

May God continue to bless you and your family,

Josh



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SCHOOL NEWS, TEACHER LINKS, ETC.**

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Kindergarten Round Up – Our annual day for next year’s Kindergarten students to visit our school is going to be on **Monday, February 15th** at 1:30 p.m. We hope that all parish families with children in this age group will take advantage of this opportunity to see what our wonderful school has to offer. Kindergarten Registration will be held during the week of February 22nd – 26th.

Third Quarter Lunch Fees – Third quarter lunch fees are now past due. Please make checks payable to Saint Clement Hot Lunch. Regular lunch fees are **\$90.00** and reduced lunch fees are **\$18.00**. Thank you for taking care of this and any other past due fees as soon as possible! Also, if you would like to join your child for lunch, please let us know ahead of time and pay the small \$3.00 fee. The cooks would also like to thank everyone who attended the parent/grandparent lunch and making it such a huge success. Thanks again for your support of our great hot lunch program!

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Winners – We would like to congratulate the following students for winning their age division of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest held at Saint Clement School on Thursday, January 14th: **Evan Straka, Ryan McNamara, Gabrielle Benson, Lauren Thole and Mallory Bahl**. These students all went on to compete at the District Level in Bloomington on Saturday, January 30th. Congratulations to **Ryan McNamara and Lauren Thole** for winning again at this level and moving on to the Diocesan level of competition which will be held in March.

Basketball News – Good luck to the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams as they will be heading to Cassville for the annual Mississippi River Valley Parochial League Tournament. This tournament will be held on the weekends of **February 6th and 7th** and **February 13th and 14th**. Thanks again to all of the players, coaches, parents, and fans for your dedication throughout this season!

Talent Show – We were very proud of all the students who chose to perform in this year’s Talent Show and enjoyed the great pictures in the local Herald Independent. Thank you to Nate and Amy Dreckman, Laura Fritz and Ellen Winkler for organizing this year’s successful event.

Saint Clement School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for earning a place on Saint Clement School’s 2009-2010 Second Quarter Honor Roll:

High Honors: **Grade 6:** Gabrielle Benson and Megan Mumm
(3.75 – 4.00)

Honors: **Grade 5:** Annalise Hauk, Tony Pozorski, Lauren Tucker and Chett Winkler
(3.50 – 3.74) **Grade 6:** Raven Hertz, Jessica Johanning and Nic Wood

Honorable Mention: **Grade 5:** Josh Hentrich, Zoey Schaffer, Nick Seiler and Lauren Thole
(3.00 – 3.49) **Grade 6:** Alyssa Bainbridge, Brianna Boughton, John Giesen, Heidi Marcue,
Brooke NeCollins, Jack Schaffer, Josh Schwantes and Kayla Zenz

Special recognition goes out to Gabrielle Benson and Megan Mumm for earning perfect 4.00 grade point averages for the second quarter!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR CHILD WEAR THEIR WINTER COATS, HATS, GLOVES, AND SNOWPANTS TO SCHOOL EACH DAY. ALSO, PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND IF YOU ARE MISSING ANY OF THESE ITEMS!

Can Collection – Thanks again to all those who brought in aluminum cans for our special collection to support our friends in Haiti. In just four days, **we collected 1,846 pounds of cans which were sold for \$923.00!** With additional donations, we were able to donate \$500 to “Schools for Haiti” and over \$500 to our Diocesan Relief for Haiti Fund. Thanks to Mrs. Kathy Kolb for helping the sixth graders organize this very successful (and messy) service project. Also thank you to Alternative Recycling for giving us such a generous price for our cans! Please remember that aluminum cans are still collected on the third Thursday of each month. This month’s collection will be held on **Thursday, February 18th** (if anybody has any cans left!) Please feel free to deposit your aluminum cans behind the school in our new can bin by the dumpsters.

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 internet searches and online shopping! Our total earning from GoodSearch are now up to **\$592.64** and rising as a result of your efforts!

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, February 10, 2010	Scholastica	Grade 4
Wednesday, February 17, 2010	Ash Wednesday	Grade 6
Wednesday, February 24, 2010	Lenten Weekday	Grade 3

Scrip Notes from Linda –Thanks again to everyone that has been purchasing Scrip and encouraging family members, colleagues, friends, and others to also purchase Scrip. Please continue to support Saint Clement School and receive 1% off your tuition by purchasing Scrip certificates. Again, what better fundraiser could we have than Scrip? St. Clement is profiting when you are spending money that you would already be spending!

Home & School News from Sheila – It was great to see everyone attend the Sunday Mass for the beginning of Catholic Schools Week this past Sunday. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make it a successful and fun-filled week for the students and staff. Our next fundraiser will be the Pizza Sale. It will begin on March 8th, 2010 and end on March 24, 2010. The delivery date for the pizzas is scheduled for Saturday, April 17. We are looking for a couple of parents to co-chair this fundraiser as Jeanne Zenz will be having a graduating 6th grader this year. She is willing to show you the ropes this year, if you are interested. Thank you to Jeanne for all her years of chairing this fundraiser.

We will also be having our annual school brunch and Book Fair. Watch for dates. Thank you for all your help in making these fundraisers a success. The cookbook is coming along nicely and should be available for purchase at the end of this month. Thank you to all who submitted recipes. And, Thank You to Renee Schwantes for helping with this project, as well as Rachel L. Hines for helping with typing all the wonderful recipes. (Rachel is the sister to Sheila Stelpflug. So if anyone sees Rachel, give her big Thank You for all her help.) God Bless both of these women for their outstanding help with this project.

Saint Clement Blood Drive at the Youth & Ag Building Friday, February 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saint Clement Blood Drive – Saint Clement School is working with the Red Cross to educate students and families about the importance of donating blood. We will be holding a Blood Drive on **Friday, February 19th** from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Youth & Ag Building in Lancaster (they will be held at school in future years.) We are still looking for a few parents to help staff this important community service project. If you are available to help, please call the school or contact Home & School President Sheila Stelpflug ASAP. Thank you for your support!

Ronald McDonald Character Education – Saint Clement School will be hosting a special Character Education Presentation by Ronald McDonald on **Tuesday, February 9th** at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. Parents and family members are welcome to join us for this presentation if you would like.

LAC Lock-In at Saint Clement – Sixth grade student are invited to attend a special Lock-In at Saint Clement hosted by the Lancaster Association of Churches. Please e-mail Kitty Mumm at mumm2teach@yahoo.com or call her to 723-7425 or 732-1104 to register ASAP.

5th & 6th Grade Retreat – Saint Clement School students in Grades 5 & 6 will be going to Camp Gray again this year for an overnight retreat on **May 10th & 11th**. All students are expected to participate as this is a part of our school learning and stewardship experience. Parents who also wish to attend are encouraged to go along as chaperones. Please let us know in the office if you are interested in going. Thanks again to the Home & School Association for covering half of the cost for this wonderful retreat. No money is needed now.

February Dates to Remember:

- 5th & 6th - Basketball League Tournament @ Cassville H.S.
- 9th - Ronald McDonald Character Education Presentation – 10:30 a.m.
- 9th - 6th Grade CASH Ski Trip – Leave at 2:30 p.m.
- 12th - LAC Lock-In at Saint Clement
- 13th & 14th - Basketball League Tournament @ Cassville H.S.
- 15th - Kindergarten Round-up – 1:30 p.m.
- 17th - Ash Wednesday
- 18th - Aluminum Can Collection Day
- 19th - Saint Clement Blood Drive @ Youth & Ag Building
- 20th - First Reconciliation Retreat for 2nd Graders and Parents – 9:00 a.m.

Calendar Update – To keep our calendar consistent with the public School and to facilitate bus transportation we are making a slight change to our original calendar. **Friday, April 9th will now be an Early Release (11:30) and there will be no school on Friday, April 16th.** We originally had a full day scheduled on the 9th and an early release on the 16th.

Student Spotlight – Each month we try to provide examples of student work in our Family Bulletin. This month we are featuring an essay written by sixth grader, Alyssa Bainbridge about the wonderful aluminum can collection held to support our friends in Haiti. Please read the attach essay which has also been submitted to the Madison State Journal and other local newspapers.