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.

NOVEMBER

FAMILY BULLETIN

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the first quarter has come and gone so quickly. I guess the old adage "Time flies when you are having fun!" has proven true once again. I have been very pleased with the way things have been going so far this year and have to thank the students, parents, and staff for all of this. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community working together here at Saint Clement. I also feel very fortunate that I have such a loving and supporting family as we come to a time of year we recognize the things we are thankful for.

We will be making our annual Thanksgiving offering through the Sisters of Saint Francis to the domestic abuse shelter in Dubuque. This year we are asking each family to bring Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Liquid Laundry Soap, Garbage Bags or Money to be pooled for the purchase of needed items. These donations will all be used to help support women and children who have been victims of domestic abuse in the tri-state area. Thank you all in advance for your support!

May God continue to bless you and your family,

Mr. Jensen

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

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Safe Environment Week – November 3rd – 7th has been declared Safe Environment Week by the Diocese of Madison. Teachers have been presenting lessons to all students from the "Valuing God's Gifts in Ourselves and Others" program. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Thanksgiving Offering – We will be making our annual Thanksgiving offering through the Sisters of Saint Francis to the Dubuque Community Y Domestic Violence Program. This year we are asking each family to bring Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Liquid Laundry Soap, Garbage Bags (13 or 30 Gallon) or Money to buy SCRIP for the purchase of needed items. These donations will all go to support women and children who have been victims of domestic abuse in the tri-state area. Also, please take time as a family to discuss why it is important for us to participate in service projects and bring your donations to school by **Friday, November 20th**.

Veterans Day Program – The students have been working with Mrs. Karsten to prepare for our upcoming Veterans Day Program. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on **Wednesday, November 11th at 12:15** in the gym for this special tribute honoring all those who have honorably served our great country.

Home and School Meeting – Our next Home and School meeting will be held on **Monday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria.

A&W Night – Josh Burr, owner and operator of A&W Family Restaurant has invited us back to raise more money for Saint Clement School. On **Wednesday, November 18th, 2009** we will have our third annual Saint Clement Family Night at A&W. Josh has agreed to give the school a share of all sales, including carry-out orders, from **5:00 – 8:00 p.m.** In addition, the teachers have agreed to help serve orders with the A&W Bear on this evening. So, bring the family out to the A&W and help raise money for our wonderful school.

Parent - Teacher Conferences – The first quarter has come to an end. Parent – Teacher Conferences will be held just as they have been in past years. These will be on the evening of **Thursday, November 12th** and during the morning of **Friday, November 13th**. Please look for your scheduled conference times as they have been sent home with your child. Thank you.

National Family Week / Family Fun Night – In conjunction with National Family Week, Sigma Alpha Sorority will be sponsoring Family Fun Night from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Youth and Ag Building on **Monday, November 23rd**. There will be fun activities designed for each member of the family. Admission is free and all are welcome. Please see the attached flier for more information.

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

Second Quarter Lunch Fees – Just a reminder that second quarter lunch fees are due to the cooks. 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!

Raffle Calendars – Have you sold all of your raffle calendars yet? Please remember that we need to have all of them sold before December 31st and are encouraging everyone to have their money turned in by **Tuesday, December 1st**. If you are having difficulty selling all of your calendars please contact Carla in the office for names of people still interested in purchasing them.

Fall Festival Baskets – Our classroom baskets brought in **a new record of $803** for the church at the Fall Festival Silent Auction. The Kindergarten Christmas basket sold for $103, First Grade's Hunt/Fish/Camp Basket - $145, Second Grade's Chocolate Lovers Basket - $91, Third Grade's Fall Basket - $142, Fourth Grade's Catholic Basket - $83, Fifth Grade's Family Games Basket - $79, and Sixth Grad's Baking Basket - $160. I would like to thank all of our school families for their continued support of our parish.

ITBS – The Iowa Test of basic Skills has been given in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. Thank you for making sure your children got plenty of rest and had a healthy breakfast each morning. We will have the results to share with you at parent – teacher conferences. Special thanks go out to Sister Angeline for administering make-up tests for all students needing them.

Can Collection – This month's aluminum can collection will be held on **Thursday, November 19th**. We are in the process of constructing a new enclosure for our dumpsters and adding a drop off bin for aluminum cans. Please spread the word so friends and family can help our wonderful school by donating their cans any time off the day. Remember, the money we raise goes to support Fabiana, a twelve year old fifth grader from Guatemala and to help keep field trip costs to a minimum for all school families. We truly appreciate the efforts of Mrs. Kreul and all of the 5th Grade students in organizing this project.

GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com – To date**,** Saint Clement School has raised **$539.74** from supporters using GoodSearch.com to do internet searches and GoodShop.com to do their online shopping. Simply go to goodsearch.com and enter St Clement School (Lancaster, WI) as your designated cause. You can make it your homepage or add it to your toolbar and encourage friends and family members to do the same to help support our school. This is a great way to earn money for the school while doing your Christmas shopping on-line! Thank you.

Volleyball League Tournament – We would like to thank all school families for helping make our league volleyball tournament such a huge success. Special thanks go out to our Athletic Board members: Jeff & Amy Bahl, Al & Judy Mumm, Mark & Sandi Wood, Tony & Kathy Pozorski, Dan & Carla Hentrich, Rick & Patti Benson, and Jeanne Zenz. We would also like to thank the Lancaster High School for allowing us to use their facilities during a busy homecoming weekend, Steve & Laurie Walker for all of the great t-shirts, and Doolittle's Pub & Eatery, Ma's Bakery, and Martha McLean for their food donations. It is always very rewarding and refreshing to see so many people come together to support the students of our area Catholic schools. The tournament also helped raise over $3,000 for our school's athletic programs!

Basketball News – The basketball season is here! The boys and girls have been practicing hard and had their first game of the year at Cuba City the other night. Come on out and show your support at our first home game this **Sunday, November 8th at 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.** I would like to extend a special thank you to this year's coaches: Rick Benson, Al Mumm, Dick Becker, and Dan Hentrich. We also appreciate the parents helping out during the basketball season by serving on this year's Athletic Board: Mark and Sandi Wood, Jeff and Amy Bahl, Tony and Kathy Pozorski, and Al and Judy Mumm.

Cheerleading – This year's Saint Clement Cheerleading Squad includes Alyssa Bainbridge, Brianne Boughton, Ashton Doll, and Marissa Stelpflug. We are very fortunate to have these girls cheer at all home basketball games this season under the direction of Coach Sara Bahl.

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 – The next Home & School Meeting will be **Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Saint Clement Cafeteria. Also, we would like to remind everyone about turning in their recipes for the 2010 Saint Clement Cookbook. We are still in need of recipes, so we have extended the deadline to **Saturday, November 21, 2009**. Please send your recipes to Sheila Stelpflug at 8238 Hwy 35, Bloomington, WI 53804 or Renee Schwantes at 8689 Five Points Road, Lancaster, WI 53813. Or, you can simply send them to school with your children and Carla will make sure that we get them. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with your families.

Scrip Notes from Linda – Scrip is selling great, and it will get even greater as the holiday season approaches. We will be placing national orders more frequently so please check out the www.glscrip.com website to see if there is something we don't keep in inventory that you would like ordered. Our next national order will be Monday, November 9th. Two items that I would like to drop from our inventory are Barber's Etc. - Michelle and Lowe's. If anyone is interested in these items please purchase them. They have been sitting in our inventory way too long without anyone purchasing them. We also would like to welcome Zippy's ($10) to our Scrip Inventory.

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 families are encouraged to attend Thanksgiving Mass together.

All School Masses:

Wednesday, November 4th	Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Grade 5
Monday, November 9th	Martin of Tours, bishop	Grade 4
Wednesday, November 18th	Dedication of Basilicas of Peter & Paul	Grade 3
Wednesday, November 25th	Thanksgiving Prayer Service in Gym	Grade 6

November Dates to Remember

2nd – 6th	Safe Environment Week	18th	Family Night @ A&W, 5:00 – 8:00
6th	Early Release, 11:30	19th	Aluminum Can Collection Day
8th	Basketball Home vs. Sinsinawa	20th	Thanksgiving Donations Due
11th	Veterans Day Program @ 12:15	22nd	Basketball @ East Dubuque
12th	Greg Ihm's Birthday	23rd	Feast Day of Saint Clement
12th	Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00	24th	Family Fun Night @ Youth & Ag
13th	Parent Teacher Conferences, 8:30-11:00	26th	No School – Thanksgiving Break
13th	No School	27th	No School – Thanksgiving Break
15th	Basketball Home vs. Menominee		
16th	Home & School Meeting @ 7:00	Dec. 13th	Christmas Program @ 7:00
17th – 19th	Visiting Team		

Student Spotlight…Nic Wood – Each month we would like to show examples of what students have been doing at Saint Clement School. This month's selection is the following poem from sixth grader, Nic Wood:

WHAT IF NURSERY RHYMES

Last night while I lay in bed, some what ifs crept inside my head.
And stayed and stayed all night through. They got bigger as I grew.
What if Humpty Dumpty didn't fall off the wall? What if instead, he went shopping at the mall?
What if King Cole was a grouch old soul? What if it was because he never scored a soccer goal?
What if Little Boy Blue never blew his horn? What if it's because he was eating sweet corn?
What if Old MacDonald sold all his pets? What if he did it to win a big bet?
What if there were four blind mice? What if they got caught trying to make some rice?
What if it rained and poured but the old man didn't snore? What if he kept yelling, "More, more, more!"
What if the porridge was not hot and cold and ten days old? What if it was green and full of mold?
What if the cow jumped onto the moon? What if a space shuttle brought him home soon?
What if Yankee Doodle put a pen in his cap? What if he started ballet and tap?
In the morning it all goes away, but at night the what ifs are here to stay!