



# 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.

# OCTOBER

## FAMILY BULLETIN

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

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for your continued support of our wonderful school. One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is that I get to personally witness so many acts of generosity. It is truly a blessing to see everyone living there faith by doing whatever they can to support the children of our school. I was pleased with the turnout and participation for our annual Home and School Meeting / Ice Cream Social. I have been equally impressed with the effort that has been put into our fund raisers. This year's magazine sale results have broken the school record we set last year and have earned over \$10,000 for our wonderful school!

Keep up the great work...and. remember, I am always looking for ways in which we can improve our school and provide more meaningful experiences for our students. I welcome any suggestions that you might have to help us improve student learning and become better Christians. Please feel free to contact me at school, home, or by e-mail at [jensen1@tds.net](mailto:jensen1@tds.net).

I hope to see you all at the Fall Festival this weekend!

May God Be With You,

*Mr. Jensen*

**SAINT CLEMENT FALL FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**SWEET ROLLS 7:00 – 9:00 AM**  
**FALL FESTIVAL 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

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

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**ITBS Testing** – The Iowa Test of Basic Skills will be administered in **grades 3, 4, 5, and 6** during the week of **October 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>** with make-up tests given the week of **October 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**. This test is done throughout the Diocese of Madison so that we have local and national comparisons. You can help your student by making sure that they get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast each morning.

**Magazine Sale** – HIP, HIP, HOORAY! HIP, HIP HOORAY! Thanks to all of your efforts, this year's magazine sale resulted in a record breaking sale of almost \$27,500! As part of our deal with QSP, Saint Clement School will receive 40% of all sales or approximately **\$11,000!** Special thanks go out to Carla and the following volunteers for all of their hard work on this year's sale: Sara Bahl, Tonya Bainbridge, Denise Bausch, Lynn Crooks, Missy Janssen, Sharon Martin, Sue Miles, Dana Straka, Ellen Winkler, and Shari Zenz.

**Ice Cream Party** – As a reward for reaching our goal of \$23,000 for the magazine sale, all students will be treated to an ice cream party at the end of the school day on **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks again for making this year's sale such an overwhelming success!

**Pizza Party / Limo Ride** – Congratulations to those students who sold enough magazines to earn the pizza party and limo ride. There will be a list of these students on display in the cafeteria and a date will be set very soon. Thank you to Sue Miles for volunteering to chaperone this event. If any other parents are available to help out with this year's event, please contact Carla in the office as soon as possible.

**Harvest Festival Parade** – This year's Harvest Festival Parade will be held on Saturday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 1:00 p.m. Saint Clement School will be participating in the parade and we invite all students and parents to ride or walk with us. Please wear your Saint Clement green and gold apparel and meet us at the Firehouse / old B & H Bldg between 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Saturday (Our float entry number is #26). Special thanks goes out to Judy Mumm, Danielle Connelly, Sheila Stelpflug, Nate Dreckman, Kurt Bendorf, Marianne Giesen's CCD class, Terri Abing, and others with their assistance with this project.

**Raffle Calendars** – Have you sold all of your raffle calendars yet? Please remember that we are encouraging everyone to have their money turned in to the office by **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you are having difficulty selling all of your calendars please contact Carla in the office for names of people that may be interested in purchasing them.

**Eye and Ear Screening** – Special thanks go out to Laurie Walker, Dana Straka, and Lynn Crooks, for volunteering to perform screening tests for our students' vision and hearing. We simply would not have such a wonderful school without all of the volunteer help we receive throughout the year!

**Visiting Team** – Saint Clement School is taking part in a very important accreditation process again this school year that will require some extra effort and input from everyone associated with the school. Last year we conducted surveys and completed a lengthy self-study process to document every aspect of our wonderful school. This year we will have the pleasure of hosting a Visiting Team of four to six educators from the diocese on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. These individuals will analyze our self study document and interview all members of the school community. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this important process. **All school families may be contacted by visiting team members, either in person or by phone, during their visit.**

**Diocesan-Wide Congress** – I have attached an invitation for all individuals that are interested in the future of Catholic education in the Diocese of Madison. Please let your voice be heard at this important event on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Bishop O'Connor Center in Madison. It has been reported that there have been a large number of individuals with personal agendas attempting to influence these meetings. Please help us support Catholic education as we know it at Saint Clement School!

**Can Collection** – Aluminum cans are collected the third Thursday of each month. This month's collection will be held on **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Cans are to be dropped off by the corner of the school with the drinking fountain, on the playground side of the school. Thank you to all families who remembered to bring in aluminum cans last month! Some of the money is used to continue our sponsorship of Fabiana, a twelve year old fifth grader from Guatemala. Extra funds will be used 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students in organizing this project.

**Boxtops for Education** – Thanks to all of your efforts in saving General Mills "Boxtops for Education" coupons, the school will be receiving a check for **\$1,053!** Remember, 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 to Sister Eva and the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students for processing each of these items to support our school.

**GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com** – To date, Saint Clement School has raised **\$532.53** 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. Thank you.

**All School Picture / Picture Retakes** – Herff-Jones will be back on **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** to take our all school picture and do picture retakes. Please fill out the form and return it to school with your payment by Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and remember to have your children dressed appropriately for the picture. Please return your entire packet (except the class picture) to the office as soon as possible if you would like retakes.

**Volleyball League Tournament** – Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help with the upcoming Volleyball Tournament Fund raiser. A worker schedule will be sent to all families on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Remember, it is our turn in the rotation to host the annual league volleyball tournament this season. We have reserved the Lancaster High School Gymnasium on **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** for this event. Please understand that this will take the combined efforts of all school families to be run successfully and proceeds are crucial to the continued operation of all our athletic teams. Thank you once again for your cooperation and assistance with this event. Please call the school office if for more information on how you can help with this important event.

**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** – It was great to see everyone at our 1<sup>st</sup> Home and School Association meeting and Ice Cream Social on September 21. Our officers were introduced and everyone was encouraged to attend future meetings. Please remember that all parents are a part of this organization and your input is very important. The Raffle Calendars are available for each family. If you have not yet received yours, please contact Josh or Carla at the school. If you would like to sell more, please contact Carla at school – 723-7474. Our new families were introduced by Josh as well as our new teachers and staff. Josh informed us about the Golf Outing and that the magazine sales were off to a great start. Thank You to A & W for donating the cups, straws and spoons for the ice cream floats and to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents for donating the pop.

Remember that we are putting together a 2010 Saint Clement Cookbook that will be for sale in February. Please remember to return your recipe(s) to school, church, or to Sheila Stelpflug by November 7, 2009. (*This is a change from the last newsletter*) If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Sheila Stelpflug (794-2555 or 732-1727) or Renee Schwantes (723-2231 or 778-1381).

Fall Festival is this Sunday. All classes will be donating their themed baskets for the silent auction. The Harvest Festival Parade is Saturday. If you are interested in participating, please meet us at the Firehouse / old B & H Bldg between 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Thanks to the parade committee for getting everything organized so that Saint Clement School, along with Saint Clement Church and Religious Ed could be a part of the Harvest Festival Parade in honor of our school's 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the church's Jubilee Year. Everyone Enjoy this year's Fall Festival!

**Scrip Notes from Linda** – Thanks for continuing to support the Scrip program. We have some new certificates in our inventory. They are Aeropostale \$25, MC Sports \$25, VISA \$25, and VISA \$100. With the VISA cards they are used like a gift card, but you need to let the cashier know what the value of the card is or the balance left on the card before you scan the card. If you don't do this and your bill is more than the balance it will deny your card. A letter is enclosed with each card that tells you how to use them. If you lose track of the balance there is a number on the back of the card that you can call for the remaining balance. These cards are accepted anywhere you can use a VISA credit card, so they are great for places that do not offer Scrip certificates or when you don't know where you are going to shop. We could use more volunteers, especially from the younger students to get involved in the Scrip program. If you have questions about how you can help stop in to see Carla or give Linda Ihm a call @723-7997. Remember this is our largest fundraiser at St. Clement School; all of us should be purchasing certificates. Gas and groceries are used by everyone. I would really like to have someone purchase Barber's Etc Michelle Klein certificates. If anyone goes to Michelle for business please, please purchase these certificates. We will not purchase anymore, but I would like to get these out of the inventory. Reminder that we try to send in a national order on the first Monday of each month. If you know you need something please try to get the order to us before that Monday. Next national order date is Monday, October 5th. Thanks!

**Pray for Rome Travelers** – Please keep Father Bill, Mrs., Ihm, and all of the school and parish families that are traveling to Rome in your thoughts and prayers. These individuals left on Friday morning to be present for former Saint Clement student, Greg Ihm's deaconate in Rome.

**All You Can Eat Waffle Breakfast** – The Saint Clement Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring an all you can eat waffle breakfast on Sunday, October 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. All proceeds will go to benefit refugee women of war-torn countries. Please fill out the advanced order form or call the school office for more information. Thank you!

**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:

<b><u>All School Masses:</u></b>		
Friday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekday Mass	Grade 6
Wednesday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of the Rosary	Grade 5 (Prayer Service)
Wednesday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday Mass	Grade 4
Wednesday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Weekday Mass	Grade 3
Wednesday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Simon & Jude, Apostles Feast	Grade 6
Wednesday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Grade 5

**October Dates to Remember**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvest Festival Parade 1:00	15 <sup>th</sup>	Gr. 2&3 to Vesperman Farms 12:20
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Festival	15 <sup>th</sup>	Aluminum Can Collection Day
5 <sup>th</sup>	Volleyball Home vs. Cuba City	16 <sup>th</sup>	K&1 Grandparent's Day 2:00
5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Safety Week	17 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan-Wide Congress 8:30-3:00
5 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	ITBS Testing	20 <sup>th</sup>	All-School Trip to Sinsinawa Mound
8 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Safety Presentation K-2	28 <sup>th</sup>	End of First Quarter
10 <sup>th</sup>	A-Team Volleyball Tournament	28 <sup>th</sup>	All School Picture / Picture Retakes
11 <sup>th</sup>	B-Team Volleyball Tournament	28 <sup>th</sup>	K & 1 to Care Center 1:30
12 <sup>th</sup>	All School Ice Cream Party 2:30	29 <sup>th</sup>	No School
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	National School Lunch Week	30 <sup>th</sup>	No School
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry items in Memory of Jim Hoehl		