



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.

SEPTEMBER

FAMILY BULLETIN

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

Dear Saint Clement School Families,

I have been very pleased with the start of the school year and welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have to help improve our wonderful school. Please feel free to contact me at school: 723-7474 or by e-mail: jensen1@tds.net.

The first **Home & School Meeting / Ice Cream Social will be held on Monday, September 21st from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** This will start with a short Home and School meeting in the gym to introduce the new officers, our school faculty, and the new families. We will also take time to discuss a couple of important issues and events that will affect this school year. After the meeting, there will be ice cream floats and social time in the cafeteria. Each family will be able to pick up their raffle calendars and have a chance to get items from the classroom wish lists. Thank you for your support!

We would like to extend a very special welcome to the following new families to our school this year: Bob Bausch and Denise Bausch (son Braeden), Justin and Becky Hampton (daughter Haley), Jay and Melissa Janssen (daughter Anna), Dan and Rose Kelley (son Daniel), Brian and Sonya Kirsch (son Noah), Corey and Laura Kirschbaum (son Will), Randy and Ellen Koeller (son Zachary), Ron and Stacey Oyen (son Tristan), Clarence and Shannon Pratt (daughter Shaeanna), and Shaun and Rochelle Williams (daughter Hope). We are very pleased to see so many new faces this year as enrollment has increased once again to 119 students in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade.

May God continue to bless you and your family,

Mr. Jensen

H&S Ice Cream Social – Monday, September 21st from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS!!!

- Saint Clement School would like to welcome **Ms. Danielle Benson** to our school family. We are very pleased and excited to announce that Ms. Benson has been hired as the new kindergarten teacher following the resignation of Mrs. Straka. Danielle is the daughter of Rick and Patti Benson and a former graduate of Saint Clement School. She recently graduated with honors from Winona State University with a degree in elementary education and served as a long-term sub while Mrs. Kratochvill was on maternity leave. We look forward to Danielle's enthusiasm and the many gifts she will bring to our school. This includes the wonderful support she receives from her family and fiancé, who teaches second grade at Fennimore.
- Saint Clement School is pleased to announce that **Mrs. Kelly Ihm** (formerly Richard) has been hired as our new fourth grade teacher following the retirement of Mrs. Von Feldt. Kelly did an outstanding job serving as a student teacher at Saint Clement School during the 2007-2008 school year. She was then hired as the first and second grade teacher at Saint Mary's in East Dubuque last year. This summer Kelly married Joe Ihm from our parish and moved to Lancaster. We look forward to Kelly's strong Catholic background, her wonderful demeanor, and the impressive work ethic she will bring to our school and parish.
- Saint Clement School would like to welcome **Ms. Kathy Karsten** to our school family. We are very pleased to announce that Ms. Karsten has been hired as our new music teacher following the resignation of Mrs. White. Kathy recently graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where she earned a degree in choral and general music education. She is a former graduate of Saint Mary's Catholic School in Platteville and has volunteered as an accompanist and youth choir director at Saint Mary's Parish. Kathy also enjoys teaching children songs about their faith at Vacation Bible School each summer. We look forward to the many gifts that Ms. Karsten will bring to our wonderful school.
- Saint Clement School is pleased to announce that **Mrs. Lorrie Adams** has been hired as our new head cook following the retirement of Mrs. Janet Blum. Lorrie, her husband Paul, and her three children Jake, Rachel, and Ashley are faithful members of Saint Clement Parish and have been a dedicated school family. Lorrie has served as our Home & School President and Vice-President and as a member of our Education Commission. She was instrumental in starting our annual Saint Clement School Book Fair and Family Fun Day. Lorrie has also helped with numerous other fundraisers and has organized blood drives at the school. We look forward to the enthusiasm and many delicious meals that Lorrie will help bring to our school.

Latch Key / After School Program – We would like to welcome **Mrs. Katie Crosby** as our new Latchkey Director following the retirement of Sister Angeline. This after school program is off to a great start once again as we have excellent numbers for this year's program. "Drop-Ins" will still be available but, we are asking that you please call in advance to make sure there is room and we can plan ahead. Thank you!

Traffic Flow – I would like to thank you all for your patience and cooperation during the first few days of school - without bus services and with all of the construction projects. Just a reminder, we are now asking everyone who drops off students for school in the morning to enter the playground from Cherry Street and exit onto Maple Street. This keeps the traffic moving the best. Students will continue to enter the building either from the playground or from the front entrance and wait patiently in the cafeteria. Also, please pick students up at the front entrance after school and **use the crosswalks at all times**. The playground area will be used for bus riders. Thanks again for your support.

Eye and Ear Screening – will be held on **Tuesday, September 22nd, 2009** for all students. We are looking for 3 or 4 volunteers to help with this event. Please contact the school office if you can be of assistance.

THE MAGAZINE SALE IS COMING!! THE MAGAZINE SALE IS COMING!!
KICKOFF IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2009

Golf Outing – Thank you to all who worked and/or donated to the Saint Clement School / Ike Schildgen Memorial Golf Outing. We had another beautiful day for this year's outing, which made approximately **\$7,000** for the school! Thank you all very much for your support...it is so rewarding to see all of your hard work and generosity pay off for our students.

Soda Needed for Ice Cream Social – This year we will be serving root beer and strawberry floats for the Ice Cream Social following the Home & School meeting on **Monday, September 21st**. Parents of the sixth graders are asked to please furnish one two liter bottle of root beer and one two liter bottle of strawberry soda for this event. Thank you for your support.

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 17th through Thursday, November 19th. 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.

***The Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation (WRISA) is a nonprofit organization formed in 1991 by the Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools to provide non-public schools with an ongoing school improvement process. WRISA's three phase accreditation process provides school communities with the opportunity to explore every aspect of their school program, receive valuable feedback from a team of impartial professional educators, and develop a long range plan using the WRISA framework. Once accredited, schools file an annual report documenting that they are in compliance with the WRISA Standards and that they have made progress on their long range plan.

Can Collection – Aluminum cans will once again be collected the third Thursday of each month. This month's collection will be held on **Thursday, September 17th**. Cans are to be dropped off by the corner of the school with the drinking fountain, on the playground side of the school. 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 5th Grade students in organizing this project.

Labels, Boxtops, and Milk Jug Caps – 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 6th Grade students for processing each of these items to support our school.

GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com – To date, Saint Clement School has raised **\$518.64** 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.

School Pictures – Herff-Jones will take school pictures on **Wednesday, September 9th**. If any parents would like pictures taken of younger children, please bring them to school around 8:40 a.m. Order forms were sent home last Wednesday and are available in the office if you did not receive one. Please make sure they are returned to school with money before the day of pictures.

Assignment Notebooks – All students in grades 4, 5, and 6 have been given assignment notebooks. Please help encourage your child to use them as we emphasize their use at school. Students in these grades will also be keeping a log of all late assignments that must be signed by parents in an effort to help alleviate this growing concern.

Catechetical Sunday – Religious Education and Saint Clement School teachers will be commissioned on weekend masses **Saturday, September 19th and Sunday, September 20th**.

Volleyball News and Notes – The volleyball team has been practicing for a few weeks now and played their first game of the season last Wednesday evening at Sinsinawa. We are all looking forward to another exciting season and would like to thank **Carol Thole** and **Bev Doll** for volunteering to coach the girls this season. Please come and support the team as they have their first home match on Monday, September 14th against Saint Joseph's, Dodgeville. We would also like to thank Mrs. Kathy Larsen for helping out with refereeing this season.

Volleyball League Tournament – 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 10th and Sunday, October 11th** 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 in advance for your cooperation and assistance with this 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.

Morning Routine – The students have been doing a very nice job at school so far this year. We have been very pleased with the results of a few slight changes we have made to our morning routine. Instead of waiting outside with little supervision each morning before school, students now enter the building and wait together in the cafeteria. The first bell rings at 7:55 for all the students, teachers, and quiet down for a morning prayer together. We discuss any intentions that we have and recite an “Our Father” together before departing to our classrooms together. Please help your child learn and understand this important prayer that I have included below.

The Our Father for kids

Like the Pledge of Allegiance or anything else we say both often and quickly, the meaning of the Our Father, with its old-fashioned language, can be lost on children. Here's a translation for kids:

Our Father who art in heaven,

God, who lives in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

Your name is holy. You are holy.

Thy kingdom come.

May our world become a place where all live the way you want them to live.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,

May things happen exactly as you want them to here on earth, just as they do already in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Each day give us the things we need to stay alive.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

God, when we do something wrong, forgive us in the same way that we forgive others who do wrong things to us.

Lead us not into temptation,

Help us not to think about doing things that are wrong.

But deliver us from evil.

Keep us away from all that is not loving and good.

Amen.

Yes I believe. It is true.

Home & School News from Sheila – Welcome back to another school year at St. Clements! The Home & School Association is an organization made up of all parents, teachers, staff, and any other interested family members. Together we are a part of the decision making process needed to support St. Clement School. Home & School meetings are held four times a year, in the evenings, and everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. The more you are involved, the greater say you have in the functioning of our school. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas feel free to contact any one of the officers. This year's officers are:

President – Sheila Stelpflug – phone # 794-2555
Vice-President – Danielle Connelly – phone # 723-5631
Secretary – Roshae Moore – phone # 794-2199
Treasurer – Deb Ihm – phone # 723-6810

The first Home & School Meeting will be on **Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m.** It will be held along with the Ice Cream Social for the school. Thanks to everyone who helped with the St Clement School/Ike Schildgen Memorial Gold Outing in August. It was great success again this year! Upcoming fundraisers will be the Raffle Calendar and the Magazine Sales. The 2010 Raffle Calendars will be ready to be picked up at the Ice Cream Social. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for the school year. **Each family is expected to sell 6 calendars.** Keep in mind that all of the fundraisers help to keep the cost of tuition down. We will need everyone's help to make each fundraiser a success.

Also, we will be having a float entry in the upcoming Harvest Festival Parade. It will be tied along with the churches float entry. The committee will be working out the details of the float and will be getting more information to you.

As part of the Jubilee Celebration for the church and the 120th Anniversary for the school, we will be selling a cookbook to anyone who wishes to purchase it. We are asking that whoever wants to submit a recipe or two to please do so by **November 1, 2009.** Please submit all recipes via email to either Sheila Stelpflug @ mike_sheila@tds.net or Renee Schwantes at davren86@hotmail.com. You may also send the recipes to school and send them to Sr. Eva's classroom. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila at 794-2555 or Renee Schwantes at 723-2231.

Thank you for your continued support and help with everything for St. Clement School. Have a GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!!

Scrip Notes from Linda – Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program throughout the summer months. We are pleased to announce that we have some new certificates in our inventory. They are Aeropostale \$25, MC Sports \$25, VISA \$25, and VISA \$100. The VISA cards are used just 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 do not 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 toll free number on the back of the card that you can call to get 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, so all of us should be purchasing certificates. Gas and groceries are used by everyone.

We will no longer be carrying the local Lancaster BP certificates or the Barbers' Etc. – Michelle certificates in inventory. If you are a patron of either of these locations, we would appreciate it if you could purchase as much of the remaining inventory as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and please note that we will continue to carry the national BP cards which can be used at all BP locations, including Lancaster.

A Special Note to Those Who Volunteer with Children from Bill Manthe – First, let me THANK YOU for your willingness to assist our children and help in our school & parish programs! Your presence, your faith, your sharing mean so much to the successful efforts to pass along our faith in Christ the Lord.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have established guidelines for all dioceses and parishes to implement that are designed to help protect the safety and well-being of children. Parish employees and volunteers who work with children and youth are required to attend a Protecting God’s Children for Adults (PGC) awareness session. At this session we will learn the steps that can be taken by parishes and by adults that can help reduce the incidence of child sexual abuse in society, and what can be done by us to protect the children entrusted to our care.

I have scheduled a PGC awareness session at the parish later this month. It will be held on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory basement. If you have not attended one of these sessions in the past and you volunteer with our kids in any way, such as a chaperone, substitute teacher, playground duty, etc. in the school or in religious education you do need to attend one of these very important and pertinent informational sessions.

To attend, pre-registration needs to be done on-line via the VIRTUS website.

- To register go to www.virtus.org
- Then click on “registration” (left hand side of page)
- Click on “begin registration process”
- From the pull-down menu, choose “Madison, WI (Diocese)
- then continue the registration process with your information
- Finally select the Protecting God’s Children Awareness Session here at St. Clement on September 14th.

Pre-registration is required. If you have questions, or do not have internet access, call me at 723-4990 or stop at my office and I can help get you signed-up. If you cannot make this session, you can find other session offerings held in our area when you scroll down the location choices at the site above. Again, thank you for helping out in our efforts in handing on faith and knowledge to our children. We literally couldn’t do it without 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:

<u>All School Masses:</u>		
Wednesday, September 2 nd	Opening Mass of School Year	Grade 6
Wednesday, September 9 th	Peter Claver, Priest	Grade 5
Wednesday, September 16 th	Cornelius, Pope & Martyr	Grade 4
Wednesday, September 23 rd	Padre Pio, Priest	Grade 3
Wednesday, September 30 th	Jerome, Priest and Doctor	Grade 6 (Prayer Service)
Wednesday, October 7 th	Our Lady of the Rosary	Grade 5 (Prayer Service)

September Dates to Remember

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| 07 th | No School – Labor Day | 21 st | Volleyball Home vs. East Dubuque |
| 09 th | Volleyball Away @ Menominee | 22 nd | Eye & Ear Screening |
| 08 th | Magazine Sale Kickoff, 2:00 p.m. | 23 rd | Third Magazine Turn-In Day |
| 09 th | School Pictures, 9:00 a.m. | 23 rd | Volleyball Away @ Kieler |
| 14 th | Volleyball Home vs. Dodgeville | 28 th | Fourth Magazine Turn-In Day |
| 14 th | PGC Awareness Session, 6:30 p.m. | 28 th | Volleyball Away @ HG-IC |
| 15 th | First Magazine Turn-In Day | 30 th | Volleyball Home vs. Platteville |
| 16 th | Volleyball Home vs. Cassville | | |
| 17 th | Bethel Horizons – Grade 4 | | |
| 18 th | Second Magazine Turn-In Day | | |
| 20 th | Catechetical Sunday | | |
| 21 st | H & S Meeting / Ice Cream Social, 7:00 p.m. | | |

October

- 10th & 11th League Volleyball Tournament

