



The Saints Go Marching On!

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- JANUARY 19
Early Dismissal
12:35 p.m.
- JANUARY 20
Home & School
Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- JANUARY 21
End 2nd Quarter
Movie Night
- JANUARY 24
NO SCHOOL
- JANUARY 25
Report Cards
- JANUARY 27
2011-2012 Kinder-
garten Round Up
5:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 30—
FEBRUARY 4
Catholic School's
Week
- JANUARY 30
Home & School
Breakfast
- FEBRUARY 2
St. Croix County
Catholic Schools
Mass at St. Pat-
rick's in Hudson

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents:

Student Council – Student Council and I visited the local radio station on Monday. The representatives recorded announcements for Catholic School's Week under the supervision of the station manager. The announcements highlighted our Catholic Identity and mission which included our weekly liturgies, recycling program, athletic program, faith friends, community service, and Home, School, and Church Assn. The station manager will play the announcements on Sunday, the 30th starting at 7:00 a.m. for a two hour period. This has become a tradition that started many years ago and I am grateful for this community partnership.

Wednesday, January 19th – Our Early Out In-service will be Part II of the Brain Gym series that began in November. Ms. Rosauer and Mrs. Hennlich have arranged for this in-service to occur and have partnered with a consultant to present this series to us. Mrs. Joni Polehna will visit and instruct on exercises that may be used within this program's format. For those of you who are present in the building for morning announcements, you may be aware of the exercises that were put into place when we returned from Christmas vacation. We do them every morning after prayer and pledge and the older children model the exercises for the younger ones. Brain Gym is a theory that emphasizes movement as a way to stimulate the brain cells and get us ready to learn for the day. The components of the program encourage the following:

- Concentration and Focus
- Memory
- Academics: reading, writing, math, test taking
- Physical coordination
- Relationships
- Self-responsibility
- Organization skills
- Attitude

**HOME & SCHOOL
BREAKFAST**
January 30
9:00 –11:00 A.M.



Interactive Boards – Interactive Mimeo Boards were installed in the Sixth and Seventh/Eighth Grade Classrooms during Christmas vacation. Our school is proud to have three of these boards available to our faculty and children for interactive learning.

What angel? Have you heard about the manners angel? You need to ask your children about his/her presence in our school. He/she visits periodically to check on us. He/she wants us to have excellent manners just like Jesus did with his friends, family, and anyone he interacted with. For instance, I greet parents and children in the morning and say, “Good Morning.” The manners angel observes to see if parents and children respond and then watches throughout the rest of the day to make sure that we are being respectful to each other. The manner angel is very important in our school community and sometimes grades us on our day. Last Tuesday, he/she gave us a B+ for our manners.

Goal Program – The program continues with Mrs. Halonen and Mr. Measner taking turns offering enrichment and remedial assistance to our children. This is in addition to the lessons that already occur in the classroom to accommodate children’s different learning styles and needs. This Diocesan wide program is preparing our school and the other 15 schools in the Diocese of Superior for the RTI Program that is federally/state mandated for Fall, 2011. You may Google RTI and many websites will come, that address the purpose and objectives of this type of learning. In the meantime, our faculty has been preparing for this transition for the last two years and we will be ready to comply with the regulations of the program design. I am on the Diocese Goal Committee consisting of principals and the superintendent of schools and we are at the helm of preparing for these changes. Basically, the government has said that all children learn differently and need to be accommodated regardless of race, creed, socio-economic background, or ability levels. The faculty and I are fully aware of this belief/creed/regulation/philosophy and it has been a part of our educational foundation for years. It is a tradition at our school to accommodate individual learning needs and we work together to achieve that goal. However, the faculty and I also recognize that we have more to learn and are busy doing just that. Some teachers are taking graduate classes, others are attending in-services provided by the national organizations, two are participating in Goal Program in-services, all of us attended a Goal Program in-service in August, and more in-services, workshops, and meeting are on the horizon.

It is my pleasure to serve your children.

ANNOUNCING

Our annual Spring Performance will be held at the Old Gem Theater on April 29th with two performances at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Students are required to attend both performances.

St. Mary’s Middle School Students will sing at the 9:00 Mass on January 30th to kick off Catholic School’s Week. Sixth, Seventh and Eighth graders please email Mrs. Jarchow to let her know if you will attend at: grades@st-marysschool.com.

TALENT SHOW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

One of the special events for Catholic School's Week will be a talent show on Friday, February 4th. Students may try-out for the show during their music class on Wednesday, January 26th or Monday, January 31st. Typically, talents include singing and playing musical instruments.



INK CARTRIDGES

With changing of printers over the past few years we have some unused ink cartridges that we would like to give away. If you can use any of the following, please let Doris know:

Lexmark black 16

Canon black 30

HP black 45

HP color 23

Epson color PE-520

Epson black PE-501

Bits & Pieces Doris Mitchell

Please check your family folders for a permission slip for Catholic School's Week Mass at St. Patrick's in Hudson.

Important Home & School meeting Thursday, January 20th regarding the Scrip Assessment Fee for next school year.



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

EARLY DISMISSAL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH
12:35 P.M.



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH
5:30 P.M.

2ND QUARTER ENDS
REPORT CARDS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

