



# The Saints Go Marching On!

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

- APRIL 5  
Report Cards
- APRIL 15  
Movie Night
- APRIL 16  
Recycling
- APRIL 20  
Early Dismissal  
12:35 p.m.
- APRIL 22 - 25  
NO SCHOOL  
Easter Break
- APRIL 26  
School Resumes
- APRIL 29  
Spring Program
- MAY 14-15  
May Fest
- MAY 18  
Early Dismissal  
12:35 p.m.
- MAY 20  
Movie Night

**PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

Dear Parents:

**Technology Updates:** An IPAD1 was recently donated to our school. There is a picture of it with two students holding it on Option C. It will be for student use under the supervision of the principal. Grades Pre K, 2, 6, and 7/8 have mimeo boards and accessories fully functioning in their classrooms. Grade 5 is next on the list for installation as soon as the LCD Projector arrives. Pre K, 2, and 5 mimeo boards and accessories were made possible by the special donation that resulted from the Mardi Gras Celebration. You may be very proud of these accomplishments.

**Goal Meeting -** Two teachers and I are attending this meeting on Wednesday in Ladysmith. The agenda includes reviewing WI State Teaching Standards and student profile forms.

**Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> –** The faculty and staff from school and the church will be attending a Basic First Aid and CPR class. WITC and St. Mary School formed a partnership several years ago and this will be our fourth renewal class in the last 8 years. The representatives from WITC visit us here and offer a renewal and new class for those taking it for the first time.

**IMPORTANT SPRING PLAY INFORMATION**

**Costumes**

The play is quickly approaching and the students are doing an outstanding job preparing for the big day. We would like all students to bring in their costumes in a bag labeled with their name. Please turn the costume in to their teacher by Monday, April 11th.

**Ticket Night**

Beginning Monday, April 18th ticket reservations will be available. Each family is able to reserve 4 tickets in advance (reserved seats) for the performances. We will be holding the ticket night in the Multipurpose Room at 6:00 p.m. If you are unable to come that evening, you can reserve your tickets in Mrs. Jarchow's classroom before and after school on Tuesday (19th) and Wednesday (20th). On Thursday morning, the remaining tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis if families need more than four tickets. Children two years of age and older need to have a seat of their own per fire code. You will receive your tickets with your seat numbers at the time you make your reservations. There is no charge for tickets but a free-will offering will be taken after both performances.

**Remember:** all students are required to attend both performances on the 29th at the Gem Theatre.

**APRIL SHOWERS  
BRING  
MAY FLOWERS**



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Today the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders are going on a field trip with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders. We are going to S & S Sugar Bush in Ellsworth. We will be learning about tapping maple trees and how maple syrup is made. Part of learning about the rainforest includes learning about the variety of everyday foods we use from there. We are learning that the rainforests are important to us, but they are endangered. To help save the rainforest, the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders will be making cookies with ingredients from the rainforest. Money made from the cookie sale will go to The Rainforest Alliance to help save an acre of the rainforest. These cookies will be for SALE on FRIDAY, APRIL 8 at 12:30 P.M., by the office and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade room. POSTERS will be placed around the school advertizing the sale. KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THE POSTERS for all the details.

## 6th, 7th, 8th Grade News Empty Bowls

St. Mary's is one of the sponsors for the Empty Bowls event this year. The Middle School students are participating again by making bowls to be sold at the event on Friday, April 14th. We went to Hillside Elementary to make bowls last week and finished decorating them today. These bowls will be fired over the next week and be on display before they are sold. They can be purchased for \$10, which will include soup and bread.



## 3rd Grade News

We are welcoming Lent and Jesus into our hearts in a special way in Grade Three, by making individual rosaries. Students are learning how to pray the Rosary, and learning the Mysteries of the Rosary, along with the sad and happy lives of Mary and Jesus.

Many 3rd graders are finishing their READO folders. They began reading as many as 25 chapter books and charted their genre of literacy styles. Hopefully, this will encourage them to read more chapter books and provide opportunity to read with a passion. A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Schleicher who has been our room librarian this year. Every month she brought in up to 100 books from the public library, so the students could check them out. We have had every book returned, thanks to her on-line inventory and check list. Thanks for your time and work to make this possible, Mrs. Schleicher.

In Science, we brought the current events of Japan into our classroom and learned about earthquakes, volcanoes, and tectonic plates. Each student researched and learned about volcano disasters in the United States and throughout the world, and wrote a report. Then they created, painted and erupted a volcano in the classroom or as they will tell you, “exploded volcanoes in our room!” Parent’s may or may not be happy to know that these replicas last over ten years. You will be able to watch your little Volcanologist “explode” their volcano over and over and over.



Today our class will attend the S & S Sugar Bush near Red Wing. We will learn about the operation of maple syrup and even “tap” a tree. We will tour the wooden building where the alchemy of turning sap into syrup takes place. We will walk some of the 35 acres of maple trees and enjoy a delicious sundae topped with maple syrup.

## Bits & Pieces Doris Mitchell

Report Cards are going home in today's family folder.

Summer Stretch 2011 - is coming soon! Please check with your child next Friday (April 15) for the Summer Stretch 2011 Catalog. I will receive it from the public school and send it home the same day. Registration starts on Monday, April 18th and closes on Friday, May 20th. Summer Stretch will run for 13 days, Wednesday, June 15th through Friday, July 1st. I will send a reminder email next week.

**EARLY DISMISSAL  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20  
12:35 P.M.**



**NO SCHOOL  
EASTER BREAK  
APRIL 22 - 25**



**SPRING PLAY  
FRIDAY, APRIL 29  
1:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.**