

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, Mr. Lou Van Eperen, 8th District Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and member of the Kaukauna Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, came to school to present the winners of the Patriot's Pen writing contest sponsored by the VFW. Students in sixth through eighth grades at Holy Cross were invited to participate in the contest by writing an essay about patriotism. There were three winners from our school whose essays will be sent to the regional level competition. The winners were presented with a certificate of participation and a check for \$25. **Congratulations to our school winners of the Patriot's Pen contest: McKayla Geiser, Megan Feldt, both 6th graders, and Anne Cops, 7th grader.**

In addition, Mr. Van Eperen presented **Mr. Kenneth Wydeven, 5th Grade teacher, with the National Citizenship Education Teacher Post Recognition Award.** This award recognizes teachers who promote citizenship education in their classroom and school. His nomination will now move on to the regional level.

During his time here at KCSS, Ken has inspired patriotism in all those he meets. His class is responsible for raising and taking down the flag each day. He teaches students proper flag care and etiquette. In his history classes, Ken's enthusiasm and love for our country is evident. Also, each year, Ken organizes a Veterans' Day Prayer Service for the school that is led by his 5th Grade class. **Congratulations Mr. Wydeven on your well-deserved recognition!** It is an honor to work with Ken Wydeven. I hope you will join me in giving thanks to God for the pleasure of knowing Ken Wydeven and for God blessing us with his work here at Holy Cross. We also welcome you to join us tomorrow for our service at the flagpole at 8:10 a.m.

Yours in Christ,

Elizabeth Watson

Reminder to Girls' Volleyball Families:

PLEASE!

Please send back your volleyball evaluation, that was included in last week's enclosures (is posted on the web site, October 29, Weekly News, Enclosures, p. 7-8).

8th Grade Activities

This past week the students worked on creating plot talk shows in Literature class. They had to choose one story from the short story unit, and using all of the parts of the plot, create a talk show. The characters from the story were the guests on the talk show. If you check out my blog (www.mrsovd.blogspot.com), you can see a video of one group sharing their interpretation of the story "The War of the Wall." In addition to this final assessment of the short story unit, students also had an opportunity to bid on their project of choice for next quarter's book sharing projects.

Throughout the first quarter, students earned "Language Arts Loot" when they offered significant contributions to class discussions. After selecting several projects in which they were interested, students could use their accumulated "Loot" to "buy" their favorite project (if they weren't outbid). As in the first auction of the year, this one was fun!

In Religion, the students wrote Pauline letters in which they wrote messages of hope to people living in Africa. They had to model their letters after the letters that St. Paul wrote. They were very good! They really seemed to grasp the types of messages St. Paul was sharing. This activity helped to reinforce the idea that these books in the Bible were written by real people who had real experiences. I have been trying to point out that, very often, the second reading in church is one of Paul's letters and that these letters still have words of wisdom in our everyday lives all these years later.


Tara Opsteen-Van Dyke - 8th Grade

Fifth Grade Features

In Religion class, Mr. Wydeven's 5th graders studied the Rosary as a powerful meditative prayer. We learned how important praying the Rosary has been to people in all situations, especially at stressful times in their lives. Praying a five decade Rosary in class was the culmination of this unit. We then studied the Beatitudes given to us by Jesus at the Sermon on the Mount. The students learned how to be peacemakers, how to be pure of heart, and what it means to hunger and thirst for justice.

We are now preparing for our annual Veterans' Day program for grades three through eight at the flagpole at 8:10 A.M. on Friday, November 9. God bless our men and women in the Armed Forces and veterans both living and dead. God bless America!

Ken Wydeven - 5th Grade



Successful Parent Teacher Conference Tips

1. Review your child's report card before meeting the teacher. If you have questions about a grade, check your child's grades on Infinite Campus.
2. Write down any questions you might have and take them to the conference. Focus on educational issues - what does your child know well and what areas of academics does your child struggle with?
3. Listen to the teacher's comments and concerns.
4. If you don't understand an acronym or educational term the teacher uses, ask for help understanding.
5. Focus on how to help your child be successful and create a plan for your child's future success with the teacher.
6. Include your child and help them take responsibility for their learning.



Hot Lunch Serving for November 12-16, 2007

Service is 11:20 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please sign in at the office and obtain a visitor badge. If you cannot make your scheduled day, please call a sub.

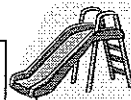
- MONDAY:** Ann Geiser
Brenda Leon
Sarah Van Handel
Nancy Wydeven
- TUESDAY:** Kate Haen
Eileen Hunke
Russ Schuster
Dorothy Vande Wetering
- WEDNESDAY:** Mary Harvey
Kathy Vanden Hogen
Theresa Wildenberg
Sue Zwiers
- THURSDAY:** Linda Bongers
Brenda Boyle
Patti DeGroot
Mary Ebben
- FRIDAY:** Sandy Schaubroeck
Amy Schmidt
Diane Schuh
Wendy Simonis

THANKS!

Market Day News

We'd like to thank everyone who supported our November Market Day sale and hope that you enjoyed your pies and cheesecakes! This month is the cookie dough promotion. Also, remember that if you purchase 1 roast and 2 holiday side dishes in December, you will receive FREE Gingerbread Men.

Your order is important to us, so please look for your December order sheet to come home soon or visit marketaid.com to see the great selection of Market Day foods.



Lunch Playground Duty for November 12-16, 2007

Service is 11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Please sign in at the office and get your visitor badge. If you cannot make your scheduled day, please call a sub.

- Monday:** Christy Calmes
Denise Evers
- Tuesday:** Brenda Leon
Lisa Natrop
- Wednesday:** Alison Fields
Lynn Voet
- Thursday:** Lynn Schmidt
Beth Wittmann
- Friday:** Dave Kenney
Kevin LeNoble

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brenda Boyle at 766-6615.

Thank you.

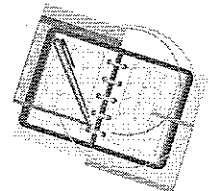
3rd Graders and Creativity

We have been reading a story that combines fantasy and realism to make a very entertaining and amusing tale. As a follow-up to the reading, each student is writing a short story that uses the same elements. Many have animals that talk or magical events. These stories will be published by using the Computer Lab and adding graphics to make a more exciting finished product. Our hope is that, by the end of this school year, our students will do a book report by making a PowerPoint presentation of a book they've read. It is amazing to watch how quickly the children learn to use the technology and how well they make their completed projects.

John Bizeau – 3rd Grade

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- *November 12-15* **BOOK FAIR**
- *Thursday, December 6* **Pre-K, Pre-school & Kindergarten Christmas Program at St. Al's - 6:00 p.m.**
- *Monday, December 10* **Grades 1 & 2 Christmas Program at St. Al's - 6:30 p.m.**
- *Thursday, December 13* **Band/Choir Concert at Holy Cross – 7:00 p.m.**
- *Thursday, December 20* **Grades 3, 4, & 5 Christmas Program at Holy Cross - 7:00 p.m.**
- *Sunday, January 27* **Catholic Schools Week Begins**



Computer Classes for Grade 6

The students for the past month have been spending time charting papers left on the floor in the bathrooms. As a way of learning how to work in Excel, as a class, they decided to do something to help the school along the way of learning to work in Excel. Each class period, students would be sent down to the different bathrooms to take a count on how many papers were found on the floor. The students would then return to class and report. All this information was put into an Excel spreadsheet. The students then made charts with the information to see which area was a big problem. Plus, while the students were working on the charts, they also worked in the Paint program to make a **NO LITTERING** poster. The posters were laminated and then hung in the bathroom both at Holy Cross and at St. Al's. This was a project the students thought would be helpful to the entire school, both St. Al's and Holy Cross, as well as the cleaning staff.

Public Relations Explore Group

This group consists of 13 students that have been working hard to get the word out about our school system to others students and the community. Each month the students have put out their own edition of the *Shining Times* newspaper that is shared with the students at St. Al's, as well as the 3rd graders at Holy Cross, and our KCSS website. The newspaper is made up of a current event topic, a poem, a prayer reminder, and an activity for the students to do on the back of the paper. The students have also made Halloween recipe cards that were given out to our newspaper sponsors in the Times-Villager and to the students that attended the St. Al's Story Time in October. Another event that the students worked on was a Grandparents Day bulletin board and a slide show. For the bulletin board the students had to interview other students and take their picture. Also for Grandparents Day the students designed a soup can wrapper. The jobs for this group just keep coming and the students just keep on being very creative.

Judy Rogers



Seroogy orders are due on Monday, November 12.

School Store Explore Club

The School Store is a new Explore Club for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders this year. The students chose a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary to run meetings and keep records for the group. Each week the group begins with a formal meeting. After this, they break into sub-committees to meet and discuss the week's sales, make future purchasing decisions, inventory current supplies, and decide how to advertise in the future. The students also take turns running the store on Tuesdays and Fridays on a rotating basis.

The store sells different school supplies such as pencils, paper, and spirals. They also have been selling healthy snacks and water. They are looking into purchasing other fun items in the future. The store is open for business on Tuesday afternoons from 2:40 until about 3:00 p.m. and again on Friday mornings from about 7:50 until 8:15 a.m.

Laurie Pichee – 7th Grade