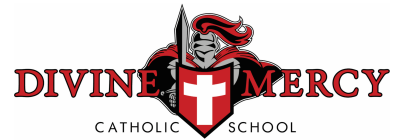


School Newsletter



February 7, 2018



Congratulations to Jasmine Mattson! She competed in the county Spelling Bee last night in Antwerp. Although she did not win the competition, it's a great accomplishment to reach the county bee. Good job Jasmine!



The boys/girls basketball awards banquet:

- **Tuesday, February 20th @ 6:30 pm** in the hall.
- Pizza will be provided
- **Girl player families - a dessert**
- **Boy player families - a side dish**
- **Please return the RSVP form by Monday, February 12th.**
- **uniforms and practice jerseys can be brought back to school, or the night of the banquet.**

The **EdChoice application window is now open.** If you are a renewal applicant, an application was sent home last week for you to complete. Please return this to the school office. For any family wondering if you might qualify for this scholarship opportunity, please check the **attached Federal Poverty Guidelines** to see if you qualify for an EdChoice Scholarship.

Important Dates:

February

Thur. 8th – Mass @ 9:15

Fri. 9th – 2 hr delay for teacher in-service & Mardi Gras @ 1:30-2:45

Wed. 14th - Ash Wednesday
Mass @ 9:15 -

Fri. 16th - Stations of the Cross in church @ 1:00

Mon. 19th - No school - Presidents' Day

Tues. 20th - Boys/Girls basketball awards banquet

Fri. 23rd - Mass @ 9:15 & Stations of the Cross @ 1:00

March

Thur. 1st – Lightning Thief Play in Ft. Wayne @ 10:00 a.m.

Papers Coming Home:

- Payne Ball Association - Summer Ball Sign Up
- Scholastic order forms
- Basketball banquet form
- Jump for Heart fundraiser information
- 7th grade immunization information
- federal poverty guidelines (email)
- WT basketball game - iPad giveaway (email)



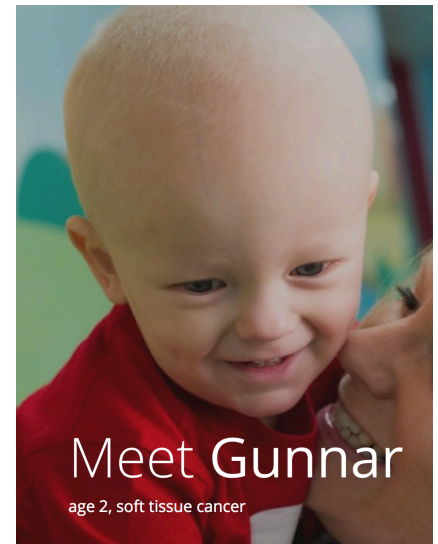
Developing
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Mardi Gras!!!

Anyone who signed up to help set up the activities and prizes for Mardi Gras should be at the hall at 11:30 a.m. this Friday. If you are signed up to work the games, please be to the hall by 12:45. All help is appreciated - even if you didn't have a chance to turn in your form, you are more than welcome to come help out.

Some things to remember for Friday:

- it's held in the gym from 1:30-2:45
- students bring in cash/change to use on games or the bidding table (they can write their name on a slip of paper for \$0.10 or 10/\$1 to put in a bucket for a specific prize - at the end of Mardi Gras we'll draw names to see who wins)
- students are responsible for their money (the teachers will be helping as much as possible)
- bring in a bag to hold prizes that they win (we have plastic grocery sacks here that they are welcome to use)
- **all proceeds go to St. Jude's Children Hospital**



Mardi Gras is always a special day for the students. On morning announcements this week, we discussed one of the children, Gunnar, from St. Jude's that they're helping support. Thanks for the generous outpouring we had this year!



Coming home today is a Jump Rope for Heart information packet from Mr. Grant. Students will have an opportunity to raise money for the American Heart Association, and collect six "Scare Squad" keychain characters. This is a fun, safe, easy way to earn lifesaving research dollars!



Please read over the attached PTA meeting notes from Monday night and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you to all who were in attendance.



Our second annual school dance is set for Saturday, April 7th. The dance will be in the hall, and it will begin at 7 pm and end at 9 pm. “Kick the Dust Up” is this year’s theme.

We’re looking for people to head up different committees like last year. If you think you could be helpful with:

- **decorating**
- **organizing refreshments**
- **coordinating the raffle/gift baskets**
- **etc.**

Please contact Matt O’Shaughnessey:

moshaughnessey@outlook.com

Ticket forms will be sent out soon. Everyone is invited to come, and we’re looking forward to seeing everyone there!



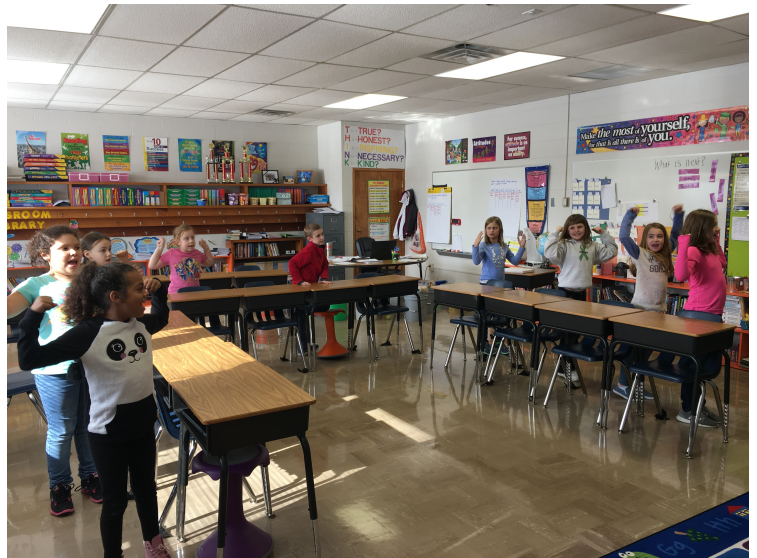
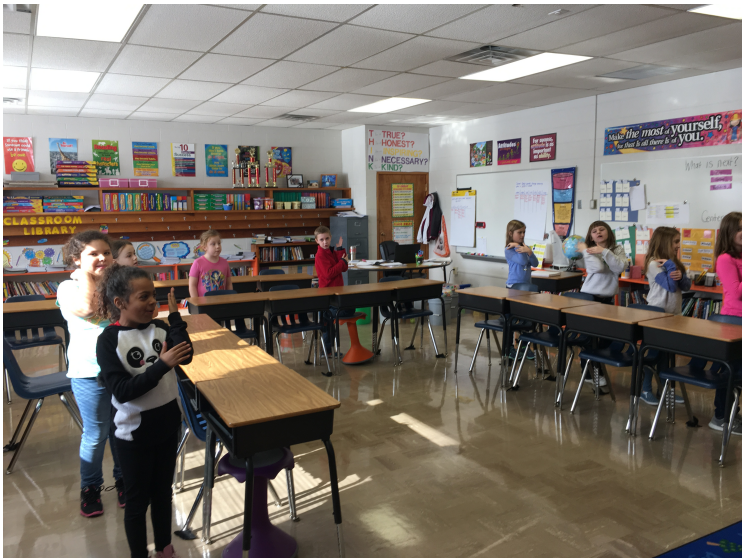
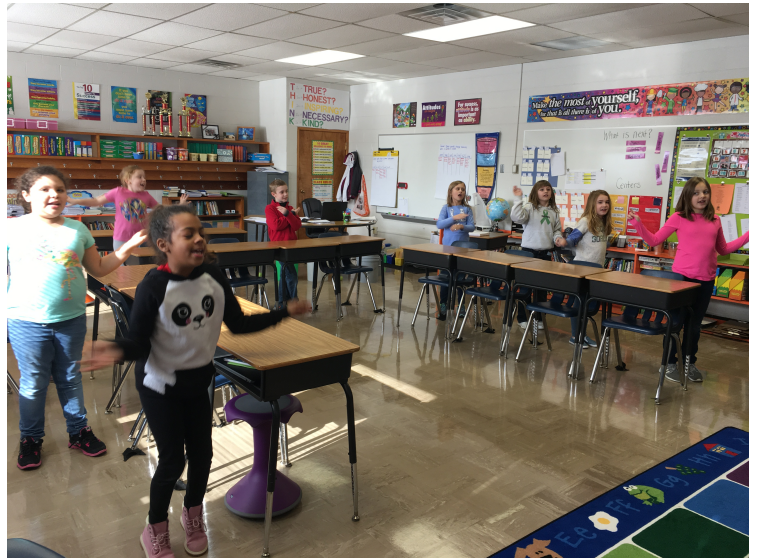
School Mass is tomorrow

**2 Hour
Delay**

Friday we have a 2 hour delay for teacher in-service. Students should arrive to school at 10:40 a.m.

Classroom Spotlight - Mrs. Gerardot

There have been many exciting things happening in the reading classroom. After Christmas break, second grade students started using Phonics Dance to help learn different "Hunks and Chunks." Hunks and Chunks are the terms that are used instead of digraph or diphthong. We have been working on different types of writing pieces. Currently the students are working on persuasive writing. They are doing a great job. We have also been working on analyzing setting and character and how a character or setting can change throughout the story.



DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PTA AGENDA

February 5, 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT- Julie Stuart

- Cookie Walk Profit \$641
- Box Tops Profit \$579
- Total across accounts \$19723

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mardi Gras February 9th
 - Adding Bingo on the Stage
- March 1st “The Lightning Thief” play at the St. Francis performing arts center (we will pay for buses)
- Kimra is awaiting confirmation on 5th/6th grade service project dates (feeding the homeless) – possible dates are Saturday February 24th & Saturday March 10th
- Geranium Flower Sales
 - Start Date March 14th
 - End Date April 3rd
 - Delivery Mary 9th
 - Flowers will come from Schmidlin
 - Voucher will come from Greenhouse Effect
- School Dance April 7th- Matthew O’Shaughnessey
 - From 7-9 pm
 - Dinner at Good Times starting at 5:30? Finalizing pricing and menu with Amanda
 - Keeping the ticket cost and raffle ticket prices consistent to last year
 - Dancing in Gym Class

♣ Line Dancing?

♣ Square Dancing?

- Catholic Schools Week May 7-11th
 - 5th and 6th Grade will go to the Cathedral in Toledo
 - Will visit Bryan St. Patrick's and Edgerton St. Mary's
 - Student Council wants to do a talent show
 - 6th Grade vs. Teacher Event
 - ♣ Pick a sport that can include all students
 - Basketball?
 - Dodgeball?
 - Kickball – good reaction from meeting attendees
- Field Day (May) – what do we want to do
 - May 18th (potential date)
 - Suggestions of Sky Zone, Movie Day (must be a G-rated movie)
 - Attendees like the idea of a traditional field day with activity stations

Teacher's concerns/Suggestions

- New Bibles for School
 - Each class should have the same Bible for every student
 - Must be Catholic Bibles
 - Look into ordering additional Bibles with 6th Grade Graduation order.

Next Meeting Monday, April 16th 6:30pm