



October 12, 2016

Dear Parents,

The fifth and sixth graders are doing an excellent job in band class with Mr. John Morse. Mr. Morse taught band classes in Fort Wayne, at Saint Jude Catholic School. John and his wife, Nancy, are parishioners here at Divine Mercy.

During my time in class, I saw some students who have only been in band for a few weeks do things that were very impressive. Before I left, the students made sure to embarrass me by making me play the trumpet. I looked and sounded really quite ridiculous, but it was fun. I learned that I needed to work on my embouchure.

Words cannot express how thankful we are to Mr. Morse for volunteering his time for our students. We are very thankful for his dedication to our school and students. Thank you Mr. Morse!





# Classroom Curriculum News

## **Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool:**

A big Thank You goes out to Mrs. Kimra Williamson for helping the Pre-K class learn the letter F. This week was very busy: we experienced our first painting project-pumpkins, had a fire drill (you know if there was a real fire we need to go lots lots more away from the school!) We learned scissors safety so we could cut out our Jack-o-Lanterns. Pre-K class had a great week!

## **Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten:**

On our way back from recess one day, I stopped the Kindergartners and told them to look at the tree and see what they noticed.

A lot of responses was "It's fall!" I asked how do you know its fall? Again the main response was "Because the leaves are changing color." I then asked if anyone knew why the leaves changed colors. This time I got some different responses.

Kendall Folsom's response as to why the leaves change color was, "Because they are sun burnt." So once we got inside from recess we stopped in the first/second grade classroom and Ms. Kuhlman had her students explain their experiment over chlorophyll and photosynthesis from the week before, as to the real reason why leaves change color. Thanks to our friends in first/second grade, the kindergarten class learned that leaves change colors due to the chlorophyll going away because of the lack of sunlight since our days are starting to get shorter.

## **Miss Kuhlman - 1 & 2:**

Since October is the month of the Rosary, the first graders looked at the meaning of the prayer, "Hail Mary". It was very impressive how they all knew the prayer. A great reflection on our kindergarten teacher and especially the parents. Wonderful blessings!



## **Mrs. Gideon - 3 & 4:**

Mrs. Gideon's 3rd and 4th grade used the new SMART board to play a Jeopardy game (pictured above) to study for their Social Studies test this week. Jazmyne Roddy said "I really liked playing the Jeopardy game. It made studying a lot more fun than just reading the study guide."

## **5th & 6th Grade:**

Students have been reading about the biblical patriarchs in religion class. Students have read about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the twelve sons of Jacob. This past week students read about Jacob's son Joseph and how God used the terrible things that happened to Joseph in order to use him to save Egypt from famine. Students learned that God is faithful to keep his promises even when dark times occur.

## **Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading:**

In 4th grade reading last week we read an excerpt from Because of Winn-Dixie. One of our vocab words we learned was peculiar and I had the students come up with a sentence using that word. One student's sentence was "My sister is a very peculiar person." They cannot hardly wait until we read the full book of Because of Winn-Dixie.



This year, the **Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation will be on Sunday, October 16, at 2 PM in the Educational**

**Center in Paulding** (located one block North of the Catholic Church in Paulding). At least one parent is required to attend and students do not have to come. If this date does not work for you, contact Theresa Conley ([DRE@divinemercycatholic.com](mailto:DRE@divinemercycatholic.com)) as soon as possible to set up a private meeting.

**Thank you to Father Poggemeyer and Mrs. Crowley!**

Last week after Mass, Father led the students in singing the Mass parts and hymns; while Mrs. Crowley played the songs for us.



Keep selling for the Apple Pie Fundraiser. I've had several students proudly tell me that they need another

order sheet because they already filled up the one they had. **Orders and money are due back to the school office on Monday, October 17th.**

If you haven't signed up to work for the apple pie making on Saturday, November 12th, you can fill out the volunteer form that was sent home in last week's Wednesday newsletter or call the school office. **The pies will be assembled on Saturday, November 12th, from 8am-5pm.**

Volunteers are needed to peel, slice, and core apples. We also need volunteers to assemble and wrap the finished product. Thanks for helping and making this a huge success!







Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31. This is a week where students participate in fun activities throughout the

week, and celebrate the choice to be drug free.

The students voted for the activities they wanted to do, and the results are in...

**Monday** - pajama and wild hair day

**Tuesday** - team up against drugs (wear team jerseys or apparel)

**Wednesday** - drugs are despicable (dress like a Minion)

**Thursday** - I'm too bright for drugs (wear bright clothes)

**Friday** - Smarties choose to be drug free (students receive Smarties candy)

## Honoring All Who Served!



We are planning a special Veterans Day Mass on Friday, November 11th, in the Payne Divine Mercy Catholic Church.

Immediately

following the Mass, students will present a short Veterans Day program in the parish hall. Veterans are invited to be our guest for lunch; which will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a dinner roll will be served. Please let us know of any Veteran guests that will be joining us so we can give a count to the Payne cafeteria. Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to school.



If you have any fundraiser items missing or incorrect, please call

1-877-369-9766. The

company will take care of the order from there.

### Upcoming Dates:

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| Thurs. 10/13 | Mass @ 9:15<br>Father teaching in classrooms  |
| Fri. 10/14   | Teacher In-Service 2hr delay<br>Fundraiser Party @ 1:30   |
| Sun. 10/16   | First Reconciliation meeting @<br>Paulding Ed Center 2:00 pm  |
| Mon. 10/17   | Apple Pie Fundraiser orders<br>and money due back to school<br>Fall Pictures Makeup Day                   |
| Oct 24-28    | Red Ribbon Week - Say no to<br>drugs activities   |
| Tues 10/25   | PTA meeting @ 6:30  |
| Weds 10/26   | 1st quarter grade cards<br>go home  |
| Tues 11/1    | Mass @ 9:15 - All Saints<br>Day   |
| Nov 3-4      | NO SCHOOL - Wayne<br>Trace has conferences  |
| Fri 11/11    | Veteran's Day Mass @<br>11:00 directly followed by a<br>short program and lunch for<br>our Veteran guests |
| Sat 11/12    | Apple Pie assembly day<br>and pickup  |