

February 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus.



On Friday, it is the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and martyr of the Church. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles. He was killed after he refused to renounce his faith and love of God.



Father will be blessing throats during Friday's Mass. Everyone is welcome to come forward after the homily for the blessing.

God Bless!

Mr. Linder



**Payne Elementary Cafeteria has implemented a new lunch balance policy. If your student has a negative balance of \$5.00 or more (instead of the former policy of \$7.00) they will receive a peanut butter sandwich and milk for**

**lunch.**

**The boys/girls basketball awards banquet:**

- **Tuesday, February 28th @ 6:30 pm** in the hall.
- Pizza will be provided for all in attendance.
- **Girl player families - a dessert**
- **Boy player families - a side dish**
- **Please fill out the attached form and return it to the school office by February 10th so we can get an idea of how many total people will be in attendance.**

**The boys and girls basketball tournament:**

- All games will be played at the Edgerton Village Gym
- The **girls** first game will be on **Friday at 5:35 pm** vs Edgerton St. Mary
- The **boys** first game will be on **Friday at 6:40 pm** vs Bryan St. Patrick
- Please sign up to work the tournament so our school gets the \$100 entry fee back. Go to the following link to get signed up:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eadae23a1fc1-2017>



Congratulations to Raelyn Schweinsberg who competed at the Paulding County Spelling Bee Monday night. Raelyn was one of the younger students there, and finished the night in the top five. We are very proud of her!

# Classroom Curriculum News



## **Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten:**

This past week in Kindergarten the students have had the opportunity to begin working on a new online math resource called Front Row. The Front Row app uses students responses to provide them with questions exactly at their skill level. This then allows the students to practice and advance their math skills at their own learning pace. The students have really enjoyed getting to work with this new math app and love how they can earn coins to buy items for their pig icon.

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

Last week, the 1st and 2nd Grade finished the read-aloud story, *My Father's Dragon*, by Ruth Stiles Gannett, about a little boy named Elmer Elevator who travels to Wild Island to rescue a baby dragon, with only his knapsack on his back. He encounters many hungry wild animals along the way, and outwits them through the items he carries in his knapsack. The students loved the book, and this week they cut out and decorated their own "knapsacks," with the items in them that Elmer used - ask the children to show you; you might be surprised to find out all the different things Elmer was carrying, and how he used them!



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

"This week in grades 3-4, Mrs. Gideon's son, Jacob, visited the classroom and played some of his original songs on his guitar. He even sang for us! Everyone loved listening and asked him many questions about how a guitar makes sound. Jacob was happy to explain it to them. He explained to them that the strings are fixed at both ends. They are elastic, which means they can vibrate when touched. The vibrations of a guitar are called standing waves. Different wave speeds lead to different frequencies or pitches of the strings. The sound varies according to the way one is playing the guitar, such as with a finger versus a pick or in the middle versus near the bridge. The children learned about the different ways sound can be produced thanks to Jacob's short visit at the end of our day. Thank you for sharing your talent with us Jacob!"

## **Mr. Grant - 5 & 6:**

Fifth grade has been working on several different skills in reading class this past week. These include working on identifying and understanding themes in fictional texts. The class read a story that had themes of putting others above yourself and the dangers of trying too hard to impress someone. The class also has been working on identifying and correctly using action verbs and linking verbs. The students completed SMART board activities where they were to match the right verb in a given sentence.

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

6th grade has been working on making a game that can be played to practice our grammar skills. They have been learning about many different types of verbs. The students have been really enjoying the time they get to create these games. Look in next weeks newsletter for the picture of the finished project.



Mardi Gras will be held on Friday, February 24th, from 1:00 pm to 2:30ish pm. The PTA organizes a fair of activities and games

for the students to play. There will be a raffle table where students can buy chances on items. We are asking all families to donate prizes and/or food items. Please see the flyer in this Wednesday's Envelope for more details. The students love this day, and thank you for making it a memorable one for them!

- **Please read over the attached PTA meeting notes from last night and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you to all who were in attendance.**
- **Just a quick reminder that the window to start applying for EdChoice opens today. If you are a renewal applicant, I have included an application for you to complete. Please return this to the school office.**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Wed 2/1	EdChoice Scholarship Application window opens
Fri 2/3	- Mass @ 9:15 - Blessing of the Throats - Father for religion classes
Wed 2/8	School Council Meeting @ 7:00
Thur 2/9	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes
Fri 2/10	<b>2 hour delay</b> - Teacher In-Service
Wed 2/15	Midterm reports go home
Fri 2/17	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes
Mon 2/20	<b>No School</b> - President's Day
Tues 2/21	Staff meeting after school
Fri 2/24	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes - Mardi Gras @ 1:00 in hall
Tues 2/28	- Students go to "Pete the Cat" play in Fort Wayne - boys and girls basketball awards banquet @ 6:30 in hall



## DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### PTA AGENDA

January 31, 2017

\*16 people in attendance tonight

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

- PTA Balance as of today \$19,161.42 - there are upcoming and anticipated costs that we'll incur
- Holiday Shop sales \$548.25
- Cookie Walk Sales \$575
- Target Grant \$700
- Risers we have paid for one set, still will owe for second set and stage, total of \$5,796 - the amount we have to pay yet on the additional risers and new stage is \$2,864
- Our Balance will approximately be \$9,145.35 once we pay for known upcoming expenses for the rest of the year
- Anticipated expenses - dance, teacher appreciation gifts, Catholic Schools Week, entry fees for field trips, AR & end of year awards, 4 basketball marathon teams
- Geranium Flowers sales yet, made \$2,412.75 last year
- New chest freezer for Hall? (Approximately \$428) Can be used for Apple Pie Fundraiser - Mr. Linder checking to see if the Payne Knights of Columbus would split this cost with us
- Does 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom need white boards? - the approximate cost to replace 4 chalkboards in the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade room, and 2 chalkboards in the kindergarten room is \$2,628. We agreed that if the flower sales do well we would go ahead with this purchase.
- Playground border update - things are getting expensive for this project. We have a quote for \$4,100 for the border materials (labor not included), and the also quoted us \$2,750 for engineered wood fiber mulch (installation not included). Most people agreed that if we can avoid the mulch cost the stones will be fine as is. Mr. Linder explained that the company will be doing a site visit very soon to determine if the swings will need to be moved in order to create enough safe space away from the border.
- Need to confirm that we are doing fall catalog sales again next year (made \$4,346.40 this year)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mardi Gras February 24th - paper going home in tomorrow's Wednesday Envelope
- Pete the Cat Play February 28<sup>th</sup> (we will pay for buses)
- Catholic Schools Week May 8-12<sup>th</sup>. On the 11<sup>th</sup> we will travel to share a day with 3 other Catholic Schools; we will take buses - other activities are being planned/considered. We can address these more at a future meeting.
- Geranium Flower Sales – Will Run March 15<sup>th</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Delivery will be Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, Schmidlin Greenhouse; Julie checking about gift certificates from Greenhouse Effect again
- School Dance April 1st - Matt will be sending out emails to people who have been in the planning process for this. A beach theme was decided upon tonight.
- Field Day (May) – what do we want to do - Kimra checking with YMCA about rental for a day

**\*\*Reminder-if you want to drive for upcoming field trips you must complete Virtus**

Teacher's concerns/Suggestions

Next Meeting Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm