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The Parent Connection

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A Note from the Principal...

November is that time of year when we never know what the weather will bring. However, each year it is a sure thing that November is filled with plenty of activity. It always begins with conferences and ends with the beginning of the Advent Season. In between, we have our Thanksgiving school celebration and break.

We did have very successful conferences with 95% of our parents participating in this opportunity to share student progress. I was asked to include the directions for grade alerts from Progress Book again. Please follow the directives as indicated and if you do have problems contact Deb Wireman, our tech coordinator for assistance. This tool can help you keep track of your child's progress on a daily/weekly basis.

Annually we celebrate Thanksgiving at the K-12 school Mass the last day before our break. We are so grateful for all God has given us and what better way to say thanks than to celebrate with our high school friends at 9:00 Mass on Monday, November 23. All are welcome.

In less than 2 weeks we begin the season of Advent. The First Sunday of Advent, November 30, is not the

beginning of the Christmas Season. Rather, it's the beginning of a time when we focus on faithful anticipation. We anticipate and long for the coming of Jesus as our loving Lord and Judge at the end of time. And we anticipate the coming of Jesus in our walk of faith every day, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist and in our acts of love, charity, and justice toward others.

We will have two school Advent Projects this year. The SWEL (St. Wendelin Elementary Leadership Team) under the direction of Mrs. McAllister will be collecting mittens, scarves, hats and gloves for the Bureau of Concern. We will also be collecting toiletries for the Bureau of Concern. Items such as toothpaste, soap, Band-Aids, q-tips, tissue, lotion, combs, brushes, shampoo, dish soap, conditioner, laundry soap, etc. will be placed in baskets for those in need. Let's do what we can to help others in our community. Collections for these items will begin after Thanksgiving Break.

Enjoy the upcoming break. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Christ,
Cathy Krupp

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, Nov. 20

5th & 6th grade visit
SWHS 12:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Midquarter
9:00 Mass of
Thanksgiving K-12
HINI Clinic 9:30-
11:30

Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Friday, Nov. 27

NO SCHOOL

Monday, Nov. 30

School resumes

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Adventures For
Fours

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Midquarters Sent
Home

Thursday, Dec. 3

K-3 Christmas
Program

Tuesday, Dec. 8

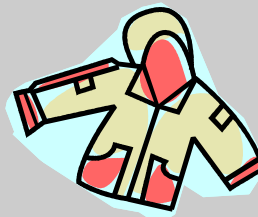
Feast of the Im-
maculate Concep-
tion K-12 Mass @
1:00

Friday, Dec. 18

Advent Retreat
Last Day before
Christmas Break

COATS FOR CHRISTMAS

Hancock County Leadership again this year is sponsoring "Coats for Christmas." There will be a box in the school main lobby for one week (**Nov. 30-Dec. 4**) for new or gently used coat donations. This organization has a real need for infant and men's extra large coats year this. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



Happy Thanksgiving

Annual Christmas Program
St. Wendelin Elementary Grades K-3

Presents

Starry Night Noisy Night

Thursday, December 3

7:00 PM

At St. Wendelin High School
South Gym

ALL ARE WELCOME!



STUDENT PERFORMS

Hannah Holman, a second grader, will be performing in "The Nutcracker-All Jazzed up" at Kobacker Hall @ BGSU on December 19th at 3:00 pm & 8:00 pm. Hannah will be playing three parts. She is a snow angel, gingerbread man & a mouse. Tickets are available at 419-353-Show.



Those who are participating in the program should wear nice Christmas attire and arrive at the high school no earlier than 6:30 PM the night of the program.

TRIP News

No TRIP next week due to the holiday. Our next order date will be Nov. 30. Pick up dates will be Fridays throughout the holiday season.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

St. Wendelin Parish

Celebrating 100 years of high school education

Presents

**The Toledo Symphony
Christmas Concert**



Saturday, December 19th, 2009 7:30 p.m.

St. Wendelin Catholic Church

N. Wood St. & College Ave.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

**Tickets are available at the Parish Office,
Elementary School and High School offices**

Adults \$10.00

Students/Seniors \$5.00

Parish Mission

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" is focus of our St. Wendelin Parish Mission taking place Monday, November 30, Tuesday December 1st and Wednesday December 2nd. For three day Sr. Edna and Fr. Bob will demonstrate, discuss, teach and explain the various aspects of prayer. The Mission will start each night at 7:00 in the church with a reception and fellowship to follow in the parish hall at 8:30. Don't pass up this great opportunity to learn how to develop, grow and enhance your prayer life.



A Special Invitation...

For Who: *All 4 and 5 year-olds (and parents) who will enter Kindergarten in the fall, 2010*

For What: *To ADVENTures for Fours, an evening of fun activities to prepare for the celebration of Christmas.*

When: *Tuesday, December 1st from 6:30 – 7:30 PM*

Where: *St Wendelin Elementary School*

It's Christmas time
And guess what's in store?
St. Wendelin program
ADVENTures for fours
A time to learn about the holiday season,
And discover that Jesus is really the reason.
Four & five year-olds welcome,
Have your parents come to
It's December the 1st
We hope to see you!

To register, please call
St. Wendelin Catholic Elementary School
Office 419-435-1809
By Monday, November 30, 2009

Your Help is Needed to Restore Budget Cuts to Chartered Nonpublic

November 19, 2009

Dear Parents:

As you know, the current state budget bill, as passed by the House and Senate and signed by the Governor, contains massive cuts to all chartered non-public schools including our own Catholic schools. In fact since September of 2008, our schools have absorbed a total of \$69 million cut in aid to students in chartered nonpublic schools.

The cuts were in:

- Direct reimbursement to our schools (Administrative Cost Reimbursement)
- The Auxiliary Services Program (ASP) which provides funding for resources and services such as guidance counselors, remedial assistance, and textbooks.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio, which represents the bishops in matters of public policy, strongly advocated that our school students be treated as equitably as other students during these difficult economic times. However, in this budget, aid to Catholic school students was reduced by 15 %, while aid to public school aid was reduced by only 0.25%.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio and some of our supporters in the Ohio House and Senate are currently working on initiatives to restore funding to our schools. The details are complicated. But our lobbyists tell us that efforts are being made that can result in benefits to our Catholic schools. So, it continues to be very important for Catholic school stakeholders to urge our state legislators to support these efforts, especially in the next few months.

I urge that in the next few week, you find time to contact the governor and your state legislators (senator and representatives.) Contact information and a sample message to send can be found on the front page of the web site of "Catholic Youth and School Services" www.cyss.org

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cathy Krupp

HINI Clinic



Students of St. Wendelin Elementary will have the opportunity to receive the HINI vaccine on **Tuesday, November 24, 9:30 AM-11:30AM** in our elementary building. Information and consent forms, regarding the HINI vaccine, are included in this mailing. Most students will receive the nasal vaccine. Those students with asthma or wheezing are not eligible for the nasal vaccine and will receive the injection form.

Parent consent is required for participation. Parents are welcome to come and be present. Please indicate on the consent form if you plan to be present at the time your child will receive the vaccine. We would like to especially encourage parents to come if their child may be nervous or not cooperative.



LUNCHROOM

SUPERVISOR NEEDED

We are in need of a lunchroom supervisor from 11:00 AM -12:20 PM. on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning January 4. If you are interested and would like to volunteer on one or both of these days please contact Cathy Krupp ASAP.

St. Wendelin Catholic Elementary Seeking a "Distinguished Graduate"

Know a "Distinguished Graduate" of St. Wendelin Elementary School? We are seeking nominations for the National Catholic Education Association's Distinguished Graduate Award. The winner will receive a gold lapel pin and be honored at a Mass during Catholic Schools Week held the last week of January.

To be eligible, the nominee should be a practicing Catholic and an eighth grade graduate of St. Wendelin Elementary School at least 10 years ago. The award recipient will be selected based on his or her contribution to the American society and the Catholic Church.

Mrs. Krupp will accept nominations that are received by December 11, 2009. Nominations from previous years will be considered as well as the nominations received by the December deadline.

Please mail information to St. Wendelin Catholic Elementary School, c/o Cathy Krupp, 300 North Wood St., Fostoria, Ohio 44830 or email cathy.krupp@stwendelin.org

Include the following details with your nomination:

(1) Year of graduation, (2) additional education, (3) present occupation, (4) achievements of the graduate that reflect the characteristics of education received in a Catholic elementary school, (5) the person's beliefs about Catholic education, (6) and your name, address and phone number as well the candidate's.

SWPA Meeting

Our next SWPA Meeting will be held on Dec. 6, 2009 at 12:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. Hope to see many parents at the meeting. We need you, please join us!

Any questions contact Angie Noel or Amy Kelbley.

PROGRESS BOOK Sends Email Alerts

The parent access for Progress Book now has the ability to allow parents and students to log on and have emails sent to them when a grade for a class falls below a level that they set. It also allows an email to be sent when there is a missing assignment. Below are instructions and an example on how to set up your alert.

To Manage Alerts -- You must log in to your account on the Parent Access Web Site to subscribe to the available alerts. You will receive an alert at the email address(es) you specify after the school has sent the alert on the specified day and time.

1. On the **Manage Alerts** section of the **My Account** tab, select the **check box next to the alert** you want to receive for each student that is associated with your account. *Note: If you have not previously saved an email address for alerts, the email address you use for your Parent Access Web Site account displays in the first Email address field.*
2. Type the **email address** to which you want the alerts sent in the Email address fields. *Note: You may enter up to four email addresses and can update them at any time.*
3. Click **Save**. If you have not entered at least one email address, the following message displays "Alerts cannot be sent without an email address. Please enter your email address."

Change Settings for Low Assignment Marks Alert

1. If you subscribe to the Low Assignment Marks Alert, click the Change Settings link.
2. On the Low Mark Alerts window, select the appropriate mark in the Grade column for each class listed. *Note: NA displays in the Grade column of a class that uses standards-based report cards because the low mark alert is not available at this time for these classes.*
3. Click Save.
4. Close the Low Mark Alerts window.



MENUS

Breakfast for the week of November 23

Mon. Nov. 23	Tues. Nov. 24	Wed. Nov. 25	Thurs. Nov. 26	Fri. Nov. 27
Cinnamon Toasters	Coffee Cake	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Honey Grahams	Orange/Tangerine Juice			
Applesauce				
White Milk	White Milk			

Lunch for the week of November 23

Mon. Nov. 23	Tues. Nov. 24	Wed. Nov. 25	Thurs. Nov. 26	Fri. Nov. 27
Turkey & Gravy	Cheese Pizza	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Mashed Potatoes	Steamed Broccoli			
Butter Bread				
Fruit	Fruit			

Breakfast for the week of November 30

Mon. Nov. 30	Tues. Dec. 1	Wed. Dec. 2	Thurs. Dec. 3	Fri. Dec. 4
Frosted Flakes	Iced Cinnamon	Coco Crispies	Apple Granola	Tutti Fruitti
Cinnamon Grahams	Berry Juice	Honey Grahams	Fruit Punch	Cinnamon Grahams
Applesauce		Applesauce		Applesauce
White Milk	White Milk	White Milk	White Milk	White Milk

Lunch for the week of November 30

Mon. Nov. 30	Tues. Dec. 1	Wed. Dec. 2	Thurs. Dec. 3	Fri. Dec. 4
Corn Dog	Chicken Noodle	Pizza	Sliced Ham	Grilled Cheese
Baked Beans	Green Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Bun	Tomato soup
Fruit	Peanut Butter	Jell-o	Scalloped Potatoes	Fruit
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	