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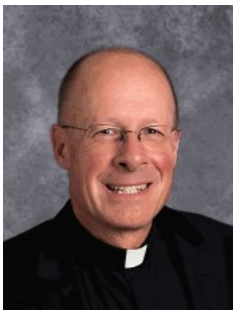

A Message from Father Gary Brethour

Congratulations to our newly confirmed students.

Bishop Conley was here Sunday, Oct. 28 to confirm our St. Patrick School and CCD students, and several students from our Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you to all who helped teach and prepare the students, to those who organized, set up, clean up, baked rolls for the reception, decorated, or served at the reception. Thank you to all our young men and adults who served at the Mass. Thank you to our music instructor, Lori Hilker, who prepared the school students by teaching them to sing some Mass responses in Latin. And Lori led the congregation singing. Thank you to Mr. David Clough, our get it all done man at school, for preparing all that was needed in the gym and putting it away. Thank you to the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus honor guard. (Calling all you Catholic men to become Knights. This is a great organization that provides spiritually rewarding opportunities for you and your family.) Bishop Conley commented while we were taking pictures that our confirmation weekend is very well organized. Kudos to all of you!!

This past Sunday and the recently completed Fall Festival are shining examples of what volunteers can do for our school and community. Just image what could be done with more people stepping up and helping! Our school and the town of McCook would be what the Gospels describe as the light burning brightly, dispelling the darkness, so all can see. That light is needed for all to come to know the love of Jesus Christ. As Confirmation points out, we ALL have a unique and important part to live out in God's plan.

The sacrament of Confirmation is a pouring forth of the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit to do just what I was discussing. That is to be a Disciple of Jesus serving God and neighbor. These young people are now uniquely called to live the Catholic Faith and to receive the sacraments more regularly and fervently. Confirmation is not a graduation that says OK, I am done and can sit back and do nothing. Rather these young Christians are now uniquely called and equipped to live those Baptismal promises and to go forth to do Jesus' work of proclaim and ushering in God's glorious kingdom of sacrificial love.

The adults in their lives still have a major role to fulfill in this regard by modeling this behavior and providing the opportunities for our children to pray, learn and serve. Do you want to be happier? Live your life for others rooted in your love for Jesus.

Developing the virtue of hard work and being responsible pays dividends. Did you see the Oct. 10th Gazette article regarding the McCook High School students' ACT scores? Last year 22 students scored 30 or above. 9 of those students are St. Patrick School graduates!!

We cannot take all the credit. Talent like this is the result of nature and nurture. A person's genes and family culture play a major factor. And we congratulate McCook High School and thank its instructors and staff for continuing what we started. I am confident our St. Patrick School's curriculum and culture of prayer, hard work and being responsible played an important part in all our students' achievements.

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- Nov. 1—All Saints Day—No school
- Nov. 4—Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov. 8—Picture Retakes
- Nov. 12—Veterans Day Program
- Nov. 13—BB at Southwest
- Nov. 14—School Dismiss at 2:00 p.m
- Nov. 16—TEC—No School
- Nov. 19—Progress Reports go home Jim Griffin speaks to 3rd Grade Class
- Nov 21 –23—Thanksgiving Vacation—No School

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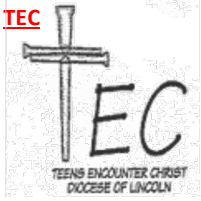
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NO SCHOOL All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation	**2** 1st Friday 7 pm - Midnight Adult Eucharistic Adoration	**3**
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends	**5** **4th** (noon—1:00) and **7th** (2:15—3:15) Grades to Sheldon Exhibit at High Plains Museum	**6** Election Day **2nd** Grade (8:45—9:45) & **5th** Grade (11:20—12:20) to Sheldon Exhibit at High Plains Museum	**7** Faculty Meeting 3:35 p.m.	**8** Picture Retakes **Kindergarten** (8:45—9:45) & **1st** Grade (9:45—10:45) to Sheldon Ex. High Plains Exhibit it at High Plains Museum	**9** **6th** Grade to Sheldon Exhibit at High Plains Museum (10:35 to 11:35)	**10**
11 Veterans Day	**12** Veterans Day Program at 1:15 pm	**13** Girls Basketball vs. Southwest (Away) 2:30 pm	**14** Teacher In-Service **2:00 Dismissal**	**15** **4th** grade to Sheldon Exhibit at High Plains Museum 2:15—3:15	**16** NO SCHOOL TEC 	**17**
18	**19** Progress Reports go Home	**20**	**21** **THANKSGIVING VACATION**	**22** Thanksgiving	**23**	**24**
25	**26** Classes Resume	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30** **8th** grade to Sheldon Exhibit at High Plains Museum 12:45—1:45	

October 2018

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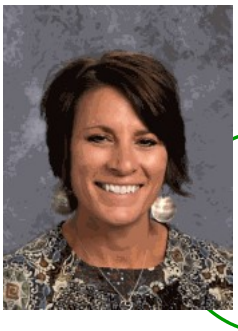


PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
BY MRS. REBECCA REDL

Thank you all who helped make October a successful month at St. Patrick School. The weather was unfavorable for our Fall Festival but the cold and wet did not keep the great minds who planned and organized this event to let it stop the fun. The move into the school worked perfectly and we were blessed with a great turn out of our school and parish and wealth of volunteers who made the day a success all the way around.

Confirmation was this past Sunday, October 28th, and the 5th and 6th graders received this great sacrament, making them soldiers of Christ. Fr. Litt and their parents helped our students prepare by learning the 92 questions, picking out their Confirmation name and guiding them in their faith journey. Our 3rd and 4th grade parents and students hosted the reception after mass, making and serving the delicious cinnamon rolls with an enjoyable atmosphere to celebrate the confirmed students. Thank you, without your help these great things would not happen. We are blessed to be part of this school family.

Have you met our newest addition to our St. Patrick family, Barb Bortner, our school secretary? Many of you know her already, but if not, please take the time to stop in the office and introduce yourself. As she learns the names and faces of everyone, please make her feel welcome to our school.

October also means that we have officially completed our first quarter of school. I am enjoying watching our students learn and grow. Our students are notable with their work habits, as well as their abilities. Keep encouraging your students to do their part and continue to push forward in their learning. I will continue to pray for you and your family and for the success of our school. God Bless.

Corbyn enjoys reading in 1st grade.

JENIFER JACOBS
LIBRARIAN

Faith – Anyone can see that I have faith by the way I act. – James 2:18

Adoration – How I rejoice in God my Savior! –Luke 1:47

Lend a hand – Faith that does not result in good deeds is not real faith. – James 2:20

Love the Lord – For though we have never yet seen God, when we love each other God lives in us and his love within us grows ever stronger. – 1 John 4:12

Fall can have so many different meanings. I hope that all of you have had an opportunity to enjoy this beautiful fall weather. In this Fall season, I also pray that we all remember it is Christ Jesus that we live for.

MRS. LARA STEWART
KINDERGARTEN

Beginning Writing, Reading and Arithmetic!

During October we celebrated birthday for Matthew, Dylan, Hayden and Anthony! In religion we are learning about the parts of the church and different members of the church. In reading we are working on recognizing and identifying the letters. We have been working with the words I, like, the, & and. We are working hard on writing the letters using lines and spaces, top to bottom and left to right. Please help your child recognize the letters of the alphabet. We had fun stories about having a pet and workers in our community. Math has focused on the reading, writing, and building numbers. We had a very fun visit from the Fire Department this past month and spent some time learning about fire safety. We got to sit in the ambulance and watch Naomi's heartbeat! Have a safe Halloween and enjoy All Saints Day. I am thankful for all my students and their families. HAVE A BLESSED AND THANKFUL THANKSGIVING!

MS. KHALEY LEE
2ND GRADE

Busy Bees!

October has come and gone! We have had an exciting time in second grade. I hope everyone had a happy and safe Halloween!

Second grade has been busy! In math, we have just started our chapter on exploring 2 digit addition. We are discovering regrouping and strategies to support our learning with 2 digit addition. The chapters that follow deal with 2 digit addition and subtraction.

In social studies, we read a lesson called "From My Orchard to You". We learned that there are producers and consumers. Then we consumed some delicious apples!

Life science is over and now we are moving on to Earth science! We are learning about planet Earth, its' surface, and the moon and sun.

Marvin enjoys the new playground at recess

Fun on the new playground!

MRS. AMANDA PETERSON
1ST GRADE

Exploring Math and Science, and Keeping Reading Logs

Wow….where does time go! It seems like school just started and now we are already at the beginning of the second quarter. October was sure a busy month in first grade! We have been busy in math learning how to add and subtract. In science we are learning about the life cycles of plants and animals. We have read some fun stories in reading and they have many new words on our high frequency list!! **Remember, it is very important to study those sight words! These are words that should be read quickly!

The kids have been doing AWESOME reading at home and filling out their reading logs. They are working hard at becoming fluent readers and I can tell they are improving! There is always lots of excitement in the room when a kid returns a completed reading log and the students are anxious to see what their next reward will be! So keep reading! Remember, the reading log is also for stories that you read to your child as it is very important for kids to listen to others model good reading!!

MRS. LINDA BREWSTER
3RD GRADE
2ND GRADE RELIGION

3rd Grade Charge Ahead in Math and Reading

Thank you to everyone that helped with our Halloween party! I appreciate your help in making our party a success! We have finished our chapters on addition and have begun subtraction. We will be subtracting through the ten-thousands with borrowing. This skill can be a challenge, so please look over your child's homework each night. We are enjoying our Leveled Readers this year. Each group gets together and discusses the story each week. It is fun to share our thoughts with each other.

2nd Grade Religion

We have been working on our prayers. Please practice saying the prayers on the prayer sheet when you tuck your child into bed at night. This is a great way to not only learn the prayers, but form a connection with your child.

MRS. LAYNE SALAS
4THGRADE

Fourth graders have had a wonderful October!

We have been working hard on our multiplication and division facts. Most of them are doing wonderful! Please make sure to be practicing these at home. We will be moving on to long multiplication and division soon! We have also been learning about food chains and food webs in science. They created some cute food chains to show who eats what!

I know these fourth graders are always working hard and eager to learn more. Thank you, parents, for helping them with their homework and getting them ready for the next things to come!

MS. KRISTI GESCHWENTNER
5TH GRADE HOMEROOM
ADVANCED READING– READING 5-7
ENGLISH 5—MATH 6

Advanced Reading

Eighth Grade Advanced Reading students are nearing the end of *Silas Marner*, their third book. They continue to analyze and discuss settings, theme, and character traits, while learning new vocabulary/spelling words from the literature. Most of them would probably agree that this novel has been their most challenging thus far. They will wrap up *Silas Marner* early in November with a letter-writing project, then move on to *The Hobbit*, the final novel of the first semester. They are looking forward to then watching *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, the first movie of the series, which they will follow up with a comparison essay of the book and movie. They are working hard this year to polish their writing skills.

Advanced Reading students are still responsible for monthly AR points and book reports. Eight points are required each month, and at least 4 of those points must be earned on books outside of those we read together in class. They will write their book reports on those books they read on their own. Students can earn extra credit if they complete all of their AR point requirements, as well as their book report, at least one week prior to the due date.

Reading 7

Seventh graders have finished their first unit of reading and have begun unit two. Thus far, they've watched a TV news interview and have read a short story, an online news article, an editorial, a Greek myth, three poems, a magazine article, and an informational text. They're getting to experience a great variety of genres! Students seem to be enjoying the new curriculum, especially the fact that their weekly spelling words and vocabulary words are the same – and that there are only ten to learn each week! All of our reading selections are also available online, where students have the option of listening to selections while reading them; students should know their sign-in username and password to access their online textbook. There are short exams at the end of each selection as well as a longer, more comprehensive test at the end of each unit.

At the completion of each reading unit is also a performance assessment – essentially, a larger, in-depth writing assignment. For Unit 1, students learned the steps of writing a strong argumentative essay; in Unit 2, they'll learn all about writing informative essays. We'll normally spend a week, or even two, of class time on this project, but it will be necessary for students to spend time outside of class on them as well. These performance assessments are weighted assignments, so please encourage your student to put forth 100 percent effort as we work through all of the steps.

I am again offering a monthly extra credit opportunity (in addition to other periodic extra credit opportunities for seventh grade reading students!) for completing assigned AR points and the monthly book report at least one week prior to the due date. I'm hoping this will encourage students to read for AR throughout the month rather than scrambling at the last minute to get that book read!

Reading 6

Sixth graders just wrapped up Unit 1. They read two short stories, a poem, an online article, one informational text, and an online science exhibit which included an animated video. This is a transitional year for sixth grade readers; the selections we're reading together in class are much longer than what they've had in the past, and the homework they're assigned requires making inferences and expressing their ideas in writing, rather than filling in the blanks on worksheets. All of our reading selections are also available online, where students have the option of listening to selections while reading them; students have been given their sign-in username and password to access their online textbook. Weekly spelling words and vocabulary words are the same set of ten words so students really have an opportunity to learn them well!

MS. KRISTI GESCHWENTNER
5TH GRADE HOMEROOM
ADVANCED READING– READING 5-7
ENGLISH 5—MATH 6 CONT…

Math 6

Students in math are midway through Chapter 3 'Patterns and Variables.' They seem to be enjoying this chapter more than they did the first two, which dealt with properties of numbers and adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals.

Students have been identifying and describing patterns in numbers then continuing the sequences, as well as modeling, writing, and evaluating algebraic expressions. They will continue to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division algebraic equations, then practice using the distributive property to simplify expressions in problem solving situations.

One large difference in math this year is that in order to prepare them for 7th and 8th grade math – and beyond – students are working solely from a textbook, so they're required to copy problems from the book onto their notebook paper. Some of them are still struggling a bit with this aspect, so please stress to your student the importance of attention to detail and proofreading. Many of their errors are silly errors that come from simply not being careful. I'm at school by 7:30 in the morning and here after school until 4:00 if students have questions or need extra help with homework or corrections. Be sure to also ask your students if they are taking advantage of extra credit opportunities when they are offered!

Student Council and the diapers that were donated to the ABC Pregnancy Help Center. Back row, left to right: Natalie, Jack, Leah, Sara, and Grant. Front row: Jaymie, Lainey, Grace, and Natalie. They are our Student council members for 2018.

Reading 5

The Fifth grade students are currently about midway through their second unit. Each week, I share a read-aloud to introduce the vocabulary and kick off the lesson. Then students listen to and read along with two related selections, which they test on at the end of the week. All of our reading selections are also available online, where students have the option of listening to selections while reading them. The information regarding your student's sign-in username and password was sent home with your student several weeks ago.

Your child may have shared with you the fact that they can practice spelling words online as well! The link is: https://www.spellingcity.com/users/kdgeschwentner; spelling lists are organized by grade and date. There is no individual sign-in necessary for this site, which offers games and practice tests. I know some students have been using it and seem to enjoy having an additional means of practicing spelling words.

Fifth graders are also responsible for 5 AR points and an assigned book report each month, due toward the end of each month. Extra credit is awarded to students completing all of their monthly AR requirements at least one week prior to the due date. Please encourage students to get their reading done early. Not only will it relieve the stress and panic of trying to finish a book at the last minute, but they can also earn some extra points toward their overall grade.

English 5

5th grade English students started out the year learning about nouns and are currently finishing a unit on pronouns. Next, they will be studying adjectives. They'll work with descriptive, demonstrative, and interrogative adjectives; proper adjectives; articles; adjectives that tell how many; adjectives that compare; and adjectives as subject complements. They will learn how to correctly form the comparative and superlative degrees of adjectives and when to use fewer and fewest versus less and least.

Students take one test midway through the unit and a second test once we finish the second half of the unit. Ask your children to share *The Preposition Song* with you, if they haven't already done so! Those who memorize it receive extra credit!

MRS. DEONNE HINZ

ART K—8

COMPUTER 5—8

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

In art the year has gotten off to a wonderful start, and we are looking forward to a busy month ahead. During the month of November there is a lot going on in the art room.

The thirty-second annual Sheldon Statewide exhibition, *Family Style*, investigates the meaning of "family" through the work of eighteen artists. The objects in this exhibition offer a range of perspectives on family and relationships, from tight-knit to distant, from intimate to communal. Some families are given and some are chosen. Exploring different kinds of families helps us see beyond our own experiences and consider those of others. Together, the artworks demonstrate that families of all types work through the events and routines of everyday life with members performing essential functions, providing structure and guidance, and growing in their own ways. *Family Style* represents a wide—but certainly not exhaustive—range of viewpoints from which artists examine the intricate relationships that make up parenthood, marriage, teamwork, and community.

All the classes from Kindergarten though 8th grade will have an opportunity to see the exhibit so be looking for permission slips going home.

NEWS FROM 5—8 COMPUTER CLASSES

This year students will be practicing their typing skill using an on line program called Typing Club. There will be a few times each quarter we will work on the program in class but in order to get the assignments done on time the kids need to work on the program at home. When working at home here are some quick tips.

The program works best using the internet platform of Mozilla Firefox, (Internet Explorer will not work.) This platform is free to install on any computer.

The website is saint-patrick.typingclub.com

Students should know the rest of the information as we have accessed the program during class several times this past quarter.

Questions you may always contact me at deonne-hinz@cdolinc.net

MRS. CATHY JONES AND

MR. JIM HALL

MATH 7—8

ALGEBRA 8

7th GRADE MATH

This month we have continued to review and expand our knowledge in math. Many things they have been taught have not made it into long term memory and we are hoping to go from short term to long term as we keep building. Keep us in your prayers! In seventh grade we are almost to the end of chapter three which covers working with fractions: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing them and always giving the answer in simplest form. We continue to stress number sense and note-taking.

8th GRADE MATH

The eighth grade math class is also at the end of chapter three and will take a test yet this week. It is not coincidence that this chapter three is extremely similar to the seventh grade chapter three! It covers working with fractions, customary units of measurements and precision vs accuracy. We hope they do as well as they are capable of doing on this test. Again – the material we taught last year when they were seventh graders did not make it to long term – maybe this year. Hormones are very powerful chemicals! They seem to be able to concentrate better and focus a little longer so we will take that as a plus and go from there.

8th GRADE ALGEBRA

The algebra students are at the end of their chapter three as well. This chapter deals with functions and families of functions. We spend a great deal of time on linear functions. We end with translations and reflections of functions. We continue to note that this book is very challenging. They do a great job paying attention but still do not like to use words when asked to explain or interpret their results. Graphing is another thing that is not at the top of their list but it will not go away and they even have been given their own graphing notebook. They are all trying hard and continue to improve. We are proud of them.

VOCAL MUSIC K-8
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 5—8
MRS. LORI HILKER

M – Melodies can move by stepping, skipping, leaping, or repeating the sounds.

U – Ugly sounds don't belong in our songs.

S – Service members will be honored at our Veterans Day program Monday November 12 at 1:15 in the gym.

I – In-tune singing is a primary goal.

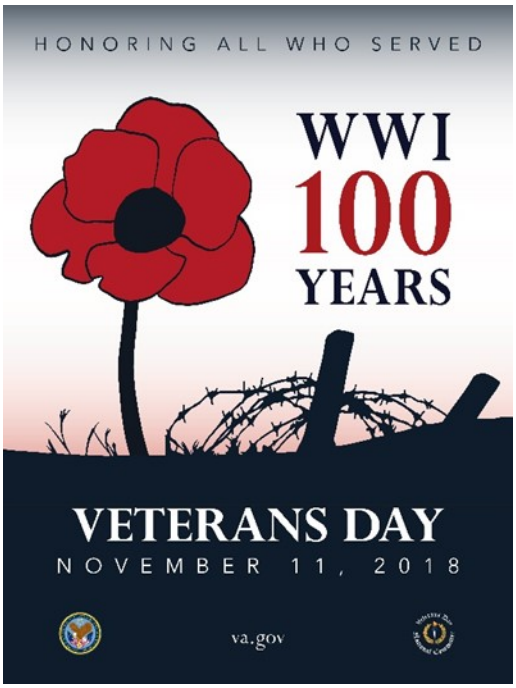
C – Christmas concert is planned for Thursday, December 13.

B – Blending our sounds together makes for good music.

A – Articulations such as accents and staccatos give the music more energy.

N – Need to balance melody, harmony and percussion.

D – Developing our skills takes time and practice.



We invite all Veterans and their families to St. Patrick School
Monday, November 12 at 1:15 p.m.
so that we may honor you for your service to our nation.

Veteran's Day is November 11th. **We will be celebrating it on November 12th at 1:15 in the gym.** If your child has a relative or friend that is a Veteran, please invite them to our celebration on Veteran's Day. We will be making "Thank You" cards for our Veteran's so if you would please have your student let Mrs. Fritsch know ahead of time that they have a relative or friend that will be attending the program, then the student can give their card to their "Special Veteran!" Also your student should have brought home an informational sheet on Veteran's Day. This year we are making "Dog Tags" for our Veteran's. Please send the Veteran's name, preferred Religion, years of service, Branch of Military served in, and what war they served in. If you are in need of forms they are at the office or in Mrs. Fritsch's room.

MRS. LANAE FRITSCH
EIGHTH HOMEROOM,
SOCIAL STUDIES 5—8, MATH 5

Social Studies 5

The 5th graders are studying about the Native Americans of North America, Spanish and English colonies, the Pilgrims and Puritans in New England and the daily life of each of these colonies. Then we will travel on in our studies and explore "Life in the Eastern Hemisphere."

MRS. LANAE FRITSCH
EIGHTH HOMEROOM,
SOCIAL STUDIES 5—8, MATH 5

Social Studies 6

The 6th graders come up with some great reports and team collages on the four different regions. They really exceeded my expectations. If you are in the building, please stop and see them. We are exploring different cultures in the World. Our first stop was the United States, followed by Canada, which we have just finished our explorations in Canada. Second semester will start with Mexico.

For our cultural adventure while studying Mexico's culture, the 6th graders took a field trip to El Puerto. They were able to experience the Mexican cuisine at its finest! We will venture on to Central America and before the Christmas break we will explore the different cultures in South America.

Social Studies 7

The 7th graders are studying the Foundations of our Government. I know sounds really boring, but we are working in several different projects and looking forward to our group debates. I am amazed at the caliber of debaters we have in the 7th grade. They do not like to back down from a good debate. With Election Day just around the corner, we have been reviewing our "Rights to Vote", our "Three Branches of the Government", and the history behind our "Freedoms and Liberties". The 7th graders will have a chance to vote in our mock election, which will be held in Mrs. Fritsch's room.

MRS. LANAE FRITSCH
EIGHTH HOMEROOM,
SOCIAL STUDIES 5—8, MATH 5

Social Studies 8

The 8th graders are right in the middle of the Civil War! We did our research on different battles and also important people of the Civil War and then reported it in our Alphabet books. We will display these at the Veterans Day program. This month we will also be putting on Veteran's Day! It's our way to tell the Veteran's "Thank You" for all that they have done and continue to do for us.

Math 5

The fifth graders have been busy working on algebraic expressions and equations. They started this week on working with decimals and place values, comparing and ordering decimals, adding, subtracting, rounding, and estimating decimals. We will continue with our bell work and working with our multiplication and before the Thanksgiving break we will be multiplying and dividing decimals using whole numbers. They have also been doing in working with decimals. It will not surprise me to actually see the class get into the next unit of measuring data with the mean, medium, and mode. They are a great group of students and have been working really hard on all the new concepts they are learning.

FATHER LITT
5TH AND 6TH RELIGION

We are finally at the long awaited hour or day, depending on your perspective, but confirmation is finally here. The sacrament the 5th and 6th grade students have been preparing for this sacrament since the first day of school. They have put in a lot of hard work and have been memorizing the 92 questions, great over view of our faith as Catholics. They have learned about the sacraments of initiation and confession, the effects of sin and grace in their lives, the Holy Trinity, and some of the basics truths of our faith. They are ready for this beautiful sacrament and the fulfillment of the work of the Holy Spirit in their life. Yet their journey is not over. With the sacramental graces they receive they will continue to grow as young adults within the faith and will continue to grow in their relationship with God. It has been a great blessing helping you prepare your children for this sacrament and I am excited to see the grace of God at work in them.

MRS. TAMA KAIN
5TH SCIENCE
ENGLISH 6—8

Science 5

Scientific minds are being developed among the fifth-grade students, who are successfully learning to use the scientific procedure to explore the world around them. They have studied plants and animal cells including human blood donated my Mrs. Kain. When they examined the blood, they decided that Mrs. Kain is pretty "cool" because human blood is amazingly beautiful. The students classified fun organisms like cactus wood, petrified rock, starfish, scallops, a skate, conches, foot-long pine cones, tiny sequoia pine cones, and various plants. Organisms swimming in pond water amazed them, and a cell membrane experiment with eggs filled them with excitement. The students will be keeping a science journal to help them document whatever interests or puzzles them in God's astounding world.

English 6

Diagramming has been introduced to these eager learners, and already, they've learned to diagram subjects, verbs, direct objects, subject complements, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, adjective phrases, and adverb phrases. Diagramming organizes in the students' minds the many different parts of a sentence and their relationship to one another. Knowing how a sentence is composed will greatly benefit the students in their writing skills, which we will begin strengthening next quarter.

English 7

This class is flying right through their textbook. They've covered chapters on nouns, pronouns, and adjectives, and are now finishing a chapter on verbs. Knowing how much their writing skill blossomed last year, I'm excited to see how far they will advance this year. Poetry and fiction writing have also kept their creative minds busy.

English 8

An engrossing semester-long writing project enables the eighth-grade students a last chance to polish their writing techniques. Concrete writing in active voice proves difficult for some of the students who need to break old habits. They began revising their skills last year, and the students who've put their heart into improving truly have become much better writers. Others who moan about having to change their ways are finding that their writing scores are dropping. College professors cringe at passive writing!

FATHER KENNETH WEHRS
RELIGION 7 & 8

So far this year the middle school students have covered what theologians refer to as "natural revelation". Natural revelation is the ability to use our senses and minds to gather evidence and come to conclusions about God. We then talked about "divine revelation", which is God's efforts throughout history to reveal himself in a more detailed way than we could ever know him through natural revelation. The three ways God reveals himself to us are Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and the teaching of the Church. Finally, and most recently, we began looking at God's plan for our salvation beginning with the story of creation found in Genesis Chapters 1-3. Then we learned about the patriarchs of the Old Testament: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Next we move onto a new chapter about Moses and the escape of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. I hope you all have a blessed month. My prayers are with all those who will be harvesting crops in the coming weeks.

GALE SLATTERY
HEAD COOK,

Happy Thanksgiving from "the Lunch Ladies"! What a beautiful autumn we have had! Seeing the gorgeous colors of fall helps us remember how great our God is and how much we have to be thankful for!

Thank you to those families that try to keep their accounts current. It is a huge help to me. If you are having difficulties keeping up with your lunch bill or you have had a change in income please consider applying for free or reduced price meals. It helps the lunch program receive aid but also reduces the need for staff to send repeated reminders or phone calls to try to collect. We are here to help.

November nutrition tip:

With fall weather we start thinking about pumpkins. Did you know that pumpkin is an excellent low-calorie vegetable? It is rich in antioxidants, fiber, minerals and vitamins. You may know that pumpkin is a good source of Vitamin A and is thought to help protect against age-related macular disease. But it is also a good source of B-vitamins and vitamins C and E. It can be prepared and served as a vegetable similar to squash, in soups, and even as a dessert! And don't forget the seeds! They provide fiber, vitamins and minerals and are a concentrated source of protein. Not to mention they are yummy roasted and seasoned with spices! What a powerhouse!

MRS. HALEY PRIEBE
SCIENCE 6, 7 AND 8

6th Grade Science

6th Grade finished their introduction to plants and are going to jump in a little deeper to learn the plant processes. This includes photosynthesis and how it benefits plants. We will also talk about the reproduction of flowering plants and how plants respond to the environment around them.

7th Grade Science

7th Grade learned about plate tectonics and how they affect the Earth's surface and can cause major geologic events. We looked at what goes on inside the Earth, and how it can cause the Earth's crust to deform. They will learn about earthquakes and how earthquake waves travel and how to measure them.

8th Grade Science

8th Grade finished their section on matter. They will start their new section on forces, motion and energy. This will cover Newton's Laws, forces in fluids, temperature; to name a few.

Grant studying and enjoying his cake pop and St. Patrick's 100th anniversary glasses.

6th Graders experiencing culture and cuisine of Mexico.

We are participating in the Catholic school outreach program, Box of Joy! You and your child can bless a child suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. Our goal is to bless 150 impoverished children in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Guatemala. You can pack your own box (use your own shoe box, or pick up a box at the office at school) as a family and pray for the child receiving it. Your child will choose the gender and age range of the child, then go shopping to select items you feel the child would like (see Mrs. Peterson for a list of items suggested.) The cost to transport each box is $9 - make check payable to Cross Catholic Outreach if you can help with this expense. Another way to help is to donate items, and we will have a packing party to fill the boxes on Wednesday, November 7th. For more information, contact Mrs. Peterson at the school, or check out the program at www.crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy. Thank you.

Accelerated Reader®

Students are advancing in their reading, scoring big AR points! Becca K (6th grade) is high point earner with a whopping 73.5 points! Jude (5th grade) has recorded 58.6 points, Amber (8th grade) 42.3, Derick (4th grade) 37.3 points, Haley (6th grade) 32.3, and Clara (3rd grade) is pushing that 30 point mark at 29.9 points. Great job all! For the month of October, students have read 383 books!

Wear Red November 15th!

Cupcake Party if Saint Patrick School reaches 150 donors!

BIG GIVE McCook

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

The McCook Big Give is a 24 hour period of giving where McCook area supporters are invited to give back to their favorite local charities and educate themselves on other non-profits available in our community.

The goal of this area wide giving event is to match McCook area supporters' passions and generosity with our local nonprofit organizations already doing great work. Through the combined participation of all people who love and care about the McCook area, we can significantly impact the future of our beloved community.

Big Give McCook will run from midnight to midnight on Thursday November 15th 2018. Donors mark which organizations(s) **(You can choose Saint Patrick School!)** they would like to support and all funds are provided to the appropriate group. In addition a bonus funds program is created using sponsor dollars. These funds are divided among organizations based on the program requirements and help to make each donation even more valuable. Wear red to school November 15th!

SHELDON MUSEUM OF ART

Students will be attending the traveling art exhibit from the Sheldon Museum of Art on display at the Museum of the High Plains. Dates/times are as follows:

Monday November 5th	12:00—1:00—4th Grade
	2:15—3:15—7th Grade
Tuesday November 6th	8:45—9:45—2nd Grade
	11:20—12:20—5th Grade
Thursday, November 8th	8:45—9:45—Kindergarten
	9:45—10:45—1st Grade
Friday, November 9th	10:35—11:35—6th Grade

3rd and 8th Grade will also be scheduled.

Elizabeth

Bella , Natalie , Halee and Haley

Becca & Rebecca

Rebecca, Becca and Elizabeth

Ambrose, Ean, and Layten

Emma

Olivia, Natalie, Leah

Caleb , Grant, Evan, & Weston

Mark, Jackson , Zach , Ethan

Aubrey, Paige, Madison, Grace , Charlotte

MRS. LAURA BRODD

PRESCHOOL

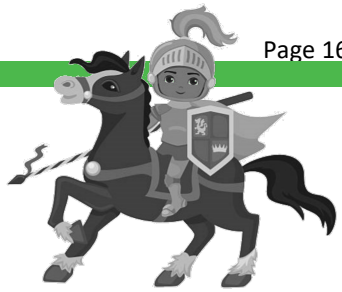
Happy Fall! We have had so much fun learning about Autumn and Halloween this month. We celebrated Omar's birthday in the morning preschool class and Augie's birthday in the afternoon preschool class. We have learned about the letters I, P, N, and C this month. We also learned about squares and the color purple. We learned about Paul's journey and Noah's Ark too. The past couple of weeks, we have been making decorations for Halloween. These kids sure know how to make scary witches and monsters! The toddlers have also been learning lots this month. They learned letters I, P, N, and C and made I igloos, popcorn P's, night N's, and C caterpillars. We practice our colors and shapes too, and are still practicing our names, colors and shapes! The toddlers painted pumpkins and made tape mummies for Halloween! All of our classes were lucky enough to have a visit from the firefighters. They taught us about fire safety and let us sit in their fire truck. It was the best day ever!

Morning class: Front: Lexi, Asher, Elliott

Back row: Grace, Amelia, Emery, Easton, Brody, Jacob, Omar

Afternoon class: Katelyn, Bentley, Wade, Milania, Augie, Jacob, Kenllyn, Gage

Toddler class: Dylan, Lily, Quint, Hannah, Makaylin, Gracelynn, Evelyn, Ryder



St. Patrick School

November 2018

Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 All Saints Day **NO SCHOOL**	2 Cheese Pizza Salad Vegetable Fruit Milk	3
4	5 Chicken Quesadilla Beans Salsa Fruit Tortilla Chips Milk	6 Salisbury Steak Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	7 Goulash Vegetables Fruit Roll or Muffin Milk	8 Chef Salad Ham & Cheese Baby Carrots Fruit Breadstick Milk	9 Omelet Breakfast Cookie Hashbrown Fruit Juice Milk	10
11	12 Veteran's Day Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Sweet Potatoes Fruit Milk	13 Chicken Fajita Spanish Rice Salsa Fruit Tortilla Chips Milk	14 Turkey Roast Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Dinner Roll Pumpkin Dessert Milk	15 Spaghetti Sauce With Meat Pasta Salad Fruit Breadstick Milk	16 **NO SCHOOL**	17
18	19 6th Grade Menu Spicy Chicken Tenders Curly Fries Celery w/ PB Apple Slices Dirt Pudding Milk	20 Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Vegetable Fruit Milk	21 **NO SCHOOL**	22 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**	23 **NO SCHOOL**	24
25	26 Teriyaki Beef Fried Rice Vegetables Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	27 Shredded Pork On a Bun Baked Beans Sweet Potatoes Fruit Milk	28 Scallop Potatoes Ham Vegetable Fruit Roll or Muffin Milk	29 **COOK'S CHOICE**	30 Mini Cheese Ravioli Spaghetti Sauce Salad Fruit Cheesy Breadstick Milk	

Menu Subject to Change

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The LATEST Raffle News

Fall Festival

Ticket sales were as follows:

7th Grade	$125
2nd Grade	$234
1st Grade	$248
5th Grade	$387
8th Grade	$298
6th Grade	$507
3rd Grade	$786
4th Grade	$906
Kindergarten	$976

Asher (3rd grade) was the Top Selling Individual Winner of $50!

Kindergarten was the Top Selling Class and winner of the Class Pizza Party