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- Nov 3—End Daylight Savings Time
- Nov 5—Smart Cents Bank open @1:15 for 2—5th Grades
- Nov 6—Faculty Meeting
- Nov 8— 7th * 8th Grade Art Field Trip
- **Nov 11—Veteran's Day Program 1:15 p.m.**
- Nov 18—Picture Re-takes and winter sports photos 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 18—Girls BB vs. Southwest at Home @ 2:30
- Nov 19—Smart Cents Bank open @ 1:15 for 2nd—5th Grades
- Nov 20—Faculty Meeting
- Nov 22—TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) - No School
- November 27—29—No School—Thanksgiving Vacation



A Message from Father Gary Brethour

Dear Parents,

A friend tells the story about his time in the Army when he embarrassed the drill sergeant. Not a good idea. The sergeant and officer in charge kept my friend up for the next several nights and turned him into human wreckage. Sleep is necessary for human beings to live. Proper amounts of sleep are needed to function well.

A great book that I hope you purchase and read is called *The Learning Habit* by Stephanie Donaldson-Pressman, Rebecca Jackson, & Dr. Robert Pressman. (Copyright 2014.)

Chapter Three is “Media Matters: Managing Our Kid’s Media Use.” This chapter has research that backs up the common sense that is too often ignored.

Long story short. Too much screen time results in trouble getting to sleep. Lack of sleep results in poor performance in school resulting in lower grades that reflect the lack of learning. I believe this carries over to adults in the home and at work. Screen time is destroying our families.

Are you asking yourself, how much is too much?

“Researchers’ Conclusions: Sleep and media consumption are even more closely related than researchers previously thought. In our research, we found that few deleterious effects appeared, regardless of device, when children consumed fewer than 45 minutes

of media time.

With more than 45 minutes, sleep begins a downturn; after 180 minutes (three hours) of media consumption, the effect on children’s sleep is substantial.” (p. 56.)

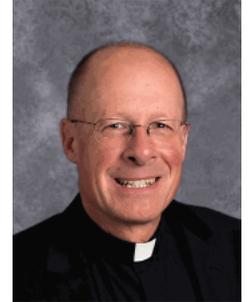
“Parents rarely attribute sleep deprivation (symptoms include changes in mood, attention problems, decrease in grades, hyperactivity or lethargy) to electronics use. In fact, overuse of electronics is one of the top causes of sleep deprivation. An increase or decrease of just 30 minutes of sleep can have a dramatic impact on a child.” (p. 57.)

“The Learning Habit Study strongly suggests that, for many children, media use is a prime contributor to trouble falling asleep (known as sleep onset latency, or SOL). (p. 57.) So the screen time needs to end long before it is time to go to bed. (Media use means TV, gaming, YouTube, texting, etc.)

The problems are not limited to sleep. “We found a negative relationship between children’s media use and their social development.” (p. 62.)

“According to the Learning Habit Study, children who game more than 90 minutes a day are twice as likely to have social problems, for example: difficulty making friends, inability to join other kids in play, fear of trying new things, and being unable to effectively communicate their feelings and needs.” (p. 63.)

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Braedyn surprised everyone arriving at school on a fire engine truck with sirens and lights! He won the exciting ride by completing a home fire escape plan.

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So how much is too much? Research says after 45 minutes of all screen time added together (TV, games, social media, YouTube, etc.) negative consequences start to happen.

“The Learning Habit Study identified 45 minutes as the amount of time a child can consume media before there are any apparent negative effects on their educational, social, and emotional learning outcomes. In reality, nothing devastating happens until after 180 minutes (three hours). However, at 90 minutes, on average, middle school children’s grades drop nearly one grade level – not devastating, but certainly not good. At 300 minutes (five hours), a child’s risk of getting F’s is twice as great as that child who has only 15 minutes of screen time. That can be devastating.” (p. 70.)

It is also common sense that screen time is killing our personal and families’ spiritual lives. It is robbing us of our prayer time as we make the excuse, “I am too busy.” It is robbing of us time need to keep our family relationships strong and healthy.

Take your eyes off the screens and start to live and flourish. Parents will need to take charge, set expectations, and lead by example.

God bless you all.
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Gary Brethour



2019 Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales

Abel accepts a \$50 check from Mrs. Redl for being the top raffle ticket sales person. Congratulations, and Great Job, Abel!

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Top Seller</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8 th Grade-\$50 | \$20 Grace & Evan |
| 7 th Grade-\$300 | \$120 Natalie |
| Kindergarten—\$356 | \$100 Brody |
| 6 th Grade-\$370 | \$118 Jaylea |
| 1 st Grade-\$382 | \$147 Amiya |
| 5 th Grade-\$446 | \$175 Aaron |
| 2 nd Grade-\$628 | \$210 Marvin |
| 4 th Grade-\$1208 | \$343 Vince |
| 3 rd Grade-\$1438 | \$410 Abel** |

**top seller

Grand Total for school raffle sales---\$5178





| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 No School All Saints First Friday— Eucharistic Adoration | 2 |
| 3 End Daylight Savings  | 4 | 5 Smart Cents Bank open 1:15 for grades 2—5 | 6 “Box of Joy” (Cross Catholic Outreach—items for children who wish for just one gift) items due for packing | 7 | 8 7th and 8th grade art field trip to Grand Island | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Veteran’s Day Program 1:15  | 12 | 13 4th, 6th and 3rd Grades to Sheldon Art Gallery | 14 Kindergarten, 1st and 5th Grades to Sheldon Art Gallery | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Picture Retakes and sports photos @ 1:00 p.m. | 19 Smart Cents Bank open 1:15 for grades 2—5 Girls Basketball vs. SW Home 2:30 p.m.  | 20 7th and 8th Grades to Sheldon Art Gallery Faculty Meeting | 21 | 22 TEC No School  | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Jim Griffin of Lincoln County Museum to speak to 3rd Grade @ noon | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
|  No School—Thanksgiving | | | | | | |



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE BY MRS. REBECCA REDL

Happy November! As we are entering these final months of 2019, we have another full month of activities and fun at school. We ended October with our annual All Saints Parade with our Kindergarteners through 4th graders participating. It's a joy to watch the students dress up as our Catholic heroes and saints and to hopefully understand how this commercialized holiday stems from our Catholic roots. Veteran's Day will be celebrated by our students on November 11th at 1:15. If you have never made it to one of these programs, please consider doing so. Our students' pride in our country and their voices as they sing the patriotic songs, will make your heart swell with pride. Veterans are no longer just our grandparents but more often now they are our brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, aunts and uncles, and friends. Thanksgiving ends our month on Thursday, November 29th. As families gather during this holiday weekend, I pray some time is spent in thanking God for the blessings He has given us throughout the year. As we sit around our tables this Thanksgiving, let us all be reminded of that many things we have to be thankful for.

I am thankful every day for the impressive students we have walking through our door. Our students are continuing to make remarkable strides in their learning. I am thankful for our teachers and staff that push our students to do their best and work tirelessly to make learning exciting and challenging. I am thankful for our parents who support our school and make the many sacrifices needed to send their students here to have a Christ centered education. I am thankful for St. Patrick School and having the opportunity to be part of this great school and staff. I am blessed to have the chance to

be a part of our students' education, to see their triumphs and trials, and God's goodness in everyone's gifts and efforts. May God bless you this month.



MRS. JENIFER JACOBS LIBRARIAN

THANKSGIVING!

I was approached by my oldest daughter, who was given a project. She was to write 10 things she was thankful for each day for 30 days. This seemed like quite a project to me. She'd asked me what I was thankful for, as she had run out of things. I asked her if she could repeat her answers. She said yes, but that she was trying to think of different things. So we brain stormed together.

There were the obvious answers. Family, friends, job, coworkers, food, clothing, house, car, a bed, heat. Those are some of the basic needs or wants of most people, but she was interested in going deeper. I then asked if she had her faith down as something to be thankful for. Thankfully, the answer was yes. We decided to try to come up with ten things that we were thankful for about our faith. We came up with quiet time, peace, the mass, the Eucharist, our parish, our voice to participate in prayer and worship, our eyes to Read the Bible, our ears to hear the Word, the grace God gives us daily, and the church universal and full of truth. There are really so many things to be thankful for. Sometimes it's just the small things.

Long story short. I started my own list of things I am thankful for. When my day is particularly hard, it's nice to go back and remember what's important. All of this to say, remember your blessings this Thanksgiving. I hope that you have a fun and safe Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends. God Bless from the Library!



MRS. LARA STEWART
KINDERGARTEN



Thank you to the City of McCook Fire Department for visiting Kindergarten—3rd grade and sharing safety information.

- N:** new words we are learning to read, ask me to show you
- O:** others we learn to love in religion
- V:** various places objects can be placed; above and below, front and behind
- E:** every sentence needs a punctuation mark . ? !
- M:** make sure we follow the Ten Commandments
- B:** Being a good listener is very important
- E:** every part of the church we are discovering
- R:** remember to practice the sight word cards



Kindergarteners shout for you to “Get out for your safety!” during an instructional visit to the K—3rd grades by the McCook Fire Department.





MRS. AMANDA PETERSON
1ST GRADE

N - Numbers all around us!! We have been learning about number patterns in math and skip counting! We know how to skip count forward and even count and write our numbers backwards!

O- Outstanding job filling out reading logs at home! Keep reading at home...I promise it will pay off!

V- Very important to keep practicing those sight words!!! Every week we learn 6 new sight words and it is vital to know our sight words to make good fluent readers.

E- Erasers!!! We go through a lot of erasersplease check with your child and send some more erasers if needed.

M- Mistakes are how we learn! Sometimes we get frustrated and discouraged when we don't get it right the first time, but I remind the kids daily that mistakes are OK.

B- BOOKS!! Library is every Wednesday and I would like the library books returned by Tuesday each week so we have time to take our AR tests before Wednesday morning. Reminder to please read the book 3 times at home before your child takes an AR test. Also reminder to return your blue "At Home book bags"...the kids can return these any day of the week and refill them with new books!



E- Eager to earn our first marble party in 1st grade! We still have some trouble walking quietly in the hallways and working quietly in our room....but we are very close to filling our marble jar!

R- Ready for winter! Colder weather is now upon us... Please make sure your child has hat, gloves and a heavy coat as we go outside for recess as often as we can!



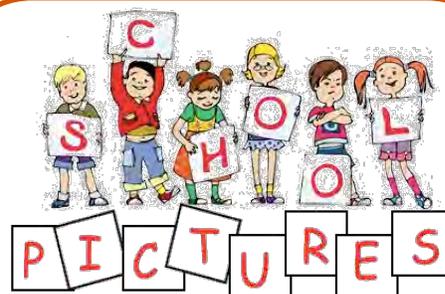
Photos: A huge thank you to the McCook City Fire Department. They visited the school and presented fire safety information to Kindergarten through 3rd grades.



MRS. LINDA BREWSTER
3RD GRADE

We will be finishing our unit on subtraction soon. Our next unit will be multiplication. We will be making a set of flashcards to take home and practice. Our science has been teaching us about the planets. Remember to be practicing the 3rd grade prayers each night. Thank you to the families that helped with our Halloween party.

3rd grade students create displays of the different phases of the moon.



Retakes and Basketball Photos
November 18



Smart Cents program begins for grades 2—5.



MS. KHALEY LEE
2ND GRADE



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.

Our reading series had a story called Super Storms that explained what the storms do and how to stay safe. Those storms were thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, and blizzards. I recorded each 2nd grader acting as a news reporter warning the town of impending weather. Mrs. Bortner was going to link those videos to the email, so check out their great work!

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.

MRS. TAMA KAIN

4TH GRADE

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FATHER ANDREW LITT
5—6 RELIGION

Already, 4th-graders are mastering basic algebra. They've learned to write and solve expressions and equations that contain variables. Most amazing, they can compose their own word problems and write equations to solve them. Equalities and inequalities also keep them on their toes as they find the missing numbers that will make the statements true.

Students will be honing their writing skills for the next couple of weeks. Look for some imaginative writing pieces from them. Now that they can identify and correct run-on sentences, they will be expected to avoid using them. Diagramming will also keep our sentence structure and parts of speech fresh in our minds.

Critical thinking skills are improving. Less corrections are needed on their leveled reader answers. We are also learning much vocabulary outside the text as well as within. For example, when I noticed a frown on one student's face as she worked on schoolwork, I asked her if she was perplexed. She asked what that meant. Later when I was having difficulty getting my DVD player to work, another student asked, "Mrs. Kain, are you perplexed?" Imagine my satisfaction when a group of the students took their reading vocabulary cards to recess to play a game. This is a fun group to push in all academic areas.

In science, students are studying life cycles, water cycles, food cycles, and carbon dioxide and oxygen cycles. In history, focus is currently on the Civil War era. Religion always leads to lively conversations as the students are very interested in their salvation history and how God formed his holy people. They've learned how God punished the Israelites in the wilderness for complaining. Remind them of this if you hear them complain! Now they are studying the constant struggles the people face in the Promise Land between obeying God and falling into idol worship. Soon we will begin testing for prayer memorization, so you may want to quiz them.



As the leaves begin to fall, all I can think about is raking leaves. Yes that's right raking. Thankfully now I don't have raking to do any more. I also start to think about all the festivities associated with the fall, Halloween, All Saints and Souls days, Thanksgiving, and countless birthdays within my family. During the fall with all the short weeks we start to take breaks and do season related lessons instead of working through the book as well.

One thing that has continued to come up during this month has been about Halloween and its relationship to Christianity. Halloween is a contraction of All Hallows Eve, nothing more than the vigil to All Hallows Day, better known as All Saints Day. Halloween was a Catholic celebration which has been taken over by the secular culture at large. It started in 609 when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Roman Pantheon as a Catholic Church and dedicated it to the Saints on May 13th. Pope Gregory III moved the feast to November 1st and made it a Universal Holy Day instead of just a Roman Holy Day; and hence the Vigil of All Saints Day, Halloween.

Halloween is a day of celebration leading up and into the Feast of All Saints. It is a day to remember those who have achieved the final victory through Christ; eternal glory. We also remember the faithful departed on All Souls Day November 2nd. During the fall we remember all of those deceased relatives, loved ones, and friends. We remember that we always stay connected to them through Christ, through our Christian Faith. We pray for the dead this fall remembering our love for them and their love for us. I hope you have a Happy All Saints Day and Halloween.





FR. KENNETH WEHRS
RELIGION 7 & 8



These seventh and eighth grade Knights joined with the McCook Bison Cross Country team, and helped the Bison to finish in the top three teams at every Jr. Hi meet this season. They also brought home some very impressive hardware. Congratulations! We are proud of your accomplishments.

Since the last newsletter, we have studied a variety of things. We began by learning the graces a person receives when they receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. Then we learned about how the priesthood began in the Old Testament and was continued by Jesus in a new way at the Last Supper. Then we looked at all the different “orders” of clergy (Pope, cardinal, archbishop, bishop, priest, deacon, acolyte, and lector) and what the differences are between them. Then we learned about what the difference between “holy orders” and “religious orders” is.

Most recently we have been studying “Theology of the Body”. This is based off a series of talks that St. John Paul II gave each Wednesday over the course of several years. It explores the meaning of what it means to be human, how we were created to reflect the image of God, and how this is expressed in our relationships. Included in this discussion we talked about relationships, dating, chastity, and the dignity of our bodies. May you all have a blessed Advent as we prepare for the coming of our Savior.



Waiting for the next project of the day:
7th grade football game.





MRS. HALEY PRIEBE
6TH GRADE HOMEROOM
READING GRADE 5
ENGLISH 5-8

Leaves are falling and the weather is changing. It's hard to believe we are starting second quarter.

In English we are learning about verbs and the different ways we can use them. The kids have learned about principal parts of a verb; the base form, the past, past participle and present participle. They will finish the section with modal auxiliary verb phrases.

My 5th grade reading class finished reading the section on Life Science and animal behavior. They learned about the behaviors of cougars, and how they relate to different species of cats. Their next section they will be reading about is Civics and the Early American Government. This will cover the writing for the Constitution and the American Revolution.



MRS. TONI GERVER
K-8 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students in kindergarten have been working on more ball skills and gross motor skills. They have even learned a few soccer moves. Kids in first grade have been doing similar activities to kindergarten but more advanced.

They are very good at kicking. Students in second grade have spent a great deal of time outside as their class is in the afternoon. We have enjoyed many warm days outside this fall. Third grade has been playing volleyball and they are getting very close to getting their serves over the net. Fourth grade is an accomplished volleyball class. They enjoy the game and do a good job at it. Fifth grade has PE twice a week this year, a big change from last year, they seem to enjoy their activity and have spent their time on volleyball skills. Sixth grade has PE once a week we have done a great deal with volleyball and also enjoyed some days outside. They are an excellent group of volleyball players. Seventh grade and eighth grade have been playing volleyball. We haven't had very many days outside. It keeps us very busy



getting all of our skills covered when we have only one day a week. I look forward to November when we will get into some basketball skills, but I am not looking forward to the cold weather. Have a happy Halloween!





MS. TAYLOR GEISLER
5TH GRADE HOMEROOM
MATH GRADES 5 & 6

5th Math

We are close to finishing up Unit 1 in class. They did a marvelous job solving division problems, using basic fact patterns, estimation, and plain old long division. Remainders in division problems weren't a problem at all for the students. Next up we started working with expressions and equations. They've enjoyed thinking up new sentences for the acronym PEMDAS having a little fun while evaluating the expressions. Along with expressions and equations comes algebra which the students soon figured out isn't as scary as they thought. Once we conquer the basic algebra skills we will move onto working with decimals.

6th Math

The sixth graders have finished up chapter three in our books, where we worked up to solving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division equations using inverse operations. We have now moved onto chapter four into more difficult concepts such as prime factorization, exponents, divisibility rules, greatest common factor, and least common multiple. These concepts seem to be a bit more time consuming and require a good amount of patience. Here soon we will get to work more with fractions and decimals.

6th Reading

We have moved onto Collection 2 which has the theme of animal intelligence. It seems to have the majority of students interested in the readings, we have several animal lovers in class. Every day the students work with and discuss new vocabulary words and reading concepts such as summarizing the

text and deciphering the author's purpose behind different text features. The students are not afraid to jump into the conversation and add in any thoughts or ideas they may have about our current reading. We are still working on our skills of identify the different steps in the plot of each story and will continue to use those critical thinking skills. Our next objective will be analyzing persuasive techniques and arguments in the reading.

7th Reading

In seventh grade reading we began our second collection a couple weeks ago. The students finished the first collection a bit shaky with the first real end of the collection test but we are building on the struggling concepts as we continue onto the second collection. Within this second collection the articles, short stories, videos, and other miscellaneous texts are focused on perception and reality. I've enjoyed discussing the different ideas of perception with the students. We've not only learned quite a few new key reading concepts and phrases but also a couple small magic tricks!

8th Reading

The eighth graders finished their second book Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl a little while ago. The consensus seems to be Anne Frank's Diary was the most enjoyable read out of the books so far. We are currently reading Silas Marner by George Eliot. The class discussions held everyday are full of interesting takes on different events happening in the book. I'm always impressed with the ability of the students to put themselves into the character's shoes and relate the text back to their lives. Next up we will be reading The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien. The students are looking forward to this book, however they might be more looking forward to the movie!



These students each won a bracelet for activities at the Fall Festival. The name of one student per grade was drawn. Left to right: Maddie (8th grade), Vince (4th grade), Milania (Kindergarten), Mark (7th grade), Vivie (2nd grade), Abel (3rd grade), Chance (5th grade), Charlotte (1st grade) and Reese (6th grade).

MR. JIM HALL
MATH 7—8; ALGEBRA 8

This month we have continued to review and expand our knowledge in math. Many things students have been taught have not made it into long term memory and we continue to strive to get from short term to long term as we keep reviewing and building. 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. We continue to be very pleased with the note taking we see from the seventh graders. Our hope is that this important habit continues!

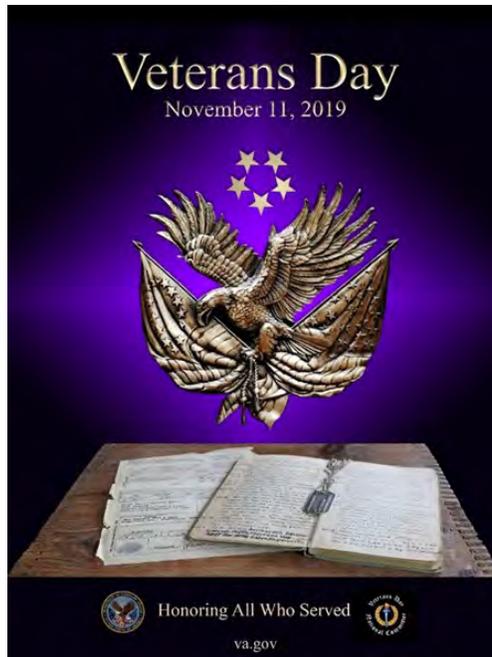
The eighth grade math class just took their chapter three test. It is not coincidence that this chapter is extremely similar to the seventh grade chapter three! It covers working with fractions, customary units of measurements and precision vs accuracy. Again – some of the material we taught last year when they were seventh graders did not make it to long term – maybe this year. Hormones are very powerful chemicals!

The algebra students just ended their chapter three as well. This chapter deals with functions and families of functions. A great deal of time is spent on linear functions. We ended 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. Story problems are not favored but they will continue to see them. These problem solving skills will pay off.

We would like to remind all students that we are here before school and are welcome to come in for help at this time. Another reminder is that all have our cell phone number for help. Lastly, corrections are highly recommended as this helps each student to find their own mistakes and be more prepared for the upcoming test, as well as improve their grade as they get half the points back of the corrected problems.

Veterans Day Program

We invite all Veterans, their families, and the community to St. Patrick School Monday, November 11 at 1:15 p.m. so that we may honor the Veterans for their service to our nation.



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

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 11 at 1:15 in the gym.

I – In-tune singing is a primary goal.

C – Christmas concert is planned for Thursday, December 19.



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.



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

Social Studies 5th

We have finished up with Native American studies and also completed our Native American Totem Poles. Now, 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.” We will be displaying our Native American Totem Poles during Veteran’s Day!

Social Studies 6th

The 6th graders come up with some great reports on Canada and their Canadian cuisine was unbelievable! Our next stop is Mexico. For our cultural adventure while studying Mexico’s culture, the 6th graders will take a field trip to El Puerto here in McCook. They will have an opportunity to experience the Mexican cuisine at its finest! We will venture onto Central America and South America before the Christmas break.

Social Studies 7th

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



Our school is participating in the Cross Catholic

Outreach program “Box of Joy.” This program provides a gift for a child who will otherwise receive no Christmas gift. Items must fit inside of a shoe box. They request small toys, hygiene items, school supplies, hard candy, or other useful items. Please no liquids or food. Items can be dropped off at the school by November 6th. Please contact the school for more information.

good debate. With elections just one year away, 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 made their own “Bill of Rights” for the school. They will be displayed at the Veteran’s Day program on November 11th.

Social Studies 8th



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 along with our replicas of the different battles each student elected to report on at the Veterans Day program. This month we will also be putting on a Veteran’s Day program November 11th at 1:15. We have a little something special planned for Veterans Day this year, so mark your calendar for November 11th, 2019 at 1:15 in the St. Pat’s Gym! Come and help us honor our veterans.



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MR. ZACH WIESER
7th HOMEROOM; 5—8 SCIENCE
2ND GRADE RELIGION
BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

5th Science

Wow! How fast was that quarter? The students have worked their way chapter 2 now, and are almost finished up with ecosystems! As we continue to work more and more, the students are picking up the skills necessary to be successful in 5th grade science. After we finish ecosystems, we head toward Earth and space!

6th Science

In 6th grade science we are getting close to the most exciting time of the year... dissection! The students are all (most anyway) very excited. We just need to finish up the last bit about plants and then we are off into animals!

7th Science

In 7th grade science we are still working in astronomy. The students have learned a lot about our solar system and are currently learning



about the different planets and moons. We will soon begin to look inside the Earth!

8th Science

In 8th science, the students have been working hard on the periodic table. They have almost made it through this part and will begin learning about energy in motion soon!



MRS GALE SLATTERY
HEAD COOK

Happy Thanksgiving from the lunchroom! Thanksgiving falls late this year so it won't be long before we will be looking forward to Christmas! Wow! Does the time seem to fly by!

As I mentioned last month we have been participating in the Harvest of the Month promotion. The produce of the month for October was cabbage. We served several new items to highlight cabbage. We tried fish tacos with a southwest slaw, apple cabbage salad and cabbage pocket casserole, (think Runza). I was pleasantly surprised by the reaction to the fish tacos! A lot of the students liked the fish! The cabbage pocket casserole seemed to go well once they understood what it was. I considered them both a success and will offer them on the menu again in the future.

November we will try to highlight pumpkin. We will serve our usual pumpkin dessert with our "Thanksgiving" meal. We will also try to find other ways to prepare and offer it. Please remember if you ever wish to eat with your children to call the kitchen at 345-5542 by 8:30am so that we can be sure to plan accordingly.

As always I would like to thank those parents who have kept their students' lunch accounts current. Please remember to check your children's backpacks for the occasional bill. We depend on your timely payments to keep the kitchen going. If you need to call and ask about your bill please do. The number is 345-5542. I only request that you call before 10:30am or after 1pm. I don't have access to account information during serving.



MRS. DEONNE HINZ
ART K-8 COMPUTER 5-8

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In art the year has gotten off to a wonderful start, and as a class 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, *From Where I Stand*, presents works by fourteen diverse artists who explore the relationships people have with the places they inhabit. Instead of relegating the landscape to serve as a mere background for their compositions, these artists treat it as a significant component of their work. Landscape becomes a means to investigate national identity, work and leisure customs, social justice, and personal narratives. In doing so, this installation highlights myriad ways in which an individual may react or respond to their environment and provides opportunities to consider the complex, and often-fraught, connection between humanity and the landscape. Offering a variety of perspectives, *From Where I Stand* seeks to explore these relationships and the significance of the places in which we play, work, and live.

All the classes from Kindergarten through 8th grade will have an opportunity to see the exhibit so be looking for information



coming home on when your child's class will be attending the exhibit.

Another exciting event happening in the art room is that the 7th and 8th grade students will be going on an art field trip to Grand Island Friday, November 8th. It will be an exciting time for the students to see professional work by some of the top artists in the state of Nebraska. Information will be coming home in a few weeks.

News for the 5th – 8th grade Computers

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 assignment 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 time this past quarter.

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

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First grade: front row: A tie for first between Amiya, Kylie and Katherine. Back row: Greyson, Anthony and Matthew. 1 point each



Top Eighth grade: *Halee and Grant

Top AR point earners by grade



Sixth grade: Laney and *Jude



Third grade: Aidyn and Payvn



Fourth grade: Lance and Clara



Fifth grade: Derick and Eli



Seventh grade: Becca and Zach

- 2nd—Annabelle 16.2; Sam 15.4
- 3rd—Aidyn 49.5, Pavyn 45.2
- 4th—Clara 63.2, Lance 17.4
- 5th—Derick 98.1, Eli 84
- 6th—Jude 177.5, Laney 25.9
- 7th—Zach 31.8, Becca 21.8
- 8th—Halee 135, Grant 22



Second grade: Sam and Annabelle

*Jude and Halee each have over 100 points recorded already!



News of the Little Knights



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Halloween Decorations



Happy Fall! October has really flown by!

In the preschool class, we've started learning about all the letters in the alphabet. We made A angels and painted with apples, we made B bunnies and C caterpillars. We also learned about circles and painted some using cups. The preschoolers also made Halloween crafts to decorate our room. We made marshmallow mummies and torn paper candy corn! Evelyn celebrated her 4th birthday this month too.

The PreK classes have been working so hard and learning so much! So far, we've learned letters L, F, E, H, T, and I. We've talked about the shapes square and rectangle, and we've practiced counting and one-to-one correspondence. One of our favorite things we've done so far is build Mat Man. For Halloween, we made monsters and practiced our cutting by making pumpkins! We also read Scholastic Magazines about firefighters and pumpkins.

All of our classes were visited by the McCook Fire Department this month. It was so exciting learning about fire safety and getting to see their fire truck. We are SOOO thankful that they came to teach us!!



Pre-K 3 with Pumpkins



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Fireman Connor showing the Pre-K 4 how to get out of the house when there is a fire.



With firemen Dan & Tyler



Fireman Tyler takes off his boots, prompting the Pre-K 3 class to plug noses :-)



School Saints Parade Photos in supplement to follow.





| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 NO SCHOOL | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Cookie Milk | 5 Oriental Chicken Fried Rice Vegetables Fruit Dinner Roll Milk | 6 Scallop Potatoes Ham Green Beans Fruit Pumpkin Bread Milk | 7 Walking Tacos Refried Beans Salsa Fruit Tortilla Chips Milk | 8 Ravioli Spaghetti Sauce Salad Fruit Cheesy Breadstick Milk | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Pulled Pork on Bun Baked Beans Sweet Potato Puffs Fruit Birthday Cake Milk | 12 Deli Sandwich On Flatbread Salad Vegetables Fruit Milk | 13 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Dinner Roll Milk | 14 Taco Rice Bake Vegetables Fruit Tortilla Chips Milk | 15 <u>6th Grade Menu</u> Cheese Pizza Corn Carrots Grapes Ice Cream Milk | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Milk | 19 Pepperoni Calzone Marinara Sauce Salad Fruit Milk | 20 Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce Dinner Roll Pumpkin Dessert Milk | 21 COOK'S CHOICE | 22 NO SCHOOL | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Pancake Wrap Hashbrown Patty Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk | 26 Hot Dog on Bun Pork & Beans Vegetable Fruit Milk | 27 NO SCHOOL | 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING | 29 NO SCHOOL | 30 |

Menu Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



First grade students were rewarded a game day because the class read over 650 book in the first 6 weeks of school!

Mrs. Fritch's 5th grade Social Studies class recently made totem poles for each classroom. The students also wrote reports explaining the totem pole they created. Stop by and explore their great designs.





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Teamwork





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Student Council Dance/Skate/Halloween Party





Braedyn surprised everyone arriving at school on a fire engine truck with sirens and lights! He won the exciting ride by completing a home fire escape plan.



YEA
Braedyn!





Our new

Saint Patrick School

Knights Art Logo

-Created by Dionne Hinz