

January 20, 2012

From the Principal's Desk

Dear ASA families,

Thank you for choosing All Saints Academy. It truly is a choice you've made for the best interest of your child. We believe that our school has many things to offer that other schools simply can not. There are many sacrifices you make to ensure your children are receiving an education not only of the body and mind but of the spirit as well.

In this month's survey, we want to hear your voice in regards to "School Satisfaction." What do you see the strengths and weaknesses of the school are? What can we build on and where can we improve?

Again, we are requesting only one response per household. We also ask that if you have Internet access, that you fill it out online. You can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ASAGRJan2012>. If you cannot access the Internet, please send a paper copy of the survey to school. Be sure to answer all the questions, as the website will not allow us to tally any partially completed surveys into the results. If we get 80% participation we will reward the kids with a jeans day.

Each and every day, our goal as a school is to help your students grow to reach their full potential. Please take the time to fill out this month's survey. With your input, our school too, can grow and reach it's full potential.

Anne Harpold
Principal

Michael Debri
Assistant Principal

Week at a Glance

Mon. Jan. 23, 2012
Soup's On Event



Tue. Jan. 24, 2012
Ski/Snowboard Field Trip, 9:30am - 2:30pm
Cannonsburg Ski Area (4th Grade)



Fri. Jan. 27, 2012
Jean/Color Day, Both Campuses
Ice Cream Float Sale, \$1.00 each
West Michigan New Horizons Music Ensemble,
1:00pm Diamond Campus



Wed. Jan. 25, 2012
MS Mass, 8:30am (8)
EL Mass, 10:00am (3 - Hansen)



Save the Date:
Sun. Feb. 5, 2012
Winterfest, sponsored by Home & School
1:00pm - 4:00pm Diamond Campus



Middle School Sports Families

This year ASA is hosting several basketball games. During these game days, we need many hands to help with clean up, set up and concessions. In an effort to include all families in the work schedule, we have assigned the middle school grades to different work days. The calendar for the upcoming week is as follows:

Date	Grade	Time	Location
1/21/12 Saturday	6th	8:00 - 2:00	St. Isidore
1/23/12 Monday	7th	5:00 - 8:30	St. Isidore
1/28/12 Saturday	8th	8:00 - 2:00	St. Jude
1/31/12 Tuesday	5th	5:00 - 8:30	St. Isidore

Please contact Pete & Peg Gonzalez at 724-4539 or peggygonzalez@sbcglobal.net if you are available to work. We will also send out email reminders to each assigned class a week or so before the scheduled games.

We are also looking for volunteers for our upcoming Texas Hold 'Em tournament January 26 - 29 (Thursday - Sunday) held at Westgate. Please let us know if you are willing to help!! Shifts available each night between 5 pm - 2 am.

Little Saints



Save the Dates:

Preschool conferences are coming! The Preschool teachers will be conducting conferences February 27th and March 1st. More information will be coming home soon from your child's Preschool teacher.

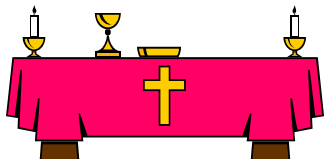
Elementary EXPRESS



What is the "Atrium"?

You may have heard that the Elementary School now has an Atrium. Your student may have told you that they visited the Atrium today. What is the "Atrium"?

Well here is your answer: Atrium is the word we use for the room where children experience the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Atrium is the word used in the early church for the room at the entrance of the church building where new catechumens were given instruction prior to becoming members of the church community. We use "atrium" rather than classroom to distinguish our program from a traditional Sunday School model, which has a school format. Rather than being a school, the catechesis is an extension of the Christian life, which focuses on the child's relationship with God. It is a place where we learn about Jesus and his loving relationship with us. We also learn about our liturgy which helps us know that God is present with us in church.



Elective Selection Time

Elective forms have been passed out to students in grades 6—8. If you haven't been asked to sign an elective form yet, please remind your student that they are due now. Please note that if your child is currently in Yearbook or Science Olympiad, there is no need to return the slips, since he/she will stay in that class during the third term. Some classes will run the full semester and others will only run third quarter. Please be sure your student knows the duration of the classes he/she is signed up for. Changes will not be made.

MS AM Dropoff



Lately, a large number of students are squeaking in just as the tardy bell rings. Students might be able to make it without a tardy, if the car line was not so long at that moment.

In the *spirit of consideration* for others, it would be VERY helpful if you would pull all the way up to the parish office doors to drop off your students. That way, more students can unload at the same time, alleviating the backup and possibly even eliminating tardies on school records.

Very Important Visitors

The Middle School welcomed 2011 ASA graduates to a Round Table Discussion with our current 8th graders. They enjoyed pizza lunch together, compliments of Home and School and discussed expectations for the first few days of high school and strategies for success with tests, homework, clubs, sports and after school activities. Welcome back alumni. It was nice to see you!

Parish Connection

ST. ISIDORE: 40th Annual Pancake Breakfast

When: Sunday, January 29, 2012

Time: 7:30am—1:00pm,

**Where: St. Isidore Parish Life Center (Gym)
625 Spring Ave., NE**

Menu: Pancakes, Home-Made Potato Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, Orange & Apple Juice, Milk, Coffee
Prices: Adults(13-61) \$6.00, Seniors (62 and up) \$5.50
Children (5-12) \$3.50, (4 and under) Free,
Family (immediate household) \$25.00

ST. JUDE: First Communion Meeting

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 29th**. A mandatory meeting for all parents of St. Jude children making their First Holy Communion this spring has been scheduled for 6PM in the Brophy Center. If you are unable to attend or have any additional questions, please contact Janet DeBoe at the parish office, or jldeboe@aol.com.

Volunteers Needed! ASA Winterfest

The Home and School Association will be hosting "Winterfest" on Sunday Feb 5th from 1-4 pm at the ES Campus. We'll have sledding, a snowperson making contest, and other fun outdoor activities. Then everyone can come inside to warm up with some chili, hot dogs, hot chocolate and dessert. This event is FREE and open to all ASA families.

We are looking for a few people to work in the kitchen, to help watch the kids outside, to oversee the "Dance Dance Revolution" Wii game in the gym, to sell 50/50 raffle tickets and to keep the warm beverages flowing. We'll also need some clean up help at the end of the event. And we promise everyone will be home in plenty of time to watch the Super Bowl!

Please contact Pat Burgess at patburgess73@gmail.com or Christine Jarecki at jmjarecki@sbcglobal.net if you are able to help.

Candy Sale Coming Up in February

The Home & School will be sending home information on the candy sale in today's newsletter. The candy sale will run from **February 6th—February 21st** (Fat Tuesday). H&S will have the candy available for families to pick up at Winterfest on February 5th. The form will allow you to choose what kind of candy you would like to sell and how many boxes the family would like to start with. Please look for the order form if you wish to help out the Home and School and participate in this fundraiser.

Labels for Education Contest



The Labels / Box Tops contest is really flying. Thus far, we have received 34 of the Bonus Points sheets from the Jan. 12 Grand Rapids Press, *Smart Source* Coupon book. That means 3400 points plus the bonus points we get for attaching labels to them. If you have any labels, box tops, or Bonus Point sheets, PLEASE send them in. Be sure to label the envelope or baggie with your student's name and Homeroom teacher's name so the correct homeroom gets credit. The challenge is on!!!

Contest Update

Elementary as of Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Mrs. Schneider's 2nd grade class is ahead with an average of 268 points per student.

Middle School as of Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Mrs. Rowland's 8th grade class is leading with an average of 178 points per student, ahead of Mrs. Livingston's 6th grade class by 15 points.

To see a full list of products with Box Top credits, check out these websites. <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx> and <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/How-to-Earn/Participating-Products>.

Children's Free Dental Clinic

When: February 3, 2012
8:00am - 1:00pm

Where: Frey Family Dentistry
6220 Jupiter Ave
Belmont MI 49306

On Friday, February 3, 2012, Dr. John Frey and the Frey Family Dentistry staff along with Dr. Laura Fogle, will be donating their time, skills and supplies necessary to provide FREE, complete oral exams, cleanings, fluoride, and preventive fillings (sealants) to children.

These services are being provided in conjunction with the "Give Kids a Smile Day" nationwide program designed to bring dentistry to underserved children who are not receiving regular dental care.

If you know a child who meets these criteria, please call Dr. Frey's office at 616-222-0202 for an appointment time.

Northeastern Little League Sign up

Baseball and softball registration forms for Northeastern Little League are available in the school offices. Little League is for children from age 5 to age 16. Registration is also available online at www.NELLgr.com. The deadline is February 3, 2012. For questions, call 635-8270 or 443-6530.

High School News

2012 Shake Your Tail Feathers Dinner Dance

Presented by the West Catholic Band Boosters, the Shake Your Tail Feathers Dinner Dance will be celebrating 50 Years of West Catholic with their theme "Celebrating the 50's." There will be 50's music by "The Eschelons", 50/50 raffles, cash bar and a chicken dinner. The dance will take place on **Saturday, January 28, 2012** at The Guest House, 638 Stocking Ave. NW, cocktails at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. Reserved tickets are \$25.00, and the cost is \$30.00 at the door. For reserved tickets please contact Deb at 453-7051 or email wcbandboosters@gmail.com.



Calling All 8th Grade Football Players

The West Catholic Football Staff will be conducting evening workouts for all interested eighth grade boys beginning January 30th from 6-8pm. Workouts will be every Monday-Wednesday at West Catholic. Contact Chris Abid christopherabid@grcss.org or Dan Rohn danrohn@grcss.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!



First Grade Scientists in the Spotlight Are Back

SCIENTIST JACOB

The first presentation was “explosive!” Jacob built a chocolate cake volcano that oozed red “lava.” Of course, it erupted only because he filled the volcano with baking soda and then poured vinegar into the volcano creating a chemical reaction. Mixing a base (baking soda) and an acid (vinegar) together creates carbon dioxide gas that “explodes out” of the volcano. Awesome job, Jacob!!

SCIENTIST GABBY

Gabby took a more artful approach to her presentation! By using only three colors, Gabby demonstrated that she could make all the other colors in the world (almost!). Using red, yellow, and blue (primary colors) food coloring, Gabby put them together in different combinations to make different colors (secondary colors). Very colorful, Gabby!

SCIENTIST CKAYA

Ckaya presented “The Explosion” to her classmates. Using a glass bowl, a glass cup, baking soda, and vinegar she showed us how the baking soda and vinegar react with one another to create carbon dioxide. Great Job, Ckaya!

SCIENTIST DANNY

Density—have you heard that word before? Scientist Danny showed us what density can do when he put one egg in a cup full of plain water and one egg in a cup full of salt water. The egg in the plain water sank to the bottom of the cup, while the egg in the salt water floated on the top. Danny explained that this occurred because the salt water has a greater density than the plain water. Way to go Danny!



The scientists generated much conversation about their ideas and presentations. We’re off to a wonderful start for this year’s edition of Scientist in the Spotlight.

St. Gerard Majella

Feast Day: November 16

Adopted by

Mrs. LaPonsie’s 2nd Grade

Gerard was born in 1726 in Muro, a little town in Southern Italy. He was blessed with a wonderful mother who taught him the love for God. Gerard became a Redemptorist Priest and went on to live a wonderful life preaching the gospel. Many of Gerard’s miracles involved helping pregnant women who had fallen upon health problems that jeopardized both the mother and baby. That is why St. Gerard is the patron saint of expectant mothers.



Dear St. Gerard,

May your presence be felt in homes and hospitals around the world. Whenever there is a baby in danger, mothers in need, a child who is sick, or a family in distress, please raise your prayers to Our Crucified Lord for them.

Amen

Next Available VIRTUS Classes:

- Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 6:30pm, Holy Spirit
- Monday, February 13, 2012, 6:30 pm St. Alphonsus
- Saturday, February 25, 2012, 9:00am St. Alphonsus
- Thursday, April 12, 2012, 9:00am, Cathedral Square

People can register online by going to: www.virtus.org

- On the left side of the page, in the green column, click on the word “Registration” (in yellow font)
- Click on “View a list of sessions”
- Click in the box stating “Select your organization”
- Scroll down to “Grand Rapids, MI (Diocese) and click on it
- Click “Select”
- Scroll down the page to see the locations
- Go to the top of the page and click the “Start Registration” box
- Complete each step for the registration

It is important that people arrive a few minutes early to complete the sign-in procedure. Once the presentation begins, no one will be admitted.



Next Jean/Color Day
Friday, January 27th at both Campuses

Candy Sale

Dear ASA Families,

Home & School will be selling M&M Mars, Hershey's Max, Hershey's Chocolatetown plus and World's Finest™ candy for the next several weeks. The boxes of candy sell for \$1.00 per item. Each variety box contains 52 packages of candy, World's finest contains 50 bars. Sell them just in time for Valentine's Day! Sale ends Tuesday, February 21.

Please plan to turn in all money by Tuesday, February 21th. Contact Carmen Durham or Brenda Brown at brenda_craig95@yahoo.com with questions or to request additional candy boxes. Please complete the form below & return it to either campus office by Friday, February 3rd if your family or business would like to participate! We will have your Candy available for pick up at the WINTERFEST.



M&M Mars



Hershey's Max



Hershey's
Chocolatetown Plus



World's Finest

Please Return request form to school office by
2/3/12 (Attn: Carmen Durham)

Home & School Candy Sale

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

M&M Mars _____ # of boxes requested

Hershey's Max _____ # of boxes requested

Hershey's Chocolatetown Plus _____ # of boxes requested

World's Finest _____ # of boxes requested

