

February 3, 2012

## From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Harpold and Mr. Debri are turning this week's column over to our Principals for a day. Dear Parents,

We are glad to have this opportunity to celebrate Catholic Schools Week with all of you. Our favorite part of the week was Wednesday. We got to go to St. Alphonsus for Mass and make Valentine cards with our buddies for shut-ins. In the afternoon we got to coach the staff in their annual basketball game with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Our favorite thing about ASA middle school is we like being able to take electives in middle school. We enjoy playing in the band. Our classmates are friendly. Our teachers help us learn and they're fun and kind. We are glad that we are able to talk about our faith.

God Bless,  
 Miss Ambria D. MS Principal for the Day  
 Miss Jenna T. MS Principal for the Day

One of our favorite parts here at the elementary school is recess. Not only do we get to run around and exercise but it gives us a chance to play with our friends, especially the ones from other classes. We also love art because we do many drawings and paintings and use our imagination. Science is the best. It's awesome! In first grade we do something called "Scientist in the Spotlight." This is where each student performs a science experiment in front of the whole class.

At Mass we get to sing all kinds of different songs. Receiving the Eucharist is my (Rachel) favorite part of the Mass. I (Isaac) am going to learn about the Eucharist next year in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We hope that everyone enjoyed Catholic Schools Week this year.

We love ASA!

Mr. Isaac C. EL Prin. for the Day  
 Miss Rachel M. EL Prin. for the Day

### GREAT NEWS!

The Pastors are very excited to announce that the ASA Endowment Fund is up and running! Beginning the fall of 2012, the ASA Endowment will provide scholarship opportunities for *any* ASA student in financial need. If you have any questions about the fund or are looking to donate towards it, please contact Mrs. Harpold or Mr. Debri. The future is bright at All Saints Academy!

### Week at a Glance

- Sun. Feb. 5, 2012  
 Winterfest, sponsored by Home & School  
 1:00pm - 4:00pm Elem. Campus
- Mon. Feb. 6, 2012  
 Parent/Teacher Conferences,  
 5:00-8:00pm Both Campuses  
 Home & School Candy Sale Begins
- Tue. Feb. 7, 2012  
 Home & School Meeting, 7:00pm MS
- Wed. Feb. 8, 2012  
 MS Mass, 8:30am (Grade 5, Manning)   
 EL Mass, 10:00am (Grade 3, Piotrowski)  
 School Board Meeting, 7:00pm EL
- Thurs. Feb. 9, 2012  
 Parent/Teacher Conferences,  
 5:00-8:00pm All conferences at MS



Catholic Schools Week Banner made by a few of our MS students

## ASA Happenings

**February Newsletter Correction**  
 Oops!!! There was a double entry on the February Newsletter calendar.

**Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 PM** is the Home & School Meeting is at the Middle School.

**Wednesday, February 5, 2012** is a School Board Meeting at the Elementary.

**PSAS Form Clarification:** The PSAS form does not need to be filled out to receive parishioner rates on tuition, it is only needed if you wish to seek other forms of tuition reduction such as Bishop Scholarship and Grants or additional parish scholarships.

**Mystery Saint**  
 During Catholic Schools Week, both schools received clues each day about a mystery saint. Using these clues they had to try and guess who the mystery saint was. See if you can guess, the saint will be revealed later in the newsletter, so keep reading.

**1st Clue:**  
 I was born in the 1800's in Europe. I had 4 sisters and a brother. I was intelligent and did very well in school.

In school I learned to speak eight modern languages as well as Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. I didn't know it at the time, but this would help me later in my life in the new country that would someday become my home.

**2nd Clue:**  
 After I finished college, I entered the seminary because I wanted to become a priest. When it came time for me to be ordained, I had a really big problem. There were too many priests in my country of Bohemia as well as other parts of Europe. Bishops did not want to ordain any more priests. I was sure I was called to be a priest but all the doors to my vocation seemed to be closing in my face.

**3rd Clue:**  
 I wouldn't give up on my dream to become a priest. I decided to learn English by working in a factory that employed English-speaking workers. After I learned to speak English, I wrote to the bishops in America. Finally the Bishop of New York agreed to ordain me because America desperately needed priests. I would now have to leave my home and travel across the ocean to a new and rugged land.

In New York I was only 1 of 36 priests. My parish was huge and I spent most of my time traveling from village to village, climbing mountains to visit the sick, and celebrating Mass at kitchen tables. Since America was a land of recently arrived immigrants, all those languages I learned in school came in very handy.

**4th Clue:**  
 I eventually joined the Redemptorists priests and in 1852 I was appointed bishop of Philadelphia. I immediately organized a diocesan Catholic school system. I increased the number of Catholic schools in my diocese from 2 to 100! I am considered a founder of Catholic education in the United States.

I died in 1860 and was canonized a saint in 1977. My feast day is January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Attention Parents:**  
 Have you ever thought about carpooling to school? If not, think about these great reasons to start...

1. Help each other out
2. You don't have to pack the little ones
3. Get to know other parents and students
4. No more early morning ice scraping
5. Get more done in the afternoons
6. Shorter pick-up lines
7. Save money

If any of these appeal to you, contact the office and we can help you find someone that may just live right around the corner.

## Little Saints


The Preschoolers really enjoyed Catholic School's Week. The highlight of the week was *pajama day* closely followed by *get up and move day*. What a great week had by all! Thank you to Home and School for providing treats for us throughout the week.

## Elementary EXPRESS

**Outstanding January Bucket Fillers**

The following students have been noticed for filling the buckets of others with kind actions and words throughout the month of January:

Kayla A., Alex O., Carson J., Sam S., Cameron M., Drew D., Liam S., Mira W., Liam O., Madelyn H., Brooke Y., Ethan K., Brennan M., Quinlan K., Audrey B., Katie H., Owen L., Maya L. and William O.



## Middle Ground

**Highlights this week at the MS**

Wednesday was a big day at the Middle School. After our trip to St. Als for a lovely Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools week, we returned to a spirit filled afternoon in the gym for *8th grade vs. ASA Staff*. Our Principals for the day, Jenna and Ambria were coaches for the Staff team. They did a fabulous job with play diagrams on a whiteboard and roused the staff to give it their best. 8th graders were ready and raring to take on the staff. Cheers & posters supported 8th graders. There is no way to describe the excitement.

Eighth graders dominated in volleyball by winning 2 out of 3 games. Then the big one!!! Basketball. Staff took the 8<sup>th</sup> graders down with a score of 43-24. Underclassmen on the sidelines screamed, cheered them on with hand made signs and really got into it. One parent said, "That was really fun. I'll never miss another one of these."

**ASA Winterfest Update**

Where's the SNOW?! While we can't control the weather, we can still plan on a great time at our inaugural Winterfest. The event will be held on Sunday, February 5th from 1 - 4 pm at the ES. If the weather is nice, we'll bring out the basketballs and the kids can play on the playground. We will also have the Wii set up in the gym for some rounds of "Dance Dance Revolution" and a chance for the kids to make their own snowflakes. Even better, you can plan on a great meal of hotdogs, homemade chili and a wonderful assortment of desserts.

This event is FREE to attend. We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets and raffle tickets for a chance to win an ASA bean bag toss game. The Book Fair will be open in the library as well. If we happen to get some snow, bring your own sled and snowperson making supplies! We also want to remind parents that this is a family event and parents will be expected to supervise their children outdoors and in the gym.

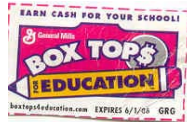
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out with Winterfest. We couldn't do it without you and we are looking forward to seeing everyone!

**Home and School Candy Sale**

The candy sale will run from **February 6th—February 21st**. Forms will continue to be accepted and filled as needed throughout the sale. So you may send them in to the Elementary or MS school office if you wish to sell candy. Remember candy will be available for families to pick up at Winterfest on Feb. 5th.

**Box Tops for Education Contest**

Please continue sending in your Box Tops. The contest is really flying. Be sure to label the envelope or baggie with your student's name and Homeroom teacher's name so the correct homeroom gets credit.

**Contest Update****Elementary as of Tuesday, Jan. 31.**

Mrs. Schneider's 2nd grade class continues to lead with 463 points per student; Mrs. Piotrowski's class is in second with 319 points per student

**Middle School as of Tuesday, Jan. 31.**

Mrs. Rowland's 8th grade class is back in the lead with 734 points per student; followed closely by Mrs. Livingston's 6th grade class with an average of 623 points per student.

Any Box Tops turned in after these dates are in process of being counted and updated. Look for your class standings on the posterboard in the entrance of each campus.

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>.

**St. Blasé**

**Feast Day:** February 3

*Adopted by Mrs. Antekeier's 1st Grade*

St. Blasé grew up wanting to be a doctor. He studied hard and became a medical doctor. He was very successful and very busy! Every day he asked God for help in his practice. God helped him every time. His faith grew. After a while, he wondered about being a priest. After many years as an MD, he became a priest.



Because of his devotion to God and dedication to his vocation, he became a bishop.

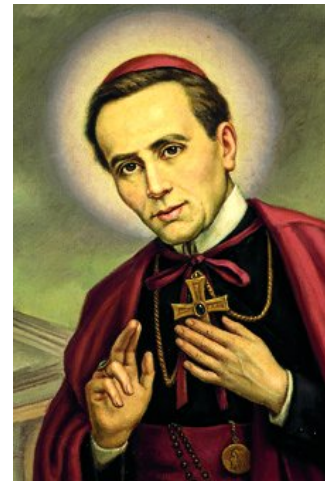
A young boy was brought to Blasé's house by his mother when a fish bone became lodged in his throat and he was struggling to breathe. Blasé acted quickly and was able to get the fish bone out and save the boy's life. Blasé prayed over the boy and his throat was healed. This is how Blasé became the patron saint of throat illnesses.

On February 3 we request intercessions from St. Blasé during a Blessing of the Throats service at church. A celebration of the Feast of St. Blasé is typically a blessing of the throats prayer service. Two candles are crossed in the shape of an "X" and tied with a red ribbon. The two unlit candles are placed next to the throat and a prayer is recited.

The reason candles are used during this service is in remembrance of a kind woman who came by candlelight to feed Blasé while he was in jail. It is said that people who participate in the St. Blasé blessing can be cured of all illnesses, not just those of the throat.

St. Blasé was martyred in 316AD.

ASA  
Celebrates  
Catholic Schools Week  
Jan. 29 – Feb. 4, 2012



St. John Neumann

**Mystery  
Saint**

**First Grade Scientists in the Spotlight**

**SCIENTIST HENRY !!**

How do you like your eggs? Well, Henry likes them in a bottle! He (and his lovely assistant) demonstrated the effects of air pressure using a hardboiled egg, a vase, and a couple of matches. By dropping a burning match into the bottle just before placing the boiled egg on the vase mouth, the flame burns up all the oxygen inside the bottle. A vacuum is created inside the bottle that sucks the egg down into the bottle. Nice job, Henry!



**SCIENTIST JESSICA !!**

Did you know you can make light with a potato?!? Jessica showed us the result of a chemical reaction when placing metals into a potato and connecting them with a wire, the metals act as a terminal that 'charge' the ions in the potato with enough energy to light up a small light bulb. Thanks for en"lightening" us, Jess!



Both scientists used food for their demonstrations this week! WOW! Who knew food could be so scientific.

**SCIENTIST MOLLY**

Electricity is so awesome—especially when it can be made by rubbing a balloon against your hair! Scientist Molly showed us how to make static electricity by rubbing a balloon against her hair. Then she set the balloon down near an empty soda can. The empty soda can then followed the balloon. While the soda can appeared to move all on its own, Molly explained that the static electricity on the balloon was attracting the empty soda can to the balloon therefore making the soda can move. Great experiment Molly!!!



**SCIENTIST CALEB**

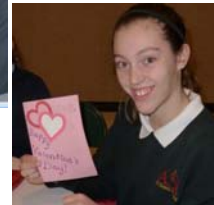
Do you know what happens when you mix Diet Coke and Mentos? I bet you wouldn't guess that an explosion would occur, but that is exactly what happened during Scientist Caleb's science experiment! Caleb placed three Mentos mints in a full bottle of Diet Coke. When he did that a chemical reaction occurred. This reaction created carbon dioxide which created an explosion! Way to go Caleb!



Mass At St. Alphonsus



Making Valentines for Shut -ins



8th Grade vs. Staff



Elementary students doing the "Locomotion" on get up and move day



Elementary Principals of the Day