



UPCOMING EVENTS.

- **APR 29**
Spirit Day
- **MAY 1**
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- **MAY 2**
National Day
of Prayer
- **MAY 3**
Adoration 1:30
P.M.
- **MAY 8**
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- **MAY 10**
Spring Play @
GEM Theater
- **MAY 15**
Mass 1:45 PM
- **MAY 20**
Spirit Day
- **MAY 22**
Mass 1:45 PM
- **MAY 27**
Memorial Day
NO School



Dear Parents & Students,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful, sunny days we have been having. Hopefully the threat of snow for this weekend will fizzle out and warm weather will stay. As we begin the last month of the school year, please remember that with cool days still possible that students still bring spring jackets to school for recess. It is no fun playing when you are chilly.

Mrs. Olson and I had a terrific time at the National NCEA Conference this week. The workshops were great, and both of us will be presenting what we learned to staff in upcoming weeks. It is very uplifting to attend Mass with 8,000 other Catholic school educators and worship together. It was a very moving experience.

The spring program is coming up quickly in just two weeks. Please remember there are two performances, 1:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M., and students are required to be at each performance. If you have not sent in your child's required costume please do so on Monday.

- **Did you know?** According to research students can lose an average of 2 months of academic skills over the summer. Teachers refer to this loss as "summer slide." Teachers often spend four to six weeks of the new school year reteaching old material to combat what was lost in the summer. There are a number of things that can help students retain information over the summer:
- Have your child join the Friday Memorial Library summer reading challenge
- Set a book club up for your child with family, friends or classmates
- Play games that use math skills
- When riding in the car make up games that test your child's math facts in adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.
- Use road signs to help learn letters, spell words, or improve reading skills
- Sign your child up for a science or math camp
- Students have online access to SpellingCity and RazKids over the summer, they just need to log in
- Sign your child up for a summer bible camp

There are many other great ways to help your child combat the summer slide. Get creative and make it fun, and they won't even realize they are learning.

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Save the Date: We will be having our second annual Burgers for Books night on June 6th. What better way to end the school year than with a burger basket at the Wild Badger? Last year we raised over \$4,000 to buy library books for the classrooms! Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor along with you!.

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

NON UNIFORM DAY FOR STUDENTS

Students collected over 750 lbs of food this Winter to donate to the Five Loaves Food Shelf. So, as promised, students will have a **NON UNIFORM** day next Friday, May 2nd, and Mrs. Jarchow will have to wear the school uniform. **GREAT JOB STUDENTS!**

This past week our 4K classrooms each put on a Nursey Rhyme themed Puppet Show for family and friends. The cost of admission was a food donation for the 5 Loaves Food Shelf. Mrs. Derrick and Mrs. Thon are happy to report that 228 lbs of food was donated and fun was had by all!



COSTUMES FOR THE SPRING PLAY:



A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO GET YOUR CHILD'S COSTUME FOR THE SPRING PLAY IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. THE COSTUMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

KDG—Jadyn, Nikolas, Issac & Jordan—Red long sleeve top and bottoms

Gracie, Collin, Leo & Scarlett—Blue long sleeve top and bottoms

Stella, Zander & Rebecca—Green long sleeve top and bottoms

Ada, Ella & Elsie—Yellow long sleeve top and bottoms

1st Grade—Black long sleeve top and bottoms

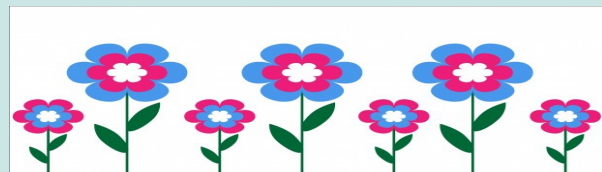
2nd Grade—Black long sleeve top and bottoms

3rd Grade—Orphan costumes

4th Grade—Black long sleeve top and bottoms

5th Grade—Historical Characters (TBD)

Please contact Mrs. Halonen or Mrs. Jarchow with any questions. Thank you!



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