



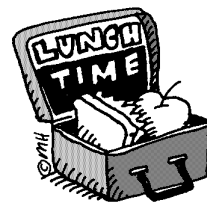
We have spent this month learning about the true meaning of Christmas.

We have also learned to write the upper and lowercase letters V, W, and Z. The children practiced cutting with scissors, counting to 100, counting by 5's, writing their names, and learning about rhyming. We completed many Christmas themed crafts for our parents.

Upon our return to school we will begin a new unit and continue our focus on letters, numbers, syllables and rhyming. Have a wonderful and safe holiday break, see you next year!

RESOURCE ROOM NEWS

We are in need of long rolls from wrapping paper. We have enough rolls from paper towels and toilet tissue, but really need the long ones. Please save the rolls from your Christmas wrapping and send them to school Friday or after Christmas vacation.



LUNCH NEWS

We hope students are enjoying the change in the lunch menu for Friday. It is basically spaghetti in a meat sauce but the elbow macaroni is much easier for the younger students to eat than long spaghetti noodles.

The lunch envelopes that come home in the Family Folder on Thurs. Dec. 22 should be returned to school on Friday Dec. 23 even though they are for the first week in January. Since we will not be in session for the week between Christmas and New Years, the order will be sent in before we leave for Christmas vacation on Friday the 23rd. This a four day week. There will be one more four day week in Jan. but that is also a Monday-off and will not change the Friday order program.

We are happy to have Dan Golombieski as our super Tuesday volunteer. He enjoys seeing the students and visiting with them every Tuesday. If you see him, please let him know we appreciate his weekly help.

Thank you for your continued help in this matter.

Lunch volunteer,
Mrs. Stiles

Coming soon . . .

The Joan Pisano Legacy Gala & Auction

To be held at the

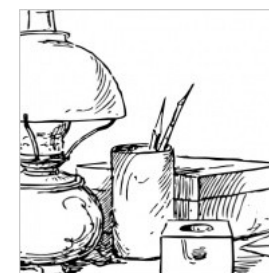
**Ambassador Hotel and
Conference Center
May 19, 2012**

To all K-8 parents out there.

If you donate an item to us to be used for the Gala, at a **retail value of \$200** or more, and you give us the receipts, \$200 will be refunded to you after the Gala. Black Friday and right after Christmas is a great time to find bargains!



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From the desk of the principal . . .

Dear School Families,

Here we are approaching the end of the first semester of the school year and the beginning of a new year! They say that time flies by faster as we get older. I'm beginning to think there is truth to that statement!

I hope you were able to attend our annual Christmas program. As always, the children's performances were exceptional. Special occasions such as this will become fond memories for the children for years to come.


Please remember our upcoming Legacy Gala in May. If you enjoy shopping for after Christmas bargains, you may find a great deal on an item for the auction. Remember to save the receipt.

Have a Blessed Christmas and enjoy this special time of year with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Portenier

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*



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ACADEMICALLY CUSTOMIZED 
Each Child's POTENTIAL.



Elementary levels

Happy New Year! The students in K-4 did a wonderful job at the Christmas play and concert. Thank you to all those who helped make it a success.

We spent some time in December working on some Advent and Christmas projects. K-2 colored stockings for the shut-ins and 3-4 visited the Sight Center.

Students in K and 1 will take the DIBELS test again in January. This gives the teachers a better picture of the child's strengths and weaknesses in some areas of reading.

Level 1-4 students will complete the writing assessment. This is a Diocesan wide test used to measure student progress in using the writing process.

In January, Kindergarten students will focus on books by Jan Brett. They will also study living and non-living things, patterns and functions and personal hygiene practices.

Level 2 children will begin learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will also start writing some cursive letters.

Students in Level 3-4 are studying the regions of the United States. They have begun their virtual train tour of the country. The Juniors will begin preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Students in Levels K-4 will have outdoor recess each day, weather permitting. We will not go out if it is colder than 32 degrees or if it is raining. Please be sure to send hats, gloves and boots with your child. Boys and girls who want to play on the playground in the snow will also need snow pants.

We will end the month with Catholic Schools Week. We hope you can join us for some of the fun activities.

Have a Blessed New Year!

Ms. Dixon, Mrs. Srnka, Mrs. Smicker

Middle School levels



December is by far one of the busiest months here at St. Boniface. The Middle School students have been preparing for Christmas many different ways. Through our school liturgies and the lighting of the advent wreath each week, the students are reminded of the "real" meaning of Christmas. They are encouraged to share with others who may be in need by donating items to the "mitten tree" in the school hall or by purchasing gifts to share with their loved ones at our school Christmas store. Reminders of the birth of our Savior are all around them.

Even though they've been busy preparing for Christmas, they've also been busy in all of their classes. The 7/8 students studied the expansion of the United States and learned about the building of the Transcontinental Railroad. The students were divided into teams representing the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads. They worked in the gym to build their own "railroad" using K'Nex. They realized working on the railroad was a long and difficult job. To conclude the unit the 7/8 students planned their own railroad trips across the United States. They did a great job - be sure to check them out in the upstairs hall.

7/8 is also in the middle of their PJAS projects for Science and their Multimodal stories for Language Arts. If you haven't heard your son/daughter talking about these projects be sure to ask -these are both exciting and interesting projects!

5/6 celebrated Christmas by researching how the holiday is celebrated in other countries. Their projects were on display at the school Christmas concert. I hope you had the opportunity to read over them. They came up with some very interesting information and learned a lot through their research. In Science, the 5/6 students have been working on a unit on Earth Science. Working - did you know that was a verb? If not, your 5/6 student should have since they've been studying them in Language Arts. They've also been working on Christmas narratives. That's always a fun topic to write about!

As the month comes to end the Middle School teachers would like to take this chance to wish all of you a very blessed and Merry Christmas. Enjoy this special time with your children! See you back in 2012!

Middle School Team - Mrs. Stormer, Ms. Shoemaker and Ms. Schriefer

News from Sister Laura . . .

"Christmas will soon be over and the New Year will soon be here. The beginning of the New Year is a time for prayerful gratitude. I am grateful for many things. I am especially grateful to you and for you. You are the primary educators in the faith of your child, and you allow me to share that challenge and privilege.

It is also a privilege to be teaching here at Saint Boniface School. As a catechist, I am committed to presenting experiences of faith to your child in the classroom that affirm the experience of faith being lived at home. Making this connection is critical to your child's faith formation. I do hope that your child shares with you the prayers, conversations, and lessons that are our basic tools needed to make the family and school connection.

In the early weeks of the New Year, let us prayerfully renew our commitment to one another to work together in sharing our faith with your child. God bless you. Happy New Year!"

Music Notes . . .

On Thursday, December 15th, all students of St. Boniface school participated and performed in our annual Christmas concert. The Kindergarten class presented their traditional Christmas pageant to start the program, and they were joined by members of the 1st/2nd and 8th grade classes. The story of Christmas was presented with song amidst a beautiful background of holiday decorations. Special thanks go out to Ms. Dixon and Mrs. Srnka who helped their students prepare for this important presentation.



Students in all elementary grades presented their own songs, complete with jingle bells, cymbals, and maracas! The concert band delighted our ears with three traditional holiday tunes, as did the concert choir, whose festive arrangement of "Holly Jolly Christmas" featured a few members with special choreography! The Junkyard Band presented an original piece entitled "10 More Days 'Til Christmas," which highlighted several Christmas carols on the handbells.

Two soloists shared their talents with us as well. Susie Urash sang a lovely rendition of "O Come, All Ye Faithful," while Rachel Praetzel led us all in a sing-a-long of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

We were all delighted to see none other than Jolly Old St. Nicholas at the finale of our concert. We hope you enjoyed the concert as much as we enjoyed presenting it! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the music department!

Ms. Amatuzzo

and Brithday

In January to . . .

Christian Neubert	2nd
Mr. Tatalone	3rd
Zachary Henry	4th
Sr. Laura Vallimont	6th
Nick Srnka	7th
Katrina Reed	15th
Emily Matczak	17th
Mrs. Portenier	22nd
Noah Runser	29th
Isaiah Harrick	30th
Liam Cross	31st

Girl Scouts Troop 30080

Saint Boniface Girls Scouts joined with other Wattsburg Area Troops for Christmas Caroling at Benetwood Apartments in Harborcreek. The girls performed holiday classics, presented residents with Christmas gifts and enjoyed cookies together on Saturday, December 17th. Pictured from left to right: MacKenzie Weber, Morgan Gladitz, Mandy Matczak, Katrina Reed, Anna Kirby & Allison Walker. Also present Elizabeth Reed.



PTS News

The PTS would like to wish all school families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We appreciate all that you have done for our students and school in 2011. We look forward to kicking off 2012 with Catholic Schools Week. As in the past, the PTS will fund the kids trips for bowling and skating. The PTS is also planning the Annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 5, 2012. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.



January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Christmas Vacation	3 Back to School PTS Meeting 7 pm	4 CARP 6:30—8:00 pm	5 Liturgy 11:15 am	6 Cathedral Prep 8th grade Shadow Day	7	
8	9	10	11 School Spirit/Jean's Day Early Dismissal 1:30 pm	12 Liturgy 11:15 am 3:30-5 pm Girl Scouts	13 Extra Curricular Grade Checks	14	
15	16 Martin Luther King Day - No School	17	18 CARP 6:30—8:00 pm	19 Liturgy 11:15 am	20 End of Second Semester	21	
22	23	24	25 Student's Day & Teacher/8th Grade Volleyball	26 Report Cards Issued Prayer Service 11:15 am 3:30-5 pm Girl Scouts	27 Volunteer Appreciation Day	28 PJAS Regional Competition	
29 CSW Liturgy 10:30 am	30 Parent Visit Day 9 am—12 pm	31 Teacher Appreciation Day	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK				
OPEN HOUSE 11:30-2 pm							