



# St. Boniface School Parent Newsletter

January 2018

## Lafayette Catholic Schools Mission Statement

The Lafayette Catholic Schools, centered in Jesus Christ, educates the whole person in a culture that is:

- Sustained by Gospel witness and service;
- Imbued with a Catholic worldview;
- Supported by a community of faith/
- Distinguished by academic excellence;
- Committed to student success.

## St Boniface School

Educates students to be wholesome citizens of this world and fulfill their destiny to become saints in the world to come.



## Our Lady of Fatima

The story of Fatima begins in 1916, when World War I introduced Europe to the most horrific and powerful forms of warfare and a year before the Communist revolution would plunge Russia and later Eastern Europe into sixty years of oppression under militant atheistic governments. An angel appeared to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal. They were Lucia, age 9, and her cousins Francisco, age 8, and his sister Jacinta, age 6. "I am the Angel of Peace," said the figure. This angel appeared to them two more times that year exhorting them to accept the sufferings that the Lord allowed them to undergo as an act of reparation and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners.

On May 13, 1917 an apparition of 'a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun' presented itself to the three children saying, "Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you." Lucia asked her where she came from and she responded, "I come from Heaven." The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. The woman asked them to pray the rosary every day, to bring peace and an end to the war."

She revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of friends and families, and that Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to Heaven very soon but Lucia would live longer in order to spread the message. At the last apparition the woman revealed her name "I am the Lady of the Rosary."

On the last day, 70,000 people witnessed the apparition, following a promise by the woman that she would show the people that the apparitions were true. They saw the sun make three circles and move around the sky in an incredible zigzag movement in a manner which left no doubt in their minds. By 1930 the Bishop approved of the apparitions and the Church as authentic.

# Thank You

*Thank you* to all the wonderful parents who helped make this Christmas season a time of giving and celebration.

*Thank you* to the parish members of St. Mary and St. Boniface in their generosity of donations to the Jubilee Christmas. Many needy families were helped.

*Thank you* to the PTO parents who provided food and refreshments for the faculty/staff party for St. Boniface. We enjoyed our time together.

*Thank you* to the room parents who provided treats and games for the students. Every child had a good time at the party before leaving for Christmas vacation.

*Thank you* from all the faculty and staff for the gifts and acts of kindness. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness and support.

*You are a gift to us!*

## **Parents of Sixth Grade Students invited to Central Catholic**

On Wednesday, January 17, the parents of grade 6 students will have an information meeting at 7:00 p.m. More information will be coming. Set this important date on your calendar.

### **Report Cards**

The report card covering the second quarter from October 16 to December 21 with 43 days was mailed to your home address on December 22. We assume you have received the report card. Please phone the school office if there is a problem. We will give you another paper copy.

### **Third quarter**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter begins Monday, January 8 and ends March 16 with 48 days.

### **Sixth Graders Visit Central Catholic**

On Tuesday, January 16, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders from St. Boniface and St. Lawrence will visit Central Catholic from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. All students will begin with an overview of Central Catholic and learn about Junior High School. They will break into groups for a tour of the school, led by 8th grade students. Following the tour, the Junior High teachers will share information about the core academic classes and expectations. The sixth graders will eat lunch in the cafeteria and then have time to socialize with junior high students in McHale gymnasium. More information is coming to parents.

## **Christian Schools Math Competition**

Every year the students in grades 3 to 8 participate in a math competition held at Lafayette Christian School. Three students from each grade level compete as a team against student teams from other schools. The students are picked according to their performance in daily math classes.

This competition is held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 9:00 until 10:30. The following schools compete:

Central Catholic, Lafayette Christian, Faith Christian, St. Boniface, St. Lawrence, St. Mary Cathedral, and St. James.

Parents of the participating students will be given an invitation to attend the event.

## **Christian Schools Spelling Bee Competition**

In November 2017, all St. Boniface students received a spelling list to practice for the Spelling Bee. The St. Boniface Spelling competition was held on Thursday, December 21, in the gym before Christmas vacation. So many students prepared themselves and the competition was long and tight. We finished the competition after 1½ hours of intense spelling.

The following students will participate in the Christian School Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Christian School.

Grade 4	Winner	Carter Benson	Alternate	Justice Walden
Grade 5	Winner	Malia Radcliffe	Alternate	Dominic Schweiss
Grade 6	Winner	Jacob Weeks	Alternate	Rebecca Hoey
Runner Up		Emily Stuckey	Grade 6	
Overall Winner		Sophia Adler	Grade 5	

### **Youth Series – Loeb Playhouse – Monday, January 29, 2018**

#### **“Freedom Riders” by Mad River Theater Works - School Matinee**

“Freedom Riders” celebrates the valiant, courageous personalities behind one of the American Civil Rights Movement’s most critical chapters. In 1961, a full 15 years after the United States Supreme Court outlawed segregation, bus lines and Southern cities continued to rigidly enforce the separation of black and white citizens. The Freedom Riders were a group of everyday heroes – black and white, North and South- who bravely banded together in defiance of this status quo. They traveled together on buses, across state lines, to stand against discrimination and throw a national spotlight on racial violence. The timeless, inspiring story of these unforgettable people and their achievements is essential to fully understanding the Civil Rights Era and American History.

**The Parent Permission Paper is included in the Parent Bulletin.**

## **LCSS Elementary Education Fair**

For the past 30 years the Lafayette Catholic Elementary Schools have conducted an Education Fair. The Education Fair covered the areas of history, media, and science. Adult volunteers judged the projects on a Saturday in February. After 30 years, it is time for a change in the process. There will NOT be an LCSS Elementary Education Fair this year for the following reasons:

1. It is very difficult to obtain volunteers to judge the Education Fair.
2. Student's schedules are so full, many are not able to stay and/or present at the Fair.
3. There no longer exists a Regional Media Fair for students to attend.
4. The Regional History Fair is available to high school students at C.C.
5. Students sometimes lose confidence if they are judged strictly by an adult judge.
6. Students do not have the opportunity to present to their peers in school.

Boniface School will continue to require the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to complete a Science Fair Project. These students look forward to the science experience and they participate at the Purdue Regional Fair on March 2. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are:

1. Choosing a science experiment according to their interests.
2. Guided by the teacher through the complete research process.
3. Experiencing for the first time what is necessary for a Science Project
  - a. research, hypothesis, proposal,
  - b. experimentation,
  - c. rough draft, final copy,
  - d. poster, and presentation.
4. Preparing themselves for future projects required at Central Catholic & Purdue Science Fair.
5. Presenting to the parents, families and students in grades 4 and 5 here at St. Boniface School during the school day.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**Sunday, January 28, to Friday, February 2, 2018**  
**Enclosed Information on our Celebrations**

**eventlink is our emergency notification system for the Lafayette Catholic School System. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up on eventlink!**

If you have signed up, please double check your account information. If you haven't signed up, go to <https://eventlink.com/login> and follow the instructions to sign up. If you need help, please phone the LCSS business office: 474-5427.

You are aware that our school system draws from a large area, and we have families, faculty, and staff traveling in from surrounding cities. This also plays into the decision of delaying the start of school for the safety of all. However, in some cases weather and road conditions in Lafayette may be different than your neighborhood.

You need to assess the safety for your own family. Please take appropriate precautions and ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the conditions and their transportation to school is safe and appropriate for conditions. Of course, if you feel it is unsafe to send your student(s) to school, follow the normal procedure for reporting the absence or late arrival. Your student will be allowed to make up any missed work.

To help you prepare we have outlined a few guidelines:

Temperature alone will rarely be the cause of a cancellation. If the temperature is expected to rise significantly over the course of the morning we may, in consultation with principals, decide to have a 1 or 2 hour delay. We will try to make a decision before 5:30 a.m. and get the notification out by 5:45 a.m.

We will be contacting J&C Online and WLFI, but these sources can sometimes be unreliable. The best source of weather delays and cancellations is Eventlink.

If you have not signed up please go to <https://eventlink.com/login> and sign up ASAP.

We will NOT be sending email for cancellations and delays.





## ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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January 2, 2018

Dear Parents of St. Boniface Students,

On November 20, 2017 you were given a letter indicating that Mrs. Ellen Farnham, who moved with her husband to Indianapolis, will be giving up her position as Reading Teacher and taking the position of Enrichment Teacher. We also took this time to assess the students that need help as well as those students who need an extra challenge. We were able to work with the finances and cover areas that will benefit all students in promoting their success.

The following positions starting Monday, January 8, 2018

Mrs. Joanna Lewis has a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. She taught before raising a family of four boys. These past two years she has been a teacher aide at St. Boniface in the morning and St. Lawrence in the afternoon.

Mrs. Joanna Lewis will continue to aide St. Boniface 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the morning and she will teach Reading Enrichment to students in grades 4, 5, and 6 in the afternoon. Mrs. Lewis observed and conferenced with Mrs. Farnham for a week prior to Christmas.

Mrs. Ellen Farnham will come in every Tuesday to work with small groups of students to challenge them on a special project. The program involves writing a story with a plot, characters, and dialogue. The story will be animated using technology and shared with the other students. Once the project is complete, other children will be chosen to participate. Therefore, many students will benefit in this creative project.

Mrs. Christina Gerkey has a Bachelor's Degree and Teaching License. She also has teaching experience before raising her family of three sons. She has been doing substitute teaching for the elementary schools. Mrs. Gerkey will work in the afternoons doing interventions for students in grades 4, 5, and 6 who need help in a specific area in which they are having difficulty. The teachers will recommend the students to Mrs. Gerkey's care depending upon the need of the child.

We are fortunate in having such dedicated professional faculty and staff in providing the services for students at all levels of academic achievement. Parents will be kept informed regarding the status of their child as the programs progress.

Sincerely, Sr. Lenore Schwartz

# ST. BONIFACE SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



## 2017-2018

### Sunday, Jan. 28

**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed: In your Parish**

Family & Friends Invited to Mass & Open House

**9:30 a.m. Opening Mass at St. Boniface Church**

9:15 a.m.

Students gather in the back for procession

After 9:30 Mass:

Open House: coffee, juice, donuts in gym & all classroom are open

### Monday, Jan. 29

**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed: In Community**

Family and Friends Invited to Prayer Service

**Prayer service in Church**

8:15-9:00

12:30-2:30

**Bus leaves for Purdue for "Freedom Riders" at Loeb Playhouse**

### Tuesday, Jan. 30

**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed: In your Students**

Family and Friends Invited to the Afternoon Crafts

**Time**

**Grade 4**

**Grade 5**

**Grade 6**

12:40

Slide Show

BKA Craft

Veterans' Valentine

1:20

Veterans' Valentine

Slide Show

BKA Craft

2:00

BKA Craft

Veteran Valentine

Slide Show

### Wednesday, Jan. 31

**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed: In your Nation**

Family and Friends Invited to 9:00 Mass at C.C.

Family and Friends Invited to 12:45 E-Team Show

7:30-7:50

Parents bring elementary students to front entrance at C.C.

Food for Tippecanoe Food Pantry is deposited in front lobby

9:00-10:30

**Holy Mass in Eberle gym with all LCSS students, families, priests.**

12:45-1:25

**E-Team Production National Theatre for Children /Duke Energy**

### Thursday, Feb. 1

**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed: In your School**

Family and Friends Invited to Jeopardy

8:30-9:15

Gr. 5 Room 301

9:15 to 10:00

Gr. 5 Room 303

10:00-10:45

Gr. 4 Room 201

10:45 to 11:30

Gr. 4 Room 202

12:30-1:15

Gr. 6 Room 302

1:15 to 2:00

Gr. 6 Room 304

2:05-2:45

Winners of each homeroom compete against each other.

### Friday, Feb. 2

**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed: In your Staff**

Family and Friends Invited to First Friday Mass

11:00-11:20

Lunch for students

PTO provides lunch for faculty/staff

11:20-11:50

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**12:05-1:00**

**First Friday Mass**