



# St. Boniface School Parent Newsletter

February 2020

## Lafayette Catholic Schools Mission Statement

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

prepares students to be :

- Knowledgeable citizens of this world,
- Acting for the true, the good, and the beautiful,
- Thus fulfilling their destiny to become saints.

## *Virtues and Values*

During the month of February, we are focusing on the virtue of *compassion*. When we feel sorry for those who are hurt or those who are in need, we take the first step in showing compassion. The next step is doing something to help them feel better.

*St. Teresa of Calcutta* devoted her life to helping those who were sick and dying and who had no one to care for them. St. Teresa used to say, "Not many of us will do great things, but all of us can do small things with great love."

We are also learning about the virtue of *honesty*. Honesty is being truthful in thoughts, words and actions. It means telling the truth. This means we do not lie, cheat, or steal. Instead, we speak the truth in kind and loving ways.

*Saint Paul of Tarsus* is one of our greatest saints. He was a faithful follower of Jesus and traveled great distances to tell others the Good News. He wrote letters to different Christian communities and urged them to be honest and loving. He gave up his life to speak the truth.

We try to build our family, our school, and our community on *honesty* and *compassion* by being proud of the work we do and the truthful way we speak to each other.



## **BAND SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST**

Thank you to Mr. Don Isaacs and his wife, Karen, in helping the students refine their musical skills so each student will perform their best at the ISSMA competition on Saturday, February 8, 2020 held at Harrison High. The following students are:

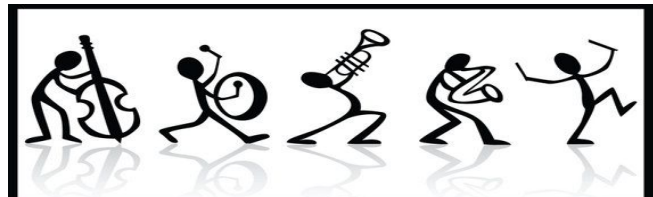
### **Wind/Percussion/String Ensemble**

Harrison Adler, Tulah Duttlinger, Emma Burton, Allison Alter, Josh Cupero, Aaron Beninganan, Vincent Telenko, Alex Schummer, Naomi Guzman, Sara Beth Hoey, Vincent Davit, Gus Sandberg, Chase Siemers, John Schweiss, Jonah Gerky, Sam Roswarski, Austin Gastineau, Alina Alerarez, Isabel Carrillo, Ayssa Chavez, Lillian Lechman.

### **Students performing solos**

Monica Rush, Jamie Sison, Bridget O'Gara, Isabel Carillo, Samantha Haro, Evangeline Hickey, Aaron Beninganan, Vincent Telenko, Alex Schummer, Tristan Ricketts, Jacob Ramey, Tulah Duttlinger, Allison Alter, Austin Gastineau, Chase Siemers, and John Schweiss.

**Good luck to all !**



## **CONTEST SHOWCASE**

On Tuesday, February 11, at 8:30 a.m. all the students who performed in the contests will have the opportunity to perform on stage in the St. Boniface gym. Family members are invited to the program. We show our appreciation to the contestants for their practice and perseverance.

## **Breakfast with the Band**

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

7:30 a.m. St. Boniface Gym

Mardi Gras Theme

**Thank you, parents, for your support of the St. Boniface/St. Lawrence Band**

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who provided food for the Faculty/Staff Lunch on Friday, Jan. 31. It was a delicious meal!

## **Catholic Schools N.U.T. Day**

Wednesday, February 12, all the students who participated in the Catholic Schools Week Sunday Mass on January 25/26 received a pass to wear casual clothes to school on this day only. Thank you to parents and students

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS SPELLING BEE

The following schools participate:

- St. James
- St. Lawrence
- St. Boniface
- Lafayette Christian
- Faith School
- Central Catholic

Location: Faith School Auditorium  
5526 State Road 26 East

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Students in grades 4 to 8

Total of 5 students from each school

Snow Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

St. Boniface Students:

**Gr. 4 Charlie Bapst**

Alternate: Lexi Chapman

**Gr. 5 Paige Perez**

Alternate: Lolikoi Bannon

**Gr. 6 Connor Soon**

Alternate: Lilly Frey

**Runner Up Thalia Nunez gr. 5**

**First Place Ethan Boutelle gr. 6**

**THANK YOU** to Ms. Jerriann O'Herren who, for several years, has practiced the spelling word with the students. During lunch time, they all work together in the library, dictating words, studying words, reinforcing words, and eating in between the words. She teaches them to enjoy the challenge of spelling.

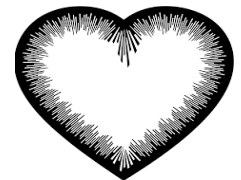
## *St. Valentine's Day*

St. Valentine Day is Friday, February 14, 2020. The students will have a party from 2:15 to 2:45. If your child gives out valentines, then be sure that every student in that homeroom receives a valentine. No one should be left out of receiving a valentine!

On this day, the students may wear red or pink accessories with their uniform. This may include red ties, red bows, red belts, red blouses or shirts and/or socks.

Valentine cards for Veterans were made by our students during Catholic Schools Week. About 130 valentines will be given to the residents of the Veteran's Home. This project shows our gratitude for their service to our country.

*Thank You to  
Our Veterans!*



## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Reports covering your child's academics from January 7 to February 7, 2020 will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, February 11. Please sign and return the signature envelope the next day to the homeroom teacher

# Religious Art Enrichment

*Since the time of Christ, the chief function of religious art has been to instruct and educate - to convey a profound religious message in visual terms. During the early centuries of the Church, most people could not read or write. Religious art preserved and documented our Faith using images, colors and symbols.*

*With the invention of the printing press, and in addition to Tradition and the Written Word, religious art enables us to better understand Catholic Teaching and therefore defend our faith and deepen our relationship with God through prayer.*

*The St. Boniface Program is meant to deepen the students' relationship with God by exposing, educating and involving them in the history and meaning of religious art. The Program compliments and supports the St. Boniface Religion Curriculum. All family members are invited to the presentations.*

## History of the Catholic Church As Told Through Religious Art Program Goals for 2020

- Focus on dramatic events which influenced the formation of the Catholic Church
- Use Performance Art, Fresco Painting, Pigment Paintings, and Visit St. Alexis Orthodox Church to explain the events
- Combine a hands-on or interactive activity for the students, complimenting the educational instruction

### Class #1 Monday, February 3, 2020

### Meeting Mary

Pray. Listen. Trust in God. This is the lesson we learn as the students interview the young, Hebrew girl, Mary of Nazareth. Mary spent time in prayer, listening to God and trusting in God's will for her life. As a result of doing so, Mary is the role model for the saying: God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things when we trust Him. The students are encouraged to spend more time in prayer, talking and listening to God so we all can be extraordinary.

**Students learn:** Performance art, the Torah, Hebrew traditions, the Hebrew alphabet, the life of the young Mary of Nazareth. 1 Hour Length

Location: St. Boniface Gym	8:30 – 9:30	Grade 4
	9:30 – 10:30	Grade 5
	10:30 – 11:30	Grade 6

**Class #2 Friday, February 21, 2020**

**The Ancient Catacombs**

Many early Christian “writings” are found in the Catacombs. Those subterranean Christian burial grounds contain frescoed symbols such as the Chi-Rho, Anchor and Fish: secret symbols created to teach and preserve the new Christian Faith during the persecution of The Church during the early centuries. We discover that the catacombs were a safe place for the early Christians, a largely illiterate society, to preserve the mysteries and document the foundation of our Catholic Faith by writing in symbol language. The students learn to “read” the symbols of the catacombs and learn the role these symbols played in communicating and propagating the new Christian Faith. The students duplicate the efforts of the early Christians by creating – or “writing” - a symbol fresco with plaster and paint. It is educational, prayerful, fun and messy!

**Students learn:** Fresco, Ancient Christian Symbols, the Persecution of the Early Church. 1 Hour Length

Location: St. Boniface Gym

8:30 – 9:30	49 students	Gr. 4 Rm. 201	16 students	Miss Schutte
		Gr. 4 Rm. 202	15 students	Mrs. Novak
		Gr. 5 Rm. 301	18 students	Mrs. Lowe
10:00 – 11:00	61 students	Gr. 5 Rm. 303	18 students	Mrs. Roetker
		Gr. 6 Rm. 302	20 students	Mrs. Gerkey
		Gr. 6 Rm. 304	21 students	Mrs. Fabian

**Volunteers are needed for making frescos.  
Please contact school office.**

**Class #3 Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

**The Great Schism**

Similar yet Different. Today’s study of the History of the Catholic Church takes us from 300AD to the Great Schism of 1054. Our study of the East - West Schism of 1054 explains the events leading to the eleventh century split of our Universal Catholic Church and includes a field trip to St. Alexis Orthodox Church. During the presentation, we focus on the similarities and differences within our Catholic Church, in anticipation of our visit to the similar yet different Orthodox Catholic Church.

At St. Alexis, Fr. Gregory will explain the similarities between Roman and Orthodox Catholic, as well as talk about the differences: Church Architecture, Distribution of the Eucharist, Icons, Vestments, Priest Celibacy and more. Since 2008, we have exposed over 500 Roman Catholic students and adults to Orthodox Catholicism. This year, as in past years, our visit to St. Alexis and with Fr. Gregory will highlight diversity and encourage mutual-respect within our Catholic Church.

**Students learn:** The Schism of 1054. Orthodox Doctrine, architecture, Iconography, religious diversity. 1 Hour Length

Location: St. Alexis Orthodox Catholic Church Battle Ground, IN 47920

8:30 Presentation by Mrs. Wilson to everyone in the gym

9:00 Leave St. Boniface with Group 1

9:30 Arrive St. Alexis Gr. 5 Rm. 303 20 students Mrs. Roetker

Gr. 6 Rm. 302 20 students Mrs. Gerkey

Gr. 6 Rm. 304 21 students Mrs. Fabian

10:00 Pick Up St. Boniface with Group 2

Gr. 4 Rm. 201 16 students Miss Schutte

Gr. 4 Rm. 202 15 students Mrs. Novak

Gr. 5 Rm. 301 18 students Mrs. Lowe

10:30 Arrive St. Alexis with Group 2

Depart St. Alexis with Group 1

11:00 Return to St. Alexis with an empty bus

11:30 Depart St. Alexis with Group 2

12:00 Arrive St. Boniface with Group 2

#### **Class #4 Monday, April 20, 2020**

#### **The Reformation**

The Crusades, Simony and Indulgences were all game-changers for the Catholic Church during the middle ages. We learn about these Church issues and continue our journey through the History of the Catholic Church by moving through the middle ages to the Reformation in the 1500's where we meet John Calvin, Martin Luther and King Henry VIII. The students learn of the impact these issues and individuals had on our Universal Catholic Church.

**Students learn:** Different Christian Religions, Historical Christians

Location: St. Boniface Gym

1 Hour Length

8:30 – 9:30 Gr. 4 Rm. 201 Rm. 202 Gr. 5 Rm. 301

10:00 – 11:00 Gr. 5 Rm. 303 Rm. 302 Gr. 6 Rm. 304

## **Fighting for Freedom**

Tippecanoe County Historical Association is sponsoring a Civil War African-American program for students in grade 4. The program includes four stations dealing with the underground railroad, abolitionists and Black volunteers to the Union army from Tippecanoe County. A permission slip is given to each 4<sup>th</sup> grade student.

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Time: Begins at 12:30

Ends at 2:30

Location: Long Center Downtown

Students will begin walking at 12:10 and return by 2:45.

## **INDIANA STATE PARK PROJECTS**

On Friday, February 21, the fourth grade students will present their poster board on the Indiana State Parks to students in grades 5 and 6. This is the opportunity for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders to shine and present on their knowledge and creative posters on Indiana State Parks. It will take place at 12:40 in the gym. You are welcome to view the projects also.

## **Science Fair**

Students in grade 6 will be presenting their science fair project to the students in grades 4 and 5 on Thursday, February 27 at 8:15 in the St. Boniface gym.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will rotate every 10 minutes and listen to 6<sup>th</sup> grade student present their project. They will learn about 8 science projects.

We did this last school year and everyone enjoyed it. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students gain experience on how to hold an audience and gain confidence for the Purdue Regional Science Fair.

The younger students learn about different projects and get excited about what they will be working on in the future.

**Parents and family members are invited to listen and learn on Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 8:15 to 9:30 in the gym.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, Feb. 3	8:30 Religious Art Enrichment: Meeting Mary
Tuesday, Feb. 4	7:00 p.m. Christian School Spelling Bee
Saturday, Feb. 8	ISSMA Contest at Harrison
Tuesday, Feb. 11	8:30 Showcase of ISSMA music contestants Progress Reports sent home
Friday, Feb. 14	2:15 St. Valentine Day Party
Monday, Feb. 17	No School – Presidents’ Day
Tuesday, Feb. 18	No School – Teacher In-Service
Wed, Feb. 19	12:30 Grade 4 at Long Center
Friday, Feb. 21	NUT Day and Teacher Long Lunch 8:30 Religious Art Enrichment: Ancient Catacombs 12:40 Grade 4 presents Indiana State Parks
Tuesday, Feb. 25	7:30 Breakfast with the Band
Wed, Feb. 26	8:15 Holy Mass for Ash Wednesday
Thursday, Feb. 27	No School Mass 8:15 Grade 6 presents Science Projects
Friday, Feb. 28	8:15 Spirit Assembly 2:20 Way of the Cross

### ***Eventlink is our emergency notification system for LCSS***

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

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. 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:

1. 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.
2. We will try to make a decision before 5:30 a.m. and notification by 5:45 a.m.
3. The best source of weather delays and cancellations is Eventlink. If you have not signed up please go to <https://eventlink.com/login>
4. We will NOT be sending email for cancellations and delays.