



SJB News & Notes

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Principal's Corner

Our faith teaches us that we are the body of Christ. Though we may each have a different purpose, we work in tandem towards our mission. An old song from my elementary days teaches that the leg bone is connected to the knee bone. As Christ's body, we are all connected. This has never been more true than as we return to school. The health of our community depends on each of us individually doing their part to be healthy.

Doctors are consistently telling us that the best way we can mitigate the risk of the virus to ourselves and to the most vulnerable among us is to wear masks, stay six feet apart as much as possible, and clean our hands regularly.

Taking these steps is another of Pope Francis' small gesture of holiness. I have had a surprisingly easy time wearing my mask. I will say (and sorry if this is gross) I never washed my hands so often and so long before the pandemic. This is an action I will continue to improve to protect myself and those around me.

Our attitudes are contagious for the children in our lives. If we have a can do demeanor about following these important safety precautions, our children will follow us and also have positive outlooks. If we complain or suggest precautions should not be taken seriously, so will they. I have had my own hesitations. Children do not always need to be involved in these. This does not mean we are deceiving them. It means we are treating them in a developmentally appropriate manner.

These may be cliches but they have become so for a reason. We are in this together. It takes a village. United we stand. Teamwork makes the dream work. Please stand with me by protecting yourself and remaining positive with students.

We got this!

-Paul

Cardinal Burke: By Morgan W. (4th Grade)

This past week I had the honor of meeting Cardinal Raymond Burke at our school. I enjoyed listening to Cardinal Burke talk about how he grew up in a community and school just like ours here in Vermillion. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for me to get to welcome him to our school and deliver our daily prayers with him. I know how important it is to go to a Catholic school and learn about Jesus every day. I pray that others could join us here in our school and learn with us



"Photo by Dave Hrbacek, The Catholic Spirit"

Thank you!

We had so many people help with the visit. Thank you, Father Tix, Kate Ries, John Henry, Milinda Lohmann, Earl Wagner, Deb Sauer, Jamie and John Walman, Sr. Teresa, Sr. Noel, Sr. Navya, Sr. Alby, Renee Kasel, Morgan W, John R, Maddie B, William M, Brennan and Braeden L, Leo W, Alex W, Max W. Anyone I missed.

I think Morgan said it right. How touching to learn that the Cardinal had been a student and teacher in a school like ours. This is a reminder that we are preparing students to live great lives.

Assessment Week

Please stop in the office when you come in for assessment week. You can pick up your folder and make sure you have all forms filled out. This week will also be a great time to drop off school supplies.

Volunteer Opportunities

Thinking of what you will do to complete your volunteer hours this year? A form will be included in your blue folder that you receive during assessment week. If you are volunteering on campus or with students directly, you will need to complete the essential three including virtue training as required by the archdiocese. It is pretty easy to complete. I sent an email today to all families regarding this training. Here are some volunteers we will need right away.

Help with recess one day per week. (5 people)
Ask your teacher if they have items you can help with at home.

Help clean the park shelter.

Sept 22 & 23 - Photo day helpers

Happy Birthday

Letty Q - August 15



New 2020-2021 Tab on Website

We have added a tab to the website for all things 2020-2021 school year. The tab is located on the main page or on the parent dropdown menu. This currently includes our return to school plan and our new SJB decision tree. Our work is in partnership with you. Please let me know what other helpful information you would like to see on this tab.

Free School Supplies

If you live in the Hastings district, Hastings Family Service will provide you with free supplies.

Call now to make an appointment. 651-437-7134

Pickup starts August 18th.

Pre-K Toy Donations

We are very excited to open our three year old preschool room. We will need to order a number of materials for this room but I wanted to check to see if anyone already has some before we do. Maybe you have an older student and no longer use these items. Ideally we are looking for something you already own and no longer use.

- 3 year old size table and chairs for dramatic play area
- Doll house
- Play dishes and food
- Play rug

Thank you! We have received a ton of response to our many donation requests and truly appreciate everyone who has helped.

Happy Feast Day: Saint Clare of Assisi: August 11th

You know the Franciscan Clarist sisters of course. Clarist is from St. Clare who led the female order following St. Francis. She worked with St. Francis throughout her life and lived a similar simple prayer filled life as he did. Did you know that Sr. Noel moved to the United States on this day as well?

