



St. Rose Star Newsletter



100 Club Winners:
 March 12: \$50 - Julie Tramp
 March 19: \$50 - Card #155

St. Rose School will still have a 12:50 dismissal on Friday, March 24th. Teachers have professional development that afternoon. Buses WILL NOT run that afternoon as Crofton Public School is having a full day of school.

Please make arrangements to pick up your child(ren) that day. Thank you!!

Preschool Registration:

We still have a few spots open in our P2 and P3, 2023-24 preschool programs. If you would like to register your child, please fill out a registration form (on our website) and include your \$50 deposit. The form can be mailed to St. Rose School or dropped off at the school/parish office.

Lenten Practices and Responsibilities:

The season of Lent concludes with the beginning of the Triduum, April 6. Good Friday, April 7th, is a day of fast for those 18 to 59 years of age (your 59th birthday begins your 60th year). Fasting is observed by one/ordinary/full meal and two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength for the obligation of one's circumstance. No eating between meals. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older. There is no upper age limit for abstinence. Parents, please encourage your child(ren) to abstain from eating meat on Fridays of Lent. There will be a meatless option, as well as meat options, offered through the school lunch program.

Rice Bowl Donations:

Students need to bring their Rice Bowls to school on Wednesday, April 5th. They will bring up their donations during offertory at 8:10am mass. Thank you for contributing to this special Lenten Program to Feed the Hungry.

Registration:

We are still missing a few registration forms. A Flocknote message was sent to those we need. Please complete them and return to St. Rose School ASAP.

Children's Scholarship Fund/Tuition Assistance:

Forms are included in GOLD take home envelopes on Monday. If you have any questions, please call the office. We encourage everyone to submit an application even if you do not think your family will qualify.

Let's Eat... Lunch Menu Mar 20 - 24

M: A. Pizza Pasta Bake / B. Chicken Nuggets
 T: A. Chicken Pot Pie / B. Pork Fritter
 W: A. Softshell Taco / B. Fish Nuggets
 Th: A. Chicken Ranch Pasta / B. Corn Dog
 F: A. Cheese Pizza / B. Tater Tot Hotdish

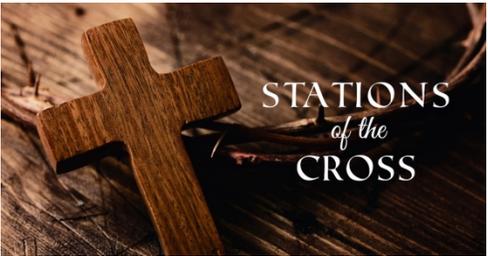
2-week snapshot...

Monday, March 20:
 Preschool Round Up

Friday, March 24:
 Early Dismissal 12:50pm

Friday, March 31:
 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

Saturday, April 1:
 State History Day in Lincoln



*Please join us for our final
 Stations of the Cross on
 Friday, March 24th at 12:20pm.
 Students in grades 5-8 will lead*

*Join us for mass every Tuesday, Wednesday, and
 Thursday at 8:10am.*



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CLASSY NEWS

MARCH 2023



Preschool News by Mrs. Morrison

It's starting to look like spring in our classroom! The rainbows and shamrocks are up! A few things we have learned about this past month are... Dental health month took place during the month of February. We talked about foods that are good to eat all the time and foods that are ok to eat just sometimes. We also talked about how often to brush our teeth and many other healthy habits for our teeth. Another fun project we have going on in our classroom is we have been watching pairs of bald eagles in Iowa and California. They have cameras up by their nests, and we can watch the eagles and their eggs. One nest in California has three baby eaglets already!! Looking ahead, we are excited for the rest of Lent and Holy Week, Easter, and the first day of SPRING! Also, looking ahead we are preparing for our preschool open house on March 20th at 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. for any new incoming preschoolers for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have any questions concerning the open house please feel free to contact me. Happy Spring!!

First Grade News by Mrs. Melena

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the fourth quarter of the school year! We have missed a few days this month due to all of the snow, but we have still learned so much. Math is always a highlight of each day. Lately we have been working hard to memorize larger subtraction facts. We will be starting our Geometry unit soon. The kids are looking forward to studying and building 2D and 3D shapes with fun materials like toothpicks, pattern blocks, and Play-Doh. In Reading class we have studied some non-fiction stories about animals topics such as how animals survive and how animal teams work together. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss day by reading books and playing games with our Faith Families. In Religion we have studied prayer and the Holy Spirit. Throughout these chapters we have had opportunities to act out Bible stories, which has been a fun way to memorize the events of Jesus' life. We have been studying sound in Science. The students particularly enjoyed an experiment in which they got to make sounds with classroom materials such as string, rulers, and rubber bands. In Social Studies we are beginning to learn about U.S. Symbols. We will soon start a project in which each student will be assigned a U.S. Symbol to research, write about, and present to the class. This month we also celebrated Valentine's Day by bringing treats for our classmates, playing games, and learning about friendship. As always, we appreciate your prayers and support for our class and our school. We pray that you have a meaningful Lenten season as you await the joy of Easter!

Second Grade News by Mrs. Steffen

Have you ever had a plan, a hope, a dream... And it just didn't work out? If so, You need to read one of our favorite stories... The Tale of The Three Trees. Such a beautiful story about how we each have our own plans and dreams, but when those don't always work out, FEAR NOT... because God has a far better plan for us! This Lent we are focusing on growing closer to Jesus. We can do this through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Each student is also creating a Lenten Lapbook which includes a countdown to Easter, The Stations of the Cross, and the Days of Holy Week. One of the ways we are growing closer to God this Lent is by practicing a new form of prayer called Lectio Divina. In this form of prayer we read a passage from the bible and think upon it deeply. We learned that God gives us bible stories to help us grow closer to Him. We like to call it Sacred Scripture Story. Through our imaginations we traveled through the Amazon Rain Forest! We have become expert researchers! Learning about the rain forest included the students choosing and researching a rainforest animal. We have learned a lot of interesting facts about these fascinating creatures. Furthermore, we are becoming great at gathering information; reading and writing about it. It's been fun investigating and conducting experiments about the power of water, rocks, sand and erosion in science class also. We are growing as writers! We learned that authors use similes to add meaning and creativity to their writing. We hope our moms enjoyed the Simile Rainbow gift we made for them! We have seen some signs of Spring! YAY! As we approach the transition from winter to spring, I'll share a quote from one of the best, E.B. White; "Winter will pass, the days will lengthen, the ice will melt in the pasture pond. The song sparrow will return and sing, the frogs will awake, the warm wind will blow again. All these sights and sounds and smells will be yours to enjoy, Wilbur - this lovely world, these precious days..."

Third and Fourth Grade News by Ms. Loecker

3rd and 4th Combined Classes

Science-Our last unit of Science is all about energy, energy transfer, and electricity. The first two lessons we have finished focused on energy and energy transfer. We explored and experimented with roller coasters (fake ones of course) to see where they get all their energy from and how it is transferred. They have had fun building their own roller coasters! Religion-For Lent we have started a morning Lenten journey. Each morning we pick a random fasting, prayer, or almsgiving to do that day, whether at school or at home. We also have been creating a paper chain of prayers that we add to each day. During class, we have been learning about how the sacraments give us God's grace and how this grace impacts our lives. We will be focusing on the Sacraments of Healing next and the wonderful things that come with receiving it. NE History-We have embarked on a new chapter in our NE History textbooks. This chapter, we will focus on learning about and visualizing what life was like settling in Nebraska when people started making homesteads here. We will learn what it all took to make it possible.

3rd Grade Core Subjects

In Reading, third graders have been reading fairy tales and realistic fiction, and focusing on the skills of summarizing, point of view, prefixes, and root words. This week we have started our second book unit of the year, "Charlotte's Web". In this unit we will be working on skills such as; story elements, character traits, comparing/contrasting. We will end the unit by watching the movie! In Math, we finished up the chapter introducing fractions. We spent some time with that, focusing on what exactly a fraction is and how to add, subtract, and identify them. We are now moving on to a few chapters of measuring. We will be measuring length, capacity, weight, time, and temperature.

4th Grade Core Subjects

In Reading, fourth graders have been reading realistic fiction and tall tales, focusing on skills of similes and metaphors, problem and solution, cause and effect. This week we started our second book unit of the year, "Bud, Not Buddy". In this unit we will be working on skills such as; story elements, inferring, problem/solution, cause/effect, and character traits. In Math, we finished up the chapter working with fractions. They learned how to find the common denominator, simplify fractions, and find common factors. We are now going to be moving on to a few chapters of measuring. We will not only be learning about our custom way of measurement in the USA, but also a little bit about the metric system that is used around the world.

Fifth Grade News by Mrs. Fiscus

St. Rose fifth graders are wondering how it is the fourth quarter already! This year is sure flying by and we'd like to have some nice spring weather! We have started a new novel study, *Pay It Forward* by: Catherine Ryan Hyde. Have you ever wondered if you do one small kind gesture for someone and then they do it for someone else and someone else and so on, how it could change our world? Students are enjoying the successes our main character is having, but also have learned that changing the world is hard. We just finished Unit 3 in religion. We learned many new things about the Communion of Saints and The Lord's Prayer. Did you know the Lord's Prayer is made up of a series of petitions? Ask a fifth grader how many there are and see if they can name them. In math we are starting angles, get your protractors ready! We just finished up working with decimals and we thought that was pretty easy. We would like some sunny weather to do some learning about shadows and the sun in science, but we have learned about the stars and constellations. We are anxiously awaiting the Easter season, but continue to work on making ourselves better during this Lenten Season. May God bless you all and bring us some wonderful spring days.

Sixth Grade News by Mrs. Schieffer

We've begun our Lenten Journey, walking closely with Jesus through these 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Students are following a "Lenten Journey" bulletin board in the sixth grade classroom. Each day has a suggested action to complete, such as "Pray for your parents," "Fast from junk food and snacks," "Secretly do an extra chore at home," and "Speak less and listen more." There are so many little ways each day we can prepare our hearts for Easter. We also pray for a handful of our students and staff by name each school day during Lent, so that by the time Easter vacation begins, we will have surrounded our entire school community in prayer. Other ways to prepare include going to Confession, spending time in Adoration, and praying the Stations of the Cross. We invite parishioners to join us for these student-led Stations in Church on March 17 at 3:00 and March 24 at 12:20 (due to our early dismissal that day). St. Rose of Lima had another successful showing at this year's District History Day, held on February 20 at Northeast Community College, Norfolk. Brooklyn G., Madelyn, Tyson, Corbin, Cecilia and Kaden will compete at the State History Day Contest at Nebraska Wesleyan, Lincoln, on April 1. Good luck, Stars!! In History class, the 8th graders learned about the Early Republic, the 7th graders learned about Northern Eurasia, and the 6th graders studied the Early Romans. In Religion class, the 8th graders learned about Catholic Social Teaching and the challenges the Church has faced. The 7th graders discussed important matters of life and death, such as abortion, euthanasia, suicide, and war, and are now learning about how to live the Beatitudes. The 6th graders learned more about the messages of the prophets and have gotten to the New Testament portion of the miniseries, "The Bible." I encourage the 6th, 7th & 8th graders to be diligent in completing the required parts of One Month Religion. There are just two months of OMR left: March and April. God bless you during this season of Lent.

Seventh Grade News by Ms. McDonald

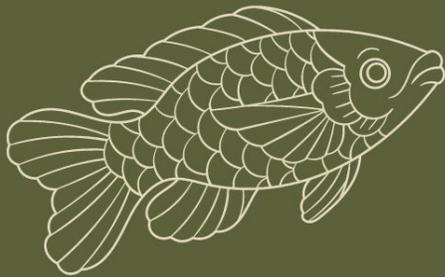
Wow, I can't believe that we are now entering the final quarter of the year! The year has gone by so fast, and we've been keeping busy in math and science. In 8th grade, students have just finished their unit on Earth's water and we will be moving on to plate tectonics and eventually weather and climate. With the weather we've been having lately, I'm hoping this unit will bring warmer temperatures and sunny days! As for math, we are finishing up our linear function chapter and will be headed to into geometry. I think my students will be ready for the change of pace, but don't worry, we will still be moving right along. In 7th grade, students are learning about ecology. This past week, students participated in a lab where they had to use different types of tongs that represented bird beaks and pick up as many seeds as possible. Students realized that in order to survive they would need to adapt. This was a great leeway to our current project, survival of the fittest where they created butterflies that are currently camouflaged to an item in the classroom. We will see who is the last one standing. As for math, we have concluded our data display chapter. Students enjoyed collecting data from their peers and displaying it in different graphs. They all did a great job! We have now moved on to finding percents and we are starting to find percent of change. So now, you can ask them to calculate how much money they will save if something is 32% off! As for 6th grade, we are finishing up some fraction work and we are going to start talking about probability and the chances of them liking this topic are 6 out of 6! (Hopefully!) For science, students were tasked with creating sustainable homes that also included at least one futuristic invention. I have to say, there are a few inventions these students made up that I am all for! Stay tuned, maybe in a few years one of these inventions will end up on Shark Tank! Finally, in 5th grade, students are moving into decimal operations and it seems things are really adding up for them! Another change of pace from the last chapter, but that's just fine! For science, we are still in our solar system chapter. Earlier this week, students were able to explain why we have different seasons and why we see different constellations during each season! How cool! One quick thing to add, as you know, it is March, which means that the biggest tournament is about to begin... That's right, MARCH MAMMAL MADNESS! I will make sure to update you with the overall champion of this year's tournament! Fingers crossed for almighty Lined Seahorse! As always, I hope you have a blessed month ahead!

Eighth Grade News by Mrs. Arens

Both the 7th and 8th graders are reading novels. The 8th grade is reading *The Giver* by Lois Lowry and the 7th graders are reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. We will also enjoy watching the movie after the books are finished. In English, both classes are finishing chapters on capitalization and then onto sentence diagramming for 8th grade and punctuation for 7th grade. Sixth grade is writing informative essays and learning about different types of pronouns. They will finish Unit 4 in reading and take a Unit test. The next grammar week will deal with adjectives. Students are encouraged to read four books a school year, one each quarter. If a student finishes one year, then they can go onto the next year and on into their high school years. There is a list of high school books available in my room and on the Crofton High School website.

A graphic with the text "SPRING is coming" in a dark blue, stylized font. The word "SPRING" is in all caps and a larger font size than "is coming". The text is flanked by two light blue, stylized floral or leaf-like shapes.

St. Rose of Lima



Fish Fry

Friday
March 17, 2023

St. Rose of Lima Parish Center
1316 W. 5th St.
Crofton, NE 68730

Serving from 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. or
until gone

*Dinner includes: All you can
eat Fried Pollock, Baked
Beans, Coleslaw, Macaroni
Salad and Dinner Roll*

\$15
adults

\$7
children 6-12

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