



# St. Rose Star Newsletter



**100 Club Winners:**

May 2: \$50 - Judy Peitz  
May 9: \$300 - Card #8

**Library Books:**

If you have overdue library books sitting at home, make sure to return them to school by Wednesday. If the books cannot be found, you must either replace the titles in question or send \$5.00 in its place.

**St. Rose Spring Concert and Raffle:**

What a wonderful evening! The students all sounded so great and the support from our families was felt by all. The spring raffle was our biggest yet. Students sold a total of 4,607 tickets!!! Way to go! Congratulations to all of the prize winners.

**\*REMINDER\* Sack Lunch:**

All students are asked to bring a sack lunch on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**End of the year FUN:**

St. Rose students have a fun afternoon in store for them on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Due to the annual track and field day being cancelled, a core group of teachers have planned a fun afternoon starting at 1pm. Students are allowed to bring an extra set of clothes to change into before the festivities begin. We feel that making it through this year of school is worth CELEBRATING!!!

**End of the Year:**

Gold envelopes will be going home next week and they can stay home. Included in them will be supply lists for next year, 2021-22 school calendar, JH physical and consent forms, Totus Tuus information, and Knox County Fair wristbands for both 2020 and 2021.

**Flocknote:**

We will be utilizing Flocknote throughout the summer months to keep parents updated. Please make sure you are checking your emails and text messages.

*THANK YOU* to all of our families for being so resilient and forming into our new “normal” that was the 2020-21 school year. As a school, we were able to make it through the whole year IN PERSON! We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and willingness to follow the rules that seemed to change every day. We pray everyone has a safe, happy, and fun summer and we can’t wait to see you in August (mask free and back to the pre-Covid “normal”)!!!!

**Let's Eat... Lunch Menu May 17-19**

M: A. Macaroni & Cheese / B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich

T: Sack Lunches!!!

W: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - NO LUNCH

Th:

F:

**2-week snapshot...**

Sunday, May 16:  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

Monday, May 17:  
P2 & P5 - LAST DAY

Tuesday, May 18:  
P3 - LAST DAY  
Preschool Graduation @ 7pm

Wednesday, May 19:  
Last Day of School - NOON dismissal - NO LUNCH

**See you on  
Tuesday,  
August 17, 2021!**



**Mass is every Tuesday,  
Wednesday, and Thursday at  
8:10am.**

### ***Preschool News by Mrs. Morrison***

Here we are, last two weeks of school. The year has gone by so fast! The preschoolers have learned so much and made so many new friends. We have had so much fun this year. I am excited for those preschoolers who are preparing to move onto kindergarten. They will be missed! But I am very excited for them to be moving onto the next step in their lives! I can't wait to see what next year has in store for them. For those preschoolers coming back to us next year, I can't wait to continue to help mold them into bright and caring preschoolers! I want to thank all of the families for all you have done for us at the preschool this year. Lastly, I want to wish everyone a very safe and Happy Summer!!

### ***First Grade News by Mrs. Beacom***

Happy May! I can't believe this school year is almost over!!! With the ending of this school year comes the closing of my students first grade chapter. We were so excited to be able to go on a field trip with the fourth graders. We enjoyed a very informative tour at Ashfalls and then had lunch at Grove Lake (Chalk Mountain). Next, we were off to the Bait Shop to see his surprise attraction, just ask a first grader or a fourth grader and they can tell you. We finished off our day at the Grove Trout Rearing Station where the kids enjoyed feeding the fish. It was such a nice relaxing day spending time together while still learning about the life cycle of fish and the history of Northeast Nebraska. With the curriculum we are winding up on all our subjects. We finished our Reading Series, in Math the students have learned so much and now they are working on double digit addition with and without regrouping and will start some double-digit subtraction. With Spring comes new life and we were able to hatch chicks in our room thanks to Mrs. Foxhoven. We watched some videos of how a chick grows in the egg so they were able to see what happens inside prior to chicks breaking out of the egg. We will be finishing up Vo-Wac this week and I am super excited to get to finish the book with my students this year. Summer vacation is a little over a week away but please remember to have you kids' reading over the summer, counting coins, telling you the time, and addition and subtraction flash cards. This will help to keep their brains growing and ready for second grade. Be safe, have fun, and enjoy the summer as much as possible. See you next year!!!

### ***Second Grade News by Mrs. Steffen***

This is it. Our school year is drawing to an end. It seems just like yesterday I was typing my classy news for September and I lead with the word "TOGETHER". WE were fortunate to remain together for the entire school year and I am so happy we did. 2020-21 is a school year we won't soon forget, but I know we'll look back on it and remember we conquered the pandemic year with faith, perseverance, and trust in God. The 2nd graders are closing the school year with the classic, Box Car Children novel unit, writing Earth Day prayers, mastering three-digit subtraction, dabbling in multiplication, studying The Revolutionary War, and we even took a trip to Glacier National Park! Well, a virtual trip, that is. Our park ranger taught us about the four habitats in Glacier National Park and the animals that live in each one. We learned that President Teddy Roosevelt loved nature and was instrumental in protecting the National Parks. The end of a school year is always a bittersweet time of year. We look forward to summer vacation, while a bit sad that we will miss the special time we had together as a class. Everything we acquired and learned this year, everything we've become this year... now we will go out and use it and share it with the world! In religion we learned that the word "Mass" is derived from a word which means "a mission". At the end of each Mass, we are sent out on a mission, to carry the message of God's love to others. Who do we represent? God. Where do we become equipped for this mission? At Mass; through the Eucharist and the Word of God. God sends us out to do a special job. He trusts us. He is counting on us. The 2nd graders are disciples of Jesus! I am so proud of them and so happy for them, for everything they have accomplished this year! I will miss them as they leave this 2nd grade classroom, but will rejoice in the fact that they will continue to carry on their mission... they will be true witnesses of faith in Jesus' presence in the world today! And that is what makes our hearts truly happy. Job Well Done, 2nd Graders! You guys are fantastic!

### ***Third Grade News by Ms. Loecker***

What a school year! We are so BLESSED to be able to be in the classroom during this crazy time in our world! We are finishing the year off strong! In Math we are starting on dividing with remainders to give them a taste of what fourth grade will be like! ;) In Reading we finished our Charlotte's Web unit and now we are back to learning about different genres, historical fiction and myths, making predictions, picking out the theme, root words, and idioms. In Social Studies we were studying about producers and consumers. We are now moving on to budgets; how to and reasons why to save and spend. In Religion we touched on what sacramentals are and how we use them to remind us of our faith. To end the year, we will learn about the Beatitudes and the Spiritual/Corporal Works of Mercy. I pray that all of our families have a fun, safe, and memorable summer! Thank you for such a wonderful year!

## **Fourth Grade News by Mrs. Kaiser**

I can't believe the end of the school year is here already!! Our classroom has been so blessed this year in many ways!! We were so blessed with good health which allowed us to stay in school on campus throughout the whole year! During this last month, we were able to finish our units of study and review concepts we have learned throughout the year. We finished up our last grammar unit on adverbs and reviewed many skills through proofreading sentences. We finished our class book, *Looking Through Our 2020 Vision*. The fourth graders were so excited to see their work published! In our last math unit, we started learning all about decimals. In religion, we finished up the year focusing on the beatitudes and how true joy and happiness comes from God alone!! The fourth graders all got the opportunity to serve at mass during the week. In Nebraska history, we have learned about the importance of agriculture in our great state. We learned about many careers and products that are part of Nebraska agriculture. This all tied into our first field trip that we were able to take this year, *Life on the Farm in Bloomfield*. The fourth graders also got to join the first graders on a field trip to Ash Falls, Chalk Mountain, and the Trout Rearing Station. After we finished our science unit on energy, the fourth graders completed a science fair project of their choice. Through our science fair, we learned about density, the visible light spectrum, weather, solar energy, and much more! What a great year it has been!! Thank you to everyone who helped make this year such a memorable one!! We hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer!!

## **Fifth Grade News by Mrs. Melena**

Spring is here! We cannot believe how quickly the end of the school year is approaching. We have had a busy month putting together final projects and presentations. The biggest project the students have been working on is their Religion Game Show Assessment. Each group designed a game show with questions and facts about the Seven Sacraments. When they were finished, the class got to play the game shows and win prizes. We have had such a great time playing the game shows. I am very impressed with the students' creativity and all of the hard work they put into these projects! We also went on an amazing Pilgrimage to the seven parishes in our grouping. The students loved learning about the different churches. We prayed a decade of the Rosary at each parish for our special intentions. Two weeks ago, we got to go to an Arbor Day presentation. Curt Arens talked to the kids about the importance of trees in our area. The students even received a tree to plant at home! This week we are busy practicing for the Spring Concert. The kids have some great songs prepared and they are excited to share them with the community. Overall, it has been a busy month full of learning and fun. We hope everyone has a happy and safe summer after this enjoyable school year ends!

## **Sixth Grade News by Mrs. Schieffer**

As I look back on the 2020-21 school year, I think of words such as adjustment, opportunity, and thankfulness. Despite the many adjustments we've made to meet the needs of our students during this pandemic, we've had opportunities to discover new ways of learning and new mindsets. I am so very thankful that we have been in school all year. Many children have been learning remotely the entire year and have not had the opportunity to be in school and participate in activities like we've had. The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders were able to go on this year's religious pilgrimage on April 16, visiting all seven sites of Our Catholic Family of parishes: St. Boniface in Menominee, Immaculate Conception in St. Helena, Sacred Heart in Wynot, Saints Peter & Paul in Bow Valley, St. John the Baptist in Fordyce, St. Joseph in Constance, and St. Rose of Lima in Crofton. Students marveled at the beauty of each Church. Ask an upper grade student about their pilgrimage! The end of the year is a bittersweet time as we say goodbye to the eighth graders moving on to high school, look back in amazement over our accomplishments during this school year, and excitedly look forward to summer vacation. I am proud of the efforts of the upper grade students in their Religion and History classes this year. In their religion classes students learned about Salvation History and the stories of faith from the Old Testament (6th grade), Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life and the Theology of the Body (7th grade), and Church history from its early beginnings until modern day (8th grade). The 7th graders studied early American History, from colonial times to the Civil War, while the 8th graders studied American History from the Civil War until World War II. History Day was a major accomplishment for many of the 7th & 8th graders, with six students/four entries advancing to the virtual State Contest in April. Rylie Arens and Sophia Wortmann achieved first place with their performance about the Children's Blizzard and will advance to the National History Day Contest, to be held virtually in June. Good luck, girls!! We congratulate all those who graduate: college seniors, high school seniors, 8th graders, and preschoolers, and we ask God to watch over them as they begin journeys down new paths this fall. We pray for a safe, relaxing, and wonderful summer ahead! Students, don't forget to include God in your summer plans: Go to Mass and continue to pray! Happy Summer!!

## ***Seventh Grade News by Mrs. Dather***

Can I say, "It's a wrap"? This school year is coming to a close and "We did it"! We stayed in school, we stayed open, we stayed well, and we are now mask free for our last week of school. Students are ready for summer break and the warmer days ahead. As many of you know I will not be returning next year. Thank you for a wonderful 5 years! There are a lot of wonderful memories here. Math/science classes did a great job on their MAPS tests and improved all around. As a reminder for the summer months, keep practicing. You can log on to Khan Academy and practice what you know and learn something new. Remember to put down your phones and calculators and do mental math. You've seen me do it at the board! You can do it too! Keep striving to get better. :) In all the classes this year we planted flowers and vegetables to take home this past weekend. For a bit it looked like a greenhouse in my room. 7th graders dissected frogs this past week. We will be going to Yankton to the Aquarium and fish hatchery to go with our last section in the science book. 8th graders will finish up their space projects with presentations this week. They will also be making square bubbles and ice cream on their last day with me. 6th graders will be wrapping up their math classes this week with an M&M project for ratios, percentages, proportions and graphing. Have a safe, busy and happy summer. Blessing to you all.

## ***Eighth Grade News by Mrs. Arens***

The 8th graders will be celebrating their graduation from St. Rose of Lima School on May 16 at the 8:30 A.M. mass with a reception to follow. The 8th grade students finished reading the novel *Animal Farm* and then watched a version of the movie. Now the students are reading informational texts which deal with interpreting pictures and steps in a process. English class this year has concluded with learning various forms of punctuation that are the most difficult (dashes, hyphens, parentheses, etc.). Also, the class has taken the Archdiocese's Assessment Test for Language Arts. The eighth graders, along with the second graders, participated in the May Crowning mass on May 5. In 7th grade for reading, the students have finished reading the novel *Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulsen along with doing some extension activities after the book. The class is then going to spend the rest of the year doing some reading skill reviews to prepare them for 8th grade and review some skills that are more difficult. For English, the 7th graders have finished with a chapter on difficult punctuation. For 6th grade reading, the students finished the book *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis and are now continuing in Unit 6 of their *Wonders* reading book. Some of the topics covered will be adjectives, adverbs, main idea and key details, and expository text. The 6th grade students will also be taking an Archdiocese's Assessment of what they have learned this year. Please encourage your student(s) to read over the summer!



# *Congratulations*

***To the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders.  
May God continue to bless you  
throughout your journey.***

*Cassie Rose Allen*

*Jaida Diane Allen*

*Sammie Jo Allen*

*Rylie Julianna Arens*

*Cameryn Jean Fiscus*

*Ben Leland Kleinschmit*

*Madelyn Mary Loecker*

*Jack Michael Miller*

*Annabelle Rose Poppe*

*Jack Christopher Schieffer*

*Phillip Timothy Tejral*

*Alexa Jo Wiebelhaus*

