

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SYSTEM
ST. JUDE ST. LUDMILA LASALLE

SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

February 15, 2013

Holy Family Important Dates

2/15—Newsletter posted on website
2/15—SJ/SL Second Trimester Progress Reports home
2/15—Online P-S-T Conference Sign-Up ends @ 4:00 pm for SL & SJ
2/18—No School/Staff Development
2/18— Childcare Open
2/17—First Sunday of Lent
2/17—Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee 1:00 PM at LaSalle MS
2/19—grade 5/6 & 7/8 Honor choirs to Vinton
2/20—4th Grade Climate Committee 10:00 AM
2/21—3rd Grade Kids on Block Presentation 1:30 PM
2/21—SJ/SL Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
2/21—Board of Education Meeting at LSMS at 5:30 PM
2/21-2/26—SL Book Fair
2/22—Holy Family Spirit Day
2/22—Chocolate Candy Sale Assembly
2/22—2/25 Men's CEW at LaSalle
2/24— Second Sunday of Lent
2/25—SJ/SL Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
2/26—SJ/SL Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
2/27—4th grade to "Slim Goodbody" and ice skating in Iowa City
2/28—LSMS End of 2nd Trimester
2/28—School in Session/Makeup Snow Day (12/20/12 snow day)/EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:30 PM with Busing
3/1—No School/Progress Reporting
3/5— Grade 6, 7 & 8 Metro Catholic Band Festival at Xavier HS
3/8—Dress Reward Day @ LSMS
3/8—SJ/SL \$1.00 Casual Dress Day
3/10—Daylight Savings time begins
3/12—Chocolate Sale Ends
3/12—4th Grade Service Learning at SL 9:45AM
3/13—4th Grade Climate Committee 8:00 AM
3/13—Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm
3/13—SJ Grandparents Day for K, 1st & 2nd Grades
3/14—Board of Education Meeting at LSMS 5:30 pm
3/15—Stations of the Cross at St. Ludmila Church at 2:00 PM by Climate Committee members
3/15—HF Spirit Day
3/15—HF Newsletter posted on web
3/17—St. Patrick's Day
3/18—3/22 Spring Break/No School
3/25—HF Rollerskating at Super Skate 6:00-8:00PM
Liturgy/Prayer Services dates can be found on page 7

February 15, 2013

Holy Family Parents and Guardians:

Catholic Schools Week was hectic but again very successful. The late starts and no school on Wednesday disrupted our schedule but it did not reduce the enthusiasm of the week. The St. Ludmila soup supper and open house were very well attended with about 550 dinners served. For the second year in a row the St. Jude evening was not postponed because of snowstorm this year. There was a huge crowd. This was an excellent opportunity for our elementary schools to showcase their buildings. LaSalle did the same with "Celebrate LaSalle Night" on January 25th with a spaghetti dinner.

There is a strong desire on the part of the Holy Family Board of Education to keep the cost of education as low as we can. The subsidizing parishes pay about 46% of our costs while third source income and tuition covers the other 54%. We trust you understand a \$100 increase in tuition was necessary with some of our parishes struggling due to the economy. Our tuition of \$2900.00 for next year is less than or comparable to all the Metro Catholic schools save St. Joseph of Marion. The thinking of our Board of Education is twofold: a balanced budget is a requisite and families needing assistance can get help from the STO program. In addition to the STO program, the Archdiocese gave \$16,000 for Holy Family to distribute in the form of tuition assistance. We feel we offer the best education in Cedar Rapids and will strive to continue our efforts. Families who want a Catholic education and qualify as low or middle income should be able to get some significant assistance next year. We prefer for most of us to apply for the tuition assistance. The goal is that anyone wanting to be part of the Holy Family School System will be able to do so!

We are watching the state legislatures to see what impact Catholic schools will experience. We are hopeful the state will be more generous with families that choose Catholic schools. So we can use your prayers.

May God bless you and your family!

Rick Louk, Principal
Holy Family School System

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Holy Family System News

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Accompanying this newsletter is the fifth of a five part series of parent/guardian information NewsNotes from the Office for the Protection of Children from the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The purpose of these NewsNotes is to help all of us be more informed of the issues and topics related to the abuse of children. It is our sincere hope that by partnering together we can continually provide the safest possible environment for all our young people to grow into healthy, Christ-filled adults. Additional resources can be found at the VIRTUS website at <http://www.virtusonline.org>.

2013-14 Holy Family Enrollment Reminder

We are finalizing enrollment for our current Holy Family families. We will continue to take enrollment for “new” Holy Family parish families in K-8th grades as well as in our preschool programs at St. Jude and St. Ludmila. If you have any questions, please call the school offices. St. Jude office—396-7818; St. Ludmila office—362-1943; LaSalle—396-7792

Tuition Assistance Notice

The 2013-2014 PSAS Tuition Assistance Application was made available online on January 28th. Families who applied for Tuition Assistance in 2012-2013 should have received a 2013-2014 application in the mail. If you are a new applicant you may call the Holy Family School Business Office (390-6512) to receive a paper application or go online to www.psas.org and complete the online form. Please refer to the Holy Family School website, <http://www.crareacatholic.com/lasalle/index.htm> and click on the Financial Information icon to obtain further information about qualifying, necessary paper work and due dates. It is mandatory that all Free/Reduced Lunch participants must complete a Tuition Assistance Application.

Information About Snow Make-Up Days

Holy Family School System is making up the two snow days in the following fashion. The first day will be made up on February 28th and it is a 1:30 p.m. early dismissal day. We will have busing both a.m. and p.m. The other day is accounted for with our eight hours of parent/student/teacher conferences as they are completed outside the regular school hours. This is acceptable in the state of Iowa and justified as the conferences allow for communication among the partners in your child’s education. This communication aids in the educational progress of your child. Holy Family has used these days in the past in accounting for the 180 days of instruction but we have not needed them the past few years. Therefore, March 1 will be a no school day as listed on our Holy Family school calendar. If you have any questions, please contact one of the building administrators.

Music News:

All City Music Contest is April 6 at Jefferson High School. Get forms, for events other than band, from Mrs. Mann or Mrs. Kennon. They are due with \$8.00 [checks to HFS] to St. Jude and St. Ludmila March 5 and LaSalle by March 7 so we can meet our deadline March 8. After that, the fee goes up to \$16.00. Please let us register for private teachers so the schedule, ratings, and certificate/ribbon will be under the school building name.



Spring Break Reminder!



This year Spring Break is
March 18th—March 22

Thank You!



We would like to extend a thank you to the families that put the picture & thank you in the Milestones section of the Gazette celebrating Catholic Schools!

St. Jude Center News

2013-14 St. Jude Enrollment Reminder

We are finalizing enrollments for our current Holy Family families. We will continue to take enrollment for "new" Holy Family parish families in Kindergarten, First and Second grades as well as in our preschool programs at St. Jude. If you have any questions, please call the St. Jude office at 396-7818.

ST. JUDE PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

St. Jude will be holding our Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 21st from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, February 25th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 26th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Our online conference sign-up began on February 4th and concludes today, February 15th. Thank you all for taking the time to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher. If you still need to sign up for a conference, please call the school office at 396-7818 and we will be happy to schedule one with you.

Handwriting Contest

Congratulations to Regan Muhlbauer, 1st grade, and Paige Hacke, 2nd grade for winning First in Grade during the Handwriting Contest. Their work will be entered into the State contest!!

Art News

After Progress Reports, look for art work to come home! 2nd graders had a great time with their Valentine's pictures inspired by Gustav Klimt. 1st graders are giving you their hearts with their colorful oil pastel drawings. Kindergarteners have been studying African Art. Next we will be studying African Art and looking towards Easter.

If you have any glass containers with lids (i.e. spaghetti sauce bottles, baby food jars, etc.) please consider donating them to the LaSalle art room. I've come across some great lessons that I think the kids will love.

Spring Carnival Information Coming Soon!!

Be looking for information coming home soon with your child regarding our 2013 Spring Carnival here at St. Jude. The Carnival will be held on Friday, May 3rd!!! If you are interested in helping with the carnival contact our Parent Association Reps:

Bridget Lemker bridgetelemker@gmail.com or
Kathleen Riley kjriey@rockwellcollins.com



St. Jude Chili Supper/Open Classroom Update

A HUGE thank you to Kathleen Cross, Bridget Lemker and Carrie Kruse for all their hard work in planning and organizing this year's Catholic Schools Week Chili Supper! *A special thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make this event a huge success including the teachers and staff!* It would be difficult to do without all of our volunteers! Thanks to all the families who attended both the Chili Supper and the Open Classroom Night. Our classrooms were full as well with many visiting families. We served over 373 people!! Thanks again to EVERYONE!!!

St. Jude K-2 Grandparents Day is March 13th

Grandparents of Kindergarten, First and Second grade students are invited to attend Mass (10:00am) and then have lunch and visit classrooms with their grand-children. Lunch signup forms have already been sent home and they are due back by Thursday, February 28th. It is very important that we get an accurate count by February 28th because all of the food needs to be ordered ahead of time. No reservations will be able to be accepted after February 28th. Thank you!



Notes from the Media Center

Thank you for showing your support by visiting the library at Open house during Catholic Schools week. The Kindergarten and first grade students worked very hard on the new front covers of a book and the second graders on creating an ad for a washer or dryer, vacuum or bike.

We have had two Xavier High School students visit us at the library to talk about how the students at Xavier create the Xavier Xpress newspaper. Also K.J. Pilcher shared with us about his job as a writer for the Cedar Rapids Gazette.

The Kindergarten and first grade classes have been busy creating a "Snowman at Work" class book to share. Students have

St. Ludmila Center News

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS

We thank the following for the wonderful "dessert bar" he staff and faculty were treated to on February 1 for Catholic Schools Week: Heather O'Shea, Donna Sanborn, Donna Charipar, Kathy Birky, Diane Stanek, and Erin Miller. Mmmmmm, so good!

Special thanks to all our students, parents and families that planned and participated in their parish weekend Masses to kick off our Catholic Schools Week.

Thanks to everyone at the St. Ludmila Center who contributed to the "Wear Red For \$1.00 Dress Day" on Valentine's Day to raise funds for the Kids Against Hunger Project. These funds will be used to purchase supplies to package meals for Haiti.



BIG thanks to our students for doing a great job during Catholic Schools Week. The 4th grade inventions and 3rd grade log cabins were amazing! All students at the St. Ludmila Center worked very hard to make it a great week and a fun place to visit on Open Classroom Night.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Colin Battien and Joey Anderson, both 4th grade students, for placing 1st and 2nd respectively in the local Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee held at LaSalle Middle School on Sunday, February 3. They will now compete in the Regional Contest at LaSalle on February 17 at 1:00 PM. Kate Francois, also a 4th grade student, is the alternate for this competition. Good luck!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

You are invited to our Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center that will be held from February 21—February 26. It will be open everyday from 8:30-3:00 and during conference evenings. This is a great opportunity to choose some quality books for at home reading and we'll have some new Accelerated Reader titles also. We will have classroom wish lists available and we will accept cash, checks, or charge/debit cards for your purchases. The profit from this book fair will be used to purchase new books for the library.



PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Conferences at the St. Ludmila Center will be Thursday, February 21, 4:00 – 7:30 PM, Monday, February 25, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, and Tuesday, February 26, 4:00 – 5:30 PM The two week sign-up time for conferences online is now over. Any scheduling or changes must now be done by contacting Mrs. Peterson through the St. Ludmila Center office.

BASKETBALL SHOOTING CONTEST

Recent winners in the 4th Grade Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation Department Spot Shot Basketball Shooting Contest were: Fourth grade boys: 1st— Jack Lux, 2nd—Caelen Shannon, and 3rd—Zach Havel. Fourth grade girls: 1st—Katy Garrison, 2nd—Hope Schulte, and 3rd—tie between Samantha Zearley, Montana Crumbaugh, and Keely Cookson. These students now have the chance to participate in the citywide Spot Shot finals competition that will be held March 1, 2013, at Coe College. Good luck to all!



CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP/KOLACH SUPPER THANKS!

We want to thank absolutely everyone that helped to make the annual St. Ludmila Chicken Noodle Soup/Kolach Supper a truly wonderful evening and a huge success. We know that this kind of success does not happen without a tremendous amount of volunteers. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers that assisted in making this happen! We are blessed to have so much support from our school families and St. Ludmila parishioners. Very special thanks to Karen Billick and Mary Myers for their many hours of work for this event, to our Parent Association Representatives, Lori Armstrong and Trent and Heather McCauley Buenzow for their work, and to Bill Brecht for making the tummy-warming soup. We would also like to thank the LaSalle Middle School Show Choir for their fine performance that evening.

Our grateful thanks to the following volunteers for helping with the kolaches, food preparation, setting up, meal serving, and clean-up: Steve Picray, Steve Vicko, Marilyn Kies, Jim Drahozal, Dan Martinek, Dorothy Nemecek, Betty Skvor, Ron Stallman, Sister Mary, John Pacha, Maureen Boots, Carol Steiner, Harry Michalec, Susie Vecerka, Katie Pacha, Carolyn Schulte, Bob Beer, Jason Beer, Joyce Janovec, Jim Berger, Bernie Drahozal, Jerri Whitters, Elaine Samek, Pat Stokesberry, Carol Stallman, Charity Schneekloth, Marilyn Sonka, Colleen Camp, Pat Halferty, Darlene Chmelicek, Kathy Musel, Fran Musel, Denny Drahozal, Elaine Hensen, Megan Stokesberry, Sara Baldus, Heather O'Shea, Diane Stanek, Shawn Janssen, Christine Mason, Jennifer Francois, Kate Karl, Becky Giese, Nate Lux, Tami Lux, Kara Rump, Lesa Ament, Kendra Rice, Karla Schrader, Jennifer Miller, Donna Charipar, Grace Hiserote, Kelly Hiserote, Gerardo Rodriguez, Jenn Olson, Maureen Kenney, Bridget Crumbaugh, Teenah Oldham, Kendra Kisling, Bev Douglas, Deb Kellison, Dan Douglas, Dale Emerson, Sara Kohl, Erin Miller, Craig Dvorak, Dawn LeFever, James LeFever, Elizabeth Trcka, Tom Trcka, and all St. Ludmila students who assisted. If we unintentionally left a name off of this list, we are sorry....we appreciated the assistance from everyone.

F.A.I.T.H: Believe It, Live It

As we continue to work daily to live our F.A.I.T.H, we concentrate this month on "I" for Integrity. We commend our students who display their integrity by being honest, responsible, trustworthy and loyal. They are encouraged to make positive choices and to practice these character building skills.

SECURITY UPDATE

We have already had security companies on site to assess our situation and submit bids and make recommendations on enhancing our security. We are looking at a camera/buzzer/door release system that would be installed in the near future. We will keep you updated on our progress.

LaSalle Middle School News

LaSalle Art....

Fifth graders have begun to study architecture, learning the lingo of architects and starting to design their own houses. Sixth graders have been reading about Vermeer and are now working on pictures inspired by his artwork. Seventh graders are creating bowls to donate to "Empty Bowls", working with the Marion Arts Festival to help supply our local soup kitchens, and eighth graders have started designing for their linoleum prints, carving out their pictures into a piece of linoleum so that we can use ink to transfer their design onto paper. ***We are out of wet wipes. If you have an extra box, we'd love to take it off your hands. Baby wipes and Lysol wipes are preferred because they are gentler on our hands. Thanks!***

Celebrate LaSalle Night

Celebrate LaSalle Night was held Tuesday, January 22nd. The night was a big success with many people coming to see the students' Homeroom Presentations, Center Stage Show Choir and band performances. Student ambassadors were busy giving tours to prospective students and their families. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear testimonials by our students and parents. Thank you to all of our student and parent volunteers who shared their stories and volunteered their time! The Parent Association sponsored a delicious spaghetti dinner that evening. Thank you to Sherry Schulte and the many parent helpers who assisted with the meal and made sure everyone was well fed. We appreciate all of you who came to CELEBRATE LASALLE!

Music News

City Solo and Ensemble Contest for all piano, strings, and band students will be held Saturday, April 6th at Jefferson High School. Band students should have all of their permission slips and money in. Piano students need to be turning in their money and solo/ensemble entries no later than March 4th.

EC ICDA Junior High Honor Choir is being held Tuesday, February 19th at Vinton-Shellsburg M.S. The following students are participating in the Honor Choir: Chloe Kepros, Maddie Pithan, Natasha Smith, Christine Hilario, Erin Clarke, Alli Scallon, Adam Fields, Carmella Hernandez, Piper Kesselring, Kendall Erenberger, Jessica Winders, Rylee Wegmann, Alena Brunius, Ellen Welch, Emily Lauer, Kaitryn Williams, Matteson Quint, Kathleen Kenney, Connor Miller, David O'Brien, Cameron Cookson, Brett Biermann, Jacob Fulton, Nolan Pithan, Caleb Burken.

Xavier Choir Festival is Monday, February 25th for the 7th and 8th grade students. This is an excellent concert combining all of the choirs for several songs and showing the parade of choirs from LaSalle, Regis, St. Joseph, and Xavier. Permission slips will be coming home soon.

Xavier Band Festival is Tuesday, March 6th. Showcasing the bands from LaSalle, Regis, St. Joseph, and Xavier. Information will be coming home soon about this.

Campus Ministry News

Pro-Life Speaker at Xavier

On February 19, the LaSalle 7th and 8th graders will travel to Xavier High School to attend a special pro-life presentation "Voice for the Voiceless" by abortion attempt survivor Melissa Ohden. This witness talk – which is being sponsored by Catholic Evangelization Outreach of Cedar Rapids – is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am in the Ron Thillen Gym; there is no charge, and parents and parishioners are welcome to attend.

LaSalle Middle School News cont.

2013 Metro Catholic School Speech Festival

Forty-nine talented and enthusiastic 7th and 8th graders from La Salle Middle School earned top honors at the annual Metro Catholic Schools Speech Festival on February 7 at Xavier High School. The festival – which also included students from Regis and St. Joseph middle schools – provided a wonderful opportunity for our middle schoolers to showcase their gifts and talents in the performing arts as well as develop a stronger sense of community with their Catholic school peers. Speech and drama students from Xavier served as the judges and also presented sample speeches, encouraging future involvement in the performing arts.

Our LaSalle students did an outstanding job, with all 21 acts receiving the highest rating of Superior.
The results are as follows:

SUPERIOR RATING: Ensemble Acting

Clara Petri, Emily Smith, Jon Jacobi, Jenna Schwach, and Ellie Malecek
Maggie Mahurin, Ashten Kingsbury, Elizabeth Janey, and Joy Schnoebelen
Connor Miller, Brett Biermann, David O'Brien, Alex Francois, Jon Jacobi, and Cameron Cookson
Caitlyn Hoffman, Curtis Wilkins, Kyle Wilkins, and Andrew Millsap

SUPERIOR RATING: Duet Acting

David O'Brien and Cameron Cookson
Ellen Welch and Matte Quint

SUPERIOR RATING: Solo Acting

Becca Fields

SUPERIOR RATING: Impromptu Speaking

Tanya Zaugg
Becca Fields

SUPERIOR RATING WITH ONE PERFECT "10": Ensemble Acting

Katie Janney, Josh Hansen, Kristin Naber, and Lauren Gradoville
Justin Schneider, Calvin Ford, and Jon Lansing

Kaitryn Williams, Shyla Morrow, Lauryn Montuoro, and Hillary Deppe

SUPERIOR RATING WITH ONE PERFECT "10": Duet Acting

Kathleen Kenney and Caitlyn Hoffman

SUPERIOR RATING WITH ONE PERFECT "10": Solo Acting

Rylee Wegmann

SUPERIOR RATING WITH ONE PERFECT "10": Impromptu Speaking

Connor Miller

SUPERIOR RATING WITH TWO PERFECT "10"s: Ensemble Acting

Kendall Erenberger, Brie Baldus, Ellie Malecek, Jenna Schwach, Lauren Gradoville, and Clara Petri
Gabe Lux, Casey O'Connell, Brant Charipar, Jon Lansing, Ashten Ferring, Brandon Serovy, and Drew Ties
Nolan Pithan, Matte Quint, Sarah Schirm, and Ellen Welch

SUPERIOR RATING WITH TWO PERFECT "10"s: Duet Acting

Caleb Burken and Alena Brunius

SUPERIOR RATING WITH TWO PERFECT "10"s: Solo Acting

Piper Kesselring

SUPERIOR RATING WITH THREE PERFECT "10"s: Ensemble Acting

Kaitryn Williams, Emily Lauer, Kristen Naber, Brie Baldus, Ellie Malecek, and Kendall Erenberger

Congratulations to all these LaSalle speakers and actors on their outstanding performances! We also want to congratulate all the other 7th and 8th graders who participated in our annual Speech Showcase during Catholic Schools Week, including Braydon Pipkin, Jacob Fulton, Lauren Cahill, Noah Kepros, Avery Boyles, Dalton Lauderdale, and Josh Baker...we're proud of all of you! A huge thank you to all of our coaches - who devoted so much time, expertise, and positive energy to preparing our student performers – including LaSalle alumni (and current Xavier students) Bianca Kesselring, Megan Lynch, Ben Helms, Kellie Wittrock, Carrie Darden, Ashley Pudil, Kayla Lansing, and Chloe Streif as well as teachers Mrs. Monica Robinson, Mr. Scott Davidson, Mrs. Linda Ehrenberger, and Mr. Bob Gardner...you are all deeply appreciated!

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Catholic Schools Week Liturgies

We want to extend a very big and heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make our celebration of Catholic Schools Week on January 27 –February 2 such a wonderful success! We are grateful to all the students, staff, and parents who shared their gifts and talents as well as their commitment to Catholic education so generously at the special liturgies at our schools and parishes throughout the week. Special thanks to the parents who served so enthusiastically as parish liaisons/ liturgy coordinators, including Donna Charipar and Julie Testin – Blessed John XXXII, Mike and Traci Jacobi– St. Jude, Joan Sylvester – St. Ludmila, and Jackie Walther – St. Patrick, as well as Dianne Clarke, Holy Family Public Relations Coordinator, for promoting our efforts.....super job!

8th Grade Rays of Hope

Parents/guardians of 8th graders who have signed up to participate in our Rays of Hope Service Outreach in Omaha on April 26-28 are reminded that your student's community service requirement must be fulfilled by Wednesday, February 27! Please submit a note to Mr. G. verifying the date, time, and nature of the service by the deadline... ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Thanks for your cooperation and support.

Celebration of Lent

The LaSalle students and staff began their celebration of Lent by receiving Eucharist as well as ashes at our big Ash Wednesday liturgy on February 13. A variety of special activities will take place in and out of the classroom throughout the next six weeks to help the students enter more fully into the spirit of prayer and sacrifice which this important season requires. Families are encouraged to promote Lenten observances at home as well.

Holy Family Liturgy & Prayer Services Dates

- 2/20—SJ/LS Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SJ Church/8th grade/Gardner prepares
- 2/20—SL Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SL Church/4th Grade/Drahn prepares
- 2/27—SJ/LS Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SJ Church/Kindergarten team prepares
- 2/27—SL Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SL Church/ 3rd grade/Farrington
- 3/6—Grades K-2 Prayer Service @ 9:00 am @ SJ Church/2nd grade/Mahurin prepares
- 3/6—Grades 5, 6 & 8 Prayer Service @ 9:00 am @ LS Gym/8th grade/Gardner prepares
- 3/6—7th grade class Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ LaSalle Chapel/7th grade team prepares
- 3/6—SL Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SL Church/Staff/Mrs. DeMeulenaere prepares
- 3/13—SJ/LS Liturgy @ 10:00 am @ SJ Church/1st grade/Horstmann prepares SJ Grandparents Day
- 3/13—SL Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SL Church/3rd Grade/Iiams prepares
- 3/27—HF System Prayer Service @ 10:00 am @ SJ Church/8th grade/Gardner prepares



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Campus Ministry News cont.



Catholic Schools Week Essays

As part of their celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the students in Mr. Gardner's 8th grade religion classes were asked to write essays on the theme, "Why LaSalle Middle School Is Special to Me". Following are two of this year's best efforts....

Why LaSalle Middle School Is special to Me by Michael Weber

I have attended many schools, but none have been as great as LaSalle Middle School. You see, LaSalle isn't just any ordinary Catholic school. The school is filled with prayer, laughter, fun, and friends. The teachers are so friendly and always willing to lend a helping hand. They help me with schoolwork or even if I'm struggling with something away from school. They are there to help guide me to be the best person I can be. They never judge me and they always accept me for who I am.

The thing I like best about going to LaSalle is the great friends I have made. Everyone is nice, and I can always find something in common with my classmates. I have made some friends for life. I especially like the times when we get to go away as a class to Camp Wapsie Y. We get to be together-away from everything else-and just get to be kids while spending time reflecting on our faith. When we go to church for Mass or prayer it's an experience like no other. Everyone is silent and respectful. Everyone is willing to offer a prayer for you.

I remember in sixth grade when I first started at LaSalle. I felt like I didn't fit in, like I was in the wrong place. The students and staff were so nice and really helped me feel comfortable in my new surroundings. Then, in seventh grade, my Grandma was diagnosed with cancer and was really sick. She was at the University of Iowa Hospital for 5 weeks and I never wanted to go to school because I was worried about her. At school though, everyone helped me through this hard time. They talked to me, asked me how she was doing, and most importantly, they prayed that she would get better.

If you have doubts or worries about going to LaSalle, I am here to tell you that your doubts and worries will disappear as you walk through the doors of the building. You will be surrounded by smiling faces, helping hands, and all the positive thoughts and prayers you could ever ask for. I will really miss LaSalle as I look forward to 9th grade and high school.

Michael Weber
8th Grade
LaSalle Middle School
St. Patrick Parish

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Catholic Schools Week Essays (cont.)

Why LaSalle Middle School Is Special to Me by Lauren Cooling

LaSalle Middle School has been a very special part of my life for four years now. I have enjoyed every minute of my time at LaSalle and I am very sad to have to leave this year. To have the opportunity to go to a Catholic school is a blessing, and I am so fortunate that I have a loving family who has given me a Catholic school education.

LaSalle is so special because it is not like any other Catholic school. The atmosphere is always comfortable and supportive, and you can always be uplifted even on a bad day just because of the amazing people surrounding you. Teachers, coaches, classmates, our principal...everyone in the building makes LaSalle so great! It isn't a very big school, which is nice because you know just about everyone you see. Every morning when you wake up, you know that you are going to such a positive place where you are able to learn and have fun, and that's a wonderful feeling.

I have learned so much during my middle school years, and I can't wait to share that with other people in my life. I have realized what the LaSalle brand really means, and I want to represent that as best I can. I have grown a lot in my faith by going on all three retreats offered and by doing many service projects throughout the years. Before every class we have a scripture reading or spontaneous prayer to really get us focused and ask for God's guidance. That just lightens the mood for everyone and is such a great way of building community, too.

LaSalle helps you become the best person you can be and all the knowledge and skills you learn here can surely help throughout your life. That is why LaSalle Middle School is special to me!

Lauren Cooling
8th grade
LaSalle Middle School
St. Patrick Parish

HOLY FAMILY PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS 2012-2013**Parent Association News:
February 2013**

A HUGE thanks goes out to all of our volunteers who helped make Catholic Schools Week a great success! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped at the St. Ludmila Chicken Noodle Soup/Kolach Supper and the St. Jude Chili Supper. We also wish to thank all who helped make the LaSalle Spaghetti Supper during their Celebrate LaSalle Night a great success! It was great to see such a wonderful turnout at all of these events!

PARENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD 2012-2013**St Jude Representatives:**

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Bridget Lemker- bridgetelemker@gmail.com

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