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Serving Parents, Staff and Students of Watertown Catholic School

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Our Mission

Offering a Christ-centered education that develops the academics, morals and values needed for students to reach their full potential in this world and the next.



“Where students grow in faith, knowledge, and service to others”

by Principal Sherry Harms



Our Pancake Supper tradition is back this year! Thank you to Lorraine Rhodes and all the volunteers who will make this a fantastic Fat Tuesday to remember! A sign-up genius for volunteers and food donations has been shared. Proceeds from this year’s event will go toward the Youth Mission Trip this summer.

We begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. This traditional time of prayer, fasting, and giving is much more than simply a time of penance and sacrifice. It represents an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the God that loves us. Lent gives us a great chance to strengthen our prayer life, center ourselves and find God in all things. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our routines, to pray more deeply, and to be generous to those in need. This holy season is a wonderful gift because it is a time of preparation for the gift of the risen Christ on Easter.

For six weeks, we ask for the courage to grow closer and deeper in all our relationships. Whatever our Lenten sacrifices may be, let us make every effort to remember our calling to bring light into the world. May the God of love and compassion turn our hearts and minds back to the Lord, and may this Lent be a special time of renewal of our faith and commitment to Christ. God bless you all.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper



What is the King Cake? We often see it associated with Mardi Gras celebrations, but what does it signify? The King Cake “season”, known as Carnival, extends from the Eve of Epiphany until Mardi Gras or “Fat Tuesday”. The cake is a sweet Danish type dough shaped in a circle. Typically, a small plastic baby (Baby Jesus) is hidden somewhere inside. It celebrates the Magi’s search for the Christ Child. Typically, the person who finds the trinket is expected to “pay it forward” by providing a King Cake for the next celebration.

Watertown Catholic would also like to “pay it forward” and say thank you to the families and parishioners for all the support of past and future events. The monies raised will go towards this summer’s Youth Mission Trip and the Youth Center.

Mark your calendars and join us **Tuesday, March 1 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the St. Bernard’s gym**. The Pancake Supper will feature three kinds of pancakes, eggs and ham, Irish potatoes, fruit and more. There will be music, a Cake Walk and a build-your-own Sundae Bar!

What a great way to kick off the Lenten Season and stay connected with others on our search for Jesus!

March H&S Meeting



The next H&S Meeting will be coming up in

March Specific details will be released shortly. Please contact the school office with any questions. Hope to see you there!



4K News

by Mrs. Robinson, 3K/4K Teacher



The 3K/4K students have really enjoyed being a part of Catholic Schools Week. It was the first time getting together and joining the school community for some fun events. It was a beautiful morning when we walked to Towne Cinema. The students seemed to enjoy the walk as much as the movie. As we walked to the cinema, the students were so excited to look into the store fronts, the new library, and the Rock River while we crossed over the bridge. It took us quite a while to get to the cinema and back, because there were so many questions or sharings about the things they were experiencing. This just reminded me of why I love teaching this age so much, because they love the small things, which then turn into wonderful teachable moments.

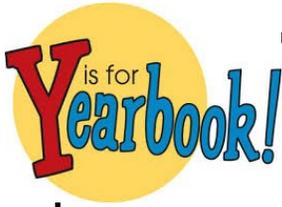
We also had fun joining Mrs. Beltz and the 5K class, for a service project making tie blankets and cards for the residents at Marquardt Manor. It was great working together and making new 5K friends, while the students experienced the joy of giving and being of service to others as Christ has asked us to do. We have been reading in class several Bible stories showing that it is better to give than receive, so it was nice to be part of this service project first hand. We are planning a few other service projects to try in the spring.

Recently we received a grant from the Watertown Education Foundation, to purchase builders and tools to help students build better fine motor skills and tools to help students with poor hand strength when writing and cutting. The students have really enjoyed using these new things and we have seen some great gains since using them. This time of year is also when we really start to individualize our teaching to meet each of our students where they are at in literacy. We are excited to start reading with students who know their letters, letter sounds, and sight words. We have been reading big books in class together to model the pattern of reading and it is exciting for students to start to read on their own. If they are not ready to read just yet, we continue to play games and do activities that will continue to build those literacy skills with each student so when they are ready to read they have the skills to be successful and confident.



Have a wonderful spring!!





The 2021-2022 Watertown Catholic School Yearbook is brought to you by the 8th grade Yearbook Club. Every year the eighth grade students are invited to be part of creating the school yearbook. The students have been giving up lunch recesses to

complete this task. They picked the cover and are currently selecting the layouts for each page and filling them with pictures. The final product will be available at the end of May. You can order yours right now online. Many of you have probably received an email from Lifetouch directly. Just a reminder that there is only ONE yearbook for both campuses. This year's Yearbook Club consists of Emily Bardenwerper, Logan Kaczmarek, Kyanna Kohls, Makenah Novotny, Elle Stangler, and Azelia Zimmerman.

Deadline for ordering is Fri., March 25 2021.

Order online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>
yearbook ID: 14346922

"We are a box of crayons
each of us unique,
but when we get together
the picture is complete."



Hello Families,

I hope everyone has stayed healthy and warm. Even though it has been cold, don't forget about those Spring projects that you will be looking forward to doing once it warms up a bit. Check out

shopwithscrip.com to find out what places you can purchase your Scrip from.

Please keep in mind the following when preparing your Scrip orders:

- All Scrip orders are being processed from the St. Henry parish of-ficeso all inventory is in one location.
- Only orders that are paid in full via online, or with cash or checks, will be filled. Cards will not be held for any payments that will be made later. Fully paid orders take priority.
- It is currently taking 3 days to receive cards from Great Lakes Scrip to replenish our inventory. Please keep that in mind when cards you order may be out of stock. We will fill orders as fast as we can.
- For orders dropped off at school offices, we will do our best to fill them and get them back to the school offices before the end of the day.

If you have any questions only about these changes, please contact Bart Bart at bbartz@watertowncatholic.org. Please do not email orders.

Student Council News

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, which was the first week of February, the Student Council held numerous spirit days. Students were encouraged to dress in Watertown Catholic gear, wear crazy socks, wear a hat, and even wear their pajamas to school (again!). Students also wore red or pink for Valentine's Day.

Spirit days in March include celebrating Mardi Gras by wearing purple, green, and gold on Fat Tuesday (March 1), wearing green on Thursday, March 17 in celebration of St. Patrick, and of course, wearing fun beach clothes to celebrate the coming of spring break and summer on Friday, March 25. No swimsuits allowed and the dress code applies except shorts WILL be allowed.

Watertown Catholic School Sports News

What an exciting few weeks of basketball. Thank you to all the adult volunteers that help make the season great! The season will conclude the first two weekends of March. Tournament for the girls' teams will be the weekend of March 5-6 and the boy's on March 12-13. Watertown Catholic will be the host site for the B Team Boys. Watch for information on how you can help make this tournament a success and support our athletes and school. GO SAINTS!

Watertown Catholic Athletic Board is under the direction of President Rob Harms. Bob Mudler fills the role of Basketball Athletic Director and Kristen Kacsmaek is the Volleyball Athletic Director. New members are always welcome.



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>(B) = St. Bernard Campus (H) = St. Henry Campus (WC) = Watertown Catholic School</p>		<p>1  Spirit Day: Mardi Gras Wear purple, green, gold Pancake Supper St. B Gym 5-7P</p>	<p>2  ASH WEDNESDAY School Mass St. H 8:15A—Grade 5</p>	<p>3 School Mass St. B 8:15A—Grade 1</p>	<p>4  End of 2nd Trimester</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 </p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 School Mass St. H 8:15A—Grade 4</p>	<p>10 School Mass St. B 8:15A—Grade 3</p>	<p>11</p>	<p></p>
<p>13 </p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 School Mass St. H 8:15A—Grade 8</p>	<p>17 School Mass St. B 8:15A—Grade 2 Spirit Day: Wear your St. Patrick's Day Items  Happy Saint Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18  Last day to submit school newsletter info to Nikki Z.</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 </p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 School Mass St. H 8:15A—Grade 7</p>	<p>24 School Mass St. B 8:15A—Grade 1</p>	<p>25  Spirit Day Beach Day</p>	<p></p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28 </p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Apr 1 </p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Spring Break—No school March 28 through April 1st</p>						

Q. Does February like March?
A. No, but April May!



Just for Laughs



Q: Why are people always so tired on April 1st?

A: They've just finished a 31 day March!

Q: Where can you always find gold on St. Patrick's Day?

A: The dictionary!



Upcoming Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is **Friday, March 18, 2022**. If there any items you wish to have included in the April issue, they may be emailed to Nikki Zimmerman at nikib@hotmail.com. In the upcoming issue you can expect to read about Music and Physical Education classes, and discover various school updates. Stay tuned!

This issue was designed by Nicole Zimmerman. Contributors include Mrs. Harms, Mrs. Smedema, Mrs. Rhodes, and Mrs. Robinson. Thanks so much for your help!