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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

Welcome to the start of another awesome year at WCS! I am beginning my fourth year as WCS principal, and I continue to witness firsthand how schools really do take a village of dedicated people in order to make a school run successfully. I would like to thank a few groups of people who contributed in a big way this summer:

A tremendous thank you goes to Bob Wolf and Lee Cronce. They provide us with countless volunteer hours of technology assistance whether it's for classroom computers, Chromebooks, or keeping our children internet safe. Their knowledge is immeasurable. Bob had a crew of people who assisted him in this capacity, including Jeanne and Nicholas Wolf, Louis and Brett Strupp, and Rob, Andrew, and Maddy Harms.

A big thank you to Denny Osterhaus, Jim Froh, and Skip Krebs, plus other members of the Knights of Columbus and That Man is You group. This crew of people helped get all the classrooms in order at St. Henry. This meant hanging clevertouch boards in every classroom, mounting whiteboards and cork boards, and other "extras" that weren't even part of the original plan.

Thank you, families, for everything you do for our school community. Thank you to families who volunteer to help with fundraisers, committees, and volunteer hours in our lunch room and classrooms.

I can't thank everyone enough for all you have done for Watertown Catholic School. Your time and talent are appreciated. We are so blessed with a wonderful community of people who will help and improve our school.

Pray for us as we begin our year ahead. We will pray for you.

May God bless all of you.



October H&S Meeting

The next H&S Meeting will be **Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 p.m.** at the St. Henry campus. Please contact the school office with any questions. Hope to see you there!





Kindergarten News

by Mrs. Beltz, Kindergarten Teacher

HomeLights

What a blessing to have one month of school in; September sure has flown by!

Kindergarten is adjusting to many new routines both in and out of the classroom. Students are learning to play together, work in small groups, and engage in meaningful learning activities. Kindergarten is a time to learn to share, take turns, and play cooperatively together. It's delightful to meet new friends and be in school!

The kindergarteners are enjoying attending school Mass each week. They are enjoying this special time to grow, learn, and practice their faith. Students are learning about Jesus and how he calls us to treat others with loving and giving hearts. Each morning we pray and give thanks for the many blessings God provides for us. Since Mary is our classroom saint, they celebrated her birthday with cookies and songs. God teaches us to be grateful, thankful, and joyful in all circumstances. Kindergarteners are so eager, excited, and open to accepting and expressing God's love.

Our Superkids reading and writing program is a truly engaging experience for students. They are eager to meet each character, sing their catchy rhyming songs and learn new letters and sounds.

Our days are also filled with math, science, social studies and religion. Students love playing interactive games on the smart board that extend their learning experience.

Currently, we are learning about the life cycle of apples. Many activities from sorting, counting, graphing, and tasting apple products will enhance their understanding of this delicious fall treat!

Of course, we can't forget about Art, Music, and P.E! Children are so busy experiencing new adventures and opportunities to build friendships, faith and knowledge. This year promises to be filled with joy, hope, laughter and fun!

Kindergarten is truly a child's garden to grow, learn and blossom!



Grade 5 News

by Mr. Roberts, Fifth Grade Teacher

Welcome to the 2022 school year! We are so happy to be back in school and have a normal routine. The school year is off to a great start and we are having an exciting and educational time together. Fifth grade is a lot of fun and challenging, and the students are doing great!

During language and reading we are talking about the importance of the writing process and how to write grammatically correct sentences. This helps the students expand their writing skills and think out of the box when writing good complete sentences.

In math the students are learning about place value and multiplication concepts. We also have delved into problem solving skills and strategies, such as finding a pattern and using relevant information. We will also be concentrating on memorizing all our math fact families!

During social studies we have been learning about the early settlers and the importance of educating ourselves about other cultures and the geography of the United States.

In science, we've been studying how things survive throughout the world.

Religion has us focusing on specific parts of the Bible and the different liturgical seasons. Throughout the year we will also be learning several prayers that are important in our Catholic faith. What a great way for our families to pray together!

New this year is DARE class, with Officer Stacy. She is teaching us about the importance of staying drug free and ways to make positive choices. We will graduate from DARE in December.

Please remember to take time every day to listen to God and his will for your life. It is a great day to be a Saint!





Watertown Catholic St. Henry Student Council

Watertown Catholic School is busy planning for the school year.

This year we are so excited to have first through third grade join us for meetings! Meetings are held at least once a month traditionally with two representatives from each class. We have already met and discussed ideas for spirit theme days. Our friends over at St. Bernard Campus discuss their

ideas in the classroom and the homeroom teacher shares them with St. Henry. Watch the calendar for dates. Last year's classroom winners of the Spirit Point Contest were awarded a sweet treat after the first meeting of the school year. Congratulations to Mrs. Anderson's second grade class (first grade last year) and Mrs. Lemminger's sixth grade class (fifth grade last year) who had the most spirit points at the end of last school year.



We are also planning for Red Ribbon Week in October. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. The 2022 National Red Ribbon Week theme is: Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free.™. All classrooms voted on the red ribbon that will be worn during the week. Prizes for wearing the ribbon daily will be awarded. Watch for pictures of all the fun Student Council events in the monthly newsletter!



Watertown Catholic School Sports News



Volleyball is about to start! Thank you to all the parents/guardians who registered their child for volleyball. The league year will run from October 10, when practices can begin, to December 18 when the league tournaments conclude. Look for information about basketball registration in October. Please turn in the registration form and emergency contact form to either school office along with payment for fees (checks should be made out to St. Henry Athletic Association). A current physical must be on file before the athlete is permitted to begin practice.

Forms can be found online at watertowncatholic.org under the Watertown Catholic School tab. Select athletics and all forms can be downloaded from there. Physical forms and alternate year physical forms are also available at this link. Interested in coaching? Fill out an application-also found on the website. Parent meetings will be posted and shared once they are scheduled. At the parent meeting you will receive the concussion and parent conduct forms to complete and sign.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact wsmedema@watertowncatholic.org.



Watertown Yearbook

The 2022-2023 Watertown Catholic School yearbook is now in progress and 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 group of eighth grade students have volunteered to stay in at lunch recess once a week to work on the book. They will pick the cover, the layouts, and take lots of pictures. The final product will be available at the end of May. You can order yours right now online (you may have been receiving emails from Life-touch already) or through the envelopes sent home at both campuses starting in February or online at that time.



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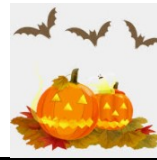
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Catholic School Activity



2	3	4	5 School Mass St. H 8:15A—Grades 5 & 1 (WC) Picture day Athletic Association Meeting—St. H 6 P	6	7	8
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Why are ghosts
bad liars?

Because you can
see right through
them!



This issue was designed by Nicole Zimmerman. Contributors include Mrs. Harms, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Beltz, and Mrs. Smedema. I sincerely appreciate all your help!

Just for Laughs

How do you fix a broken
pumpkin?

With a pumpkin patch!

Who turns off
the lights on
Halloween?

The Lights
Witch!

Upcoming Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is **Friday, October 14, 2022**. If there any items you wish to have included in the November issue, they may be emailed to Nikki Zimmerman at nikib@hotmail.com. In November's issue you can expect to read about Sister Julie's 1st Grade Class, Ms. Boettcher's 4th Grade Class, and read about various school updates. Stay tuned!