



Elementary News

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*Merciful and loving God,
We want to be changed this Lent through
sorrow for our sins and our prayer, fasting
and almsgiving.
Help us to use this time well and come to
Easter ready to celebrate!
We ask this in Jesus' name.*

Kindergarten & Pre K Parents: Please mark your calendars!

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for our current Kindergarten students on **Monday, April 9th**. This is the day that we will be screening next year's kindergarten students at school. There is also **no school for the Pre K 4s that day unless they are registered for St. Albert Kindergarten for fall, 2018.**

Kidz Kare will not be available because grades 1-5 will still be in session that day. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Reminder: Beginning Wednesday, March 14th, we will be in school every Wednesday until 3:10 to make up hours for our snow days.

Spring Break begins after school on Friday, March 2nd and runs through Friday, March 9th. School begins again on Monday, March 12th. Kidz Kare will be available during Spring Break for registered users.

No School Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday, March 29th, 30th, and April 2nd. School resumes on Tuesday, April 3rd. Please join us for the Easter Joy Mass on Wednesday, April 4th, 9:30 HS Gym.

Mission Statement

Saint Albert Catholic Schools, in partnership with our local parishes, will inspire our students to fulfill their spiritual, academic, moral, and physical potential by following the teachings of the Catholic Church.

News from the PE World

Students from grades 2-5 just started their skating unit. They are really enjoying it! Several of them are making great progress already. They will continue skating for the next 3 weeks. The students in grades PK-1 have been working on learning how to throw Frisbees.

Counseling Corner

Second Step and other lesson topics

The topics to be covered in March are:

- Preschool: Naming feelings, managing disappointment, managing anger.
- Kindergarten: Calming down strong feelings, handling waiting, managing anger.
- First grade: Solving problems parts 1 and 2; fair ways to play.
- Second grade: Managing anxious feelings, managing anger, finishing tasks.
- Third grade: Solving problems part 2, solving classroom problems, solving peer-exclusion problems.
- Fourth grade: Solving problems part 2, making a plan, solving playground problems.
- Fifth grade: Career fair preparation, making a plan, seeking help.

The Second Step program includes a series of Home Links to help parents reinforce the skills their students are learning. Students will bring home those links throughout the year. Students in preschool through third grade are not responsible for returning completed Home Link papers to school. Fourth- and fifth-grade students may return their completed and signed Home Links for an incentive that has been discussed in class.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fall fundraiser either by selling items or by giving a donation to the school during the fundraiser. When combining both sales and donations we came close enough to our goal of \$12,000 profit that our fundraiser representative has scheduled the Sean Watson, Master Illusionist show for us. It will be held in our elementary gym on Tuesday, March 27th at 9:00.

Thank You!!!

Mrs. O'Neil would like to thank Mrs. Paulsen and Mrs. McGrath for the Valentine treats.

Thank you to Mr. Shomshor and Mrs. Winship for planning a fun Valentine's Day party for Ms. Hutcheson's class. Thank you to Yaretzy, Caroline, Jacksen, Otto, and McKenzie for the classroom donations. A special thank you to Mr. Elsea, Mrs. Wiederin, and Mrs. Diederich for the Read and Feeds this past month.

Thank you to all of the parents who helped with our Catholic Schools Week Ice Cream Social!

Mrs. Johnson would like to thank Emmett Reikofski, Harper Frahm, Claire Kohlhaas, and Norah Simms for the classroom donations.

The kindergarten teachers would like to thank all of the room parents for making the Valentine's Day parties a success!

Thank you from Ms. Ball to Mary Ann Bragg, Trish Pellett, Sarah McGrath, and Kendal Paulsen for the donations to the classroom. She'd also like to thank all of the parents who came to help with the Valentine parties, and Kendal Paulsen and Sarah McGrath for coordinating it.

Mrs. Rallis would like to thank Quinn Jones, Walter Cady, Lyla Kohlhaas, Hudson and Nolan Cook for the classroom donations. Thank you also to Mrs. Juarez and Mrs. Jones for coming to Read and Feed. A very special thank you to Michelle and Jake Cook

and Amanda Jones for their time and donation toward the Valentine party in her classroom.

Mrs. Burgan would like to thank Mrs. Smith for coming for Read and Feed. She'd also like to thank Mrs. Monahan, Ms. Olsen, Mrs. Noon, Kathi Markel, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Applegate, Mrs. Harrer and Mr. Irvin for helping with the Valentine party.

Thank you to Janet Skinner for the donation of a globe and abacus to the elementary school.

Thank you from Mrs. Avalos to Aiden Gaul and Ollie Lynch for the classroom donations.

Thank you from Mrs. Epperson to Bianca Cihacek, Brody Estell, Joslyn Boswell, and Max Johnson for the Clorox wipes.

Mrs. Stevens would like to thank Alexa Lenz, Clare Christensen, Emily Brown, and Ian Coats for the book donations. Thank you to Chris Bohnet, Jennifer Salvo, Kelly Krohn, and Erin Lenz for providing the candy and drinks for the 3rd grade Valentine parties.

Thank you from Mrs. Marshall to Monika Venteicher and Sarah Shomshor for being guest readers and bringing treats & drinks.

Ms. Baldwin would like to thank the St. Albert students and faculty for their incredible messages during National School Counseling Week.

Thank you's continued

Thank you for Sarah Shomshor for the "emergency shoveling" of the front entrance to the elementary school.

The staff would like to thank the Rosloniec and Shomshor families for the snacks they brought in during the week of conferences.

The elementary office would like to thank Mary Ann Bragg for the office & classroom supplies, and to Dale Poole for the office supplies and ice packs. Thanks also to Steven and Lynn Neff for the cards, envelopes and used ink cartridges.

Thank you to Marcia Mares for the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the chapel.

Mrs. Lynch would like to thank Lisa Rosloniec for the Clorox Wipes for the nurse's office.

Thank you to the Tallman family for the paper cutter.

Our Wish List

Ms. Hutcheson is asking for washable markers.

Ms. Ball would like hand sanitizer and Lysol spray.

Miss Assmann is looking for gallon sized Ziploc bags. She is also requesting the following books: Just a Drop of Water, The Curious Garden, Nasreen's Secret School, Henry's Freedom Box, Weslandia, Juana and Lucas, Rosie Revere, Engineer, and Iggly Peck, Architect.

Ms. Baldwin would like reward stickers and Sculpey Clay, in multiple colors.

Mrs. Farris is requesting Clorox Wipes and hand sanitizer.

Kidz Kare would like lots of markers, rubber bounce balls, and an electric pencil sharpener.

The rosary is prayed each Friday morning in the Elementary Chapel starting at 8:15 before the school mass at 8:45. We offer the rosary each Friday for the needs of the St. Albert School community. Come join us! Rosaries and prayer cards are provided. This month the following classes will be praying the rosary: March 2nd, Gr. 3 Miss Assmann; March 9th—No School, Spring Break; March 16th, Gr. 3 Mrs. Stevens; March 23rd, Grade 5 Mrs. Marshall; March 30th, No School—Good Friday.

Classroom Activities

The themes that the three year old preschoolers learned about were shadows and groundhogs, love and friendship, and dental health. They also worked on the letters Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, and Ii. The students made ice cream. Stop by to see the pictures! Many religious concepts were discussed during the month. Mrs. O'Neil assessed all of the students and report cards will go home soon. March begins the unit on Dr. Seuss! The PreK 3 year olds will party all month with activities and special cooking!

In language arts the PK 4 students worked on the letters P, Q, R, and S. They continued to work on identifying the beginning letter sound of words. The students also worked on recognizing words that rhyme. In math, the students compared objects by size and weight. They were also introduced to nonstandard measurement. In health, they completed activities to help remind them of the importance of taking care of their teeth. Brushing our teeth, eating healthy foods, and visiting the dentist were topics of discussion. In religion, the PreK 4 students participated in Ash Wednesday mass. They have been learning about the season of Lent.

In kindergarten they have been learning lots of new sight words. They have also been discovering different strategies to addition and subtraction problems. They began a unit on the human body in science. They are also learning stories from the New Testament in religion.

In math, the first grade students have been learning to identify coins, understand their value, and count small collections. They also explored 3 addend addition. Dental health and forces were the topics they investigated in science. For religion lessons, the first graders learned about Jesus as a Savior, and the importance and meaning of being a true friend. They also enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school by participating in several activities that centered around the number 100!

The second grade students have been working very hard on double and triple digit addition. They are learning about matter and its three forms—solids, liquids, and gases. In religion, they are learning that God gives everyone a conscience and the ability to make right or wrong choices.

Classroom Activities continued

In science and social studies, the third grade students have been working on projects. In science, they are researching inventors and in social studies they are showing what they have learned about the three different communities in an art project. The Rosary has been the focus in religion, and the students are praying the Rosary as a class. The students also worked hard on learning area and perimeter in math and are moving onto money.

In math, the fourth grade students have been working on division of larger numbers. In social studies, they are looking at people and the events that have made a difference in the United States. The students are starting on a persuasive piece for writing. They are working through their Family Life Series which is designed to prepare young people to live safe, healthy, moral, and loving lives.

In science, the fifth graders learned about Newton's Three Laws of Motion. In religion, the students completed saint projects and learned about Mary. In language arts, the students read Revolutionary War stories. The students studied timelines and the American Revolution in social studies.

Mrs. Farris' reading students have been focusing on reading fluency and comprehension strategies that include main idea, story elements, and author's purpose. Math students have been learning problem solving and fact fluency.

All of the art classes went on an international journey during this past month. They started with China to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Themes explored included bamboo, lanterns and dragons. Greece was the next stop. The students looked at vases, plates, architecture, and athletes. This was connected to the Olympics. They then explored Egypt, talked about pyramids, pharaohs, scarabs, paper, and self-portraits. They also discussed the significance of Egypt to our religious beliefs. The students concluded their journey in Africa. They looked at Kente clothes, masks, textiles, and animals. All of the 3rd and 4th graders participated in creating a poster for the CB Recycling Center contest. Two will be chosen to represent St. Albert.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p><i>1</i> Cozy Up with a Good Book! Wear your pajamas & bring your favorite book to read.</p>	<p><i>2</i> Rosary in Chapel @ 8:15 Mass in Elem. Gym @8:45; First Friday reception in library; Hats Off to Dr. Seuss! Wear your favorite or crazy hat—students in uniform.</p>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<p><i>5</i> NO SCHOOL- SPRING BREAK</p>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<p><i>12</i> SCHOOL RESUMES</p>	<i>13</i>	<p><i>14</i> Dismissal at 3:10</p>	<i>15</i>	<p><i>16</i> Rosary in Chapel @ 8:15 Mass in Elem. Gym @8:45</p>	<p><i>17</i> Happy St. Patrick's Day! St. Patrick Church Festival @ St. Albert Mass @ 4:00 Dinner 5-7:00</p>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<p><i>20</i> Falcon Family Connection Meeting 4:00 Elem. Library</p>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<p><i>27</i> Sean Watson, Master Illusionist Show 9:00 elem. gym</p>	<p><i>28</i> The Ned Show K-8 8:15 HS Gym</p>	<p><i>29</i> Holy Thursday No School</p>	<p><i>30</i> Good Friday No School</p>	<i>31</i>

MARCH BREAKFAST MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 French Toast Sticks Fruit Or Cereal & Toast	2 Blueberry Muffin & Yogurt Or Cereal & Toast
5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break	8 Spring Break	9 Spring Break
12 Sausage Pancake Fruit Or Cereal & Toast	13 Breakfast Burrito, Filled with eggs, sau- sage, cheese & salsa Or Cereal & Toast	14 Biscuits & Gravy Fruit Or Cereal & Toast	15 Breakfast Bagel Fruit Or Cereal & Toast	16 Oatmeal and Cinnamon Toast Fruit Or Cereal & Toast
19 Pancakes Fruit Or Cereal & Toast	20 Potato Tri-Angle Sausage, Cheese with Egg on Top Or Cereal & Toast	21 English Muffin with Egg, Bacon & Cheese Or Cereal & Toast	22 Cream of Wheat w/ Blueberry Bagel Fruit Or Cereal & Toast	23 Apple Strudel Or Cereal & Toast
26 Oatmeal and Cinnamon Toast Fruit Or Cereal & Toast	27 Breakfast Bagel Fruit Or Cereal & Toast	28 Cereal & Toast Fruit	29 No school	30 No school

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MARCH ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Menu Subject to Change without notice	Extra Milk \$.50		1. Chicken Nuggets Tatar Tots Corn on the Cob Pineapple	2. Garlic Cheese Bread Marinara Sauce Green Beans Salad Fruit
5	6	7	8	9
SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
13 Goulash Lettuce Salad with Cucumbers & Cherry Tomatoes Bread Sticks Pears	14 Chicken Strips Cheesy Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Rolls Strawberries	15 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger French Fries Steamed Carrots Grapes or Apple Crisp	16 Pulled Pork Sandwich Cole Slaw Pickle Spears Sun Chips Bake Beans Diced Peaches	17 Fish Tacos Potato Olay Black Beans & Corn Applesauce
19 Meatball Sub w/ Marinara Sauce Potato Chips California Blend Vegetables Oranges	20 Corn Dogs or Burritos Potato Wedges Corn on th Cob Fresh Apples or Pears	21 Breaded Chicken Sandwich w/ lettuce & Tomato Doritos Green Beans Pineapple Upside Down Cake	22 Walking Taco Refried Beans Fried Rice Fruit Cocktail	23 Baked Potato w/ choice of toppings: Cheese, sour cream, green onions, diced tomatoes Roasted broccoli Dinner Roll Apple Pears
26 Hot Dogs w/ Chili, Cheese, & Onion' Pickle Spears French Fries Corn Fresh Fruit	27 Pork Tenderloin w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy Peas Mandarin Oranges	28 Breakfast at Noon Omelets w/ cheese Hash Browns Sausage Patties French Toast Sticks Apple Sauce	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL

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