

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SYSTEM
ST. JUDE ST. LUDMILA LASALLE

SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

January 20, 2012

Holy Family Important Dates

- 1/20—HF Newsletter posted on website
- 1/21—Marion Honor Band
- 1/23—Celebrate LaSalle Night/PA Spaghetti Dinner @ LSMS
- 1/23—CR Recreation Basketball Skills Contest for 4th grade
- 1/24—SL PS 3 Lion's Club Vision Screening
- 1/25—Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm/Teacher Inservice
- 1/25—SL PS 4 Lion's Club Vision Screening
- 1/25—3rd and 4th grades to St. Jude for 10:00 am Liturgy with Fr. Ron Hoyer
- 1/26—Second graders to visit St. Ludmila for a school tour @ 9:45 am
- 1/27—Holy Family Spirit Day
- 1/29—Catholic Schools Week begins/Faith.Academics. Service.
- 1/30—Enrollment for current HF families begins
- 1/31—St. Jude Chili Supper from 5-7 pm
- 2/1—Hearing Screening at St. Ludmila Center
- 2/2—SL Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup/ Kolach Supper & Classroom Visitation from 5-7 pm
- 2/6—Online P-S-T Conference Sign-Up to begin for SL & SJ at 7:00 am
- 2/7—Parent Association mtg @ 7:00 pm @ LSMS
- 2/7—3rd Grade to Silver Pines & Evergreen Estates II Care Centers from 12:45 pm-2:00 pm
- 2/8—Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm/Staff Inservice
- 2/9—Metro Catholic Speech Festival @ XHS from 8:00 am until noon
- 2/10—Dress Reward Day @ LSMS
- 2/10—SJ/SL \$1.00 Casual Dress Day
- 2/10—HF Candy Sale Kick Off Assemblies: SJ @ 9:00 am; LaSalle @ 9:30 am and SL @ 10:15 am
- 2/13—New Family Enrollment begins today
- 2/14—Valentine Day celebrations
- 2/15—SL Climate Committee mtg @ 8:00 am
- 2/16—HF Catholic School Board mtg @ 5:30 pm @ LSMS
- 2/17—Newsletter posted on website
- 2/17—SJ/SL Second Trimester Progress Reports home
- 2/17—Online P-S-T Conference Sign-Up ends @ 4:00 pm for SL & SJ
- 2/20—No School/Staff Inservice/Potential snow make up day
- 2/22—Ash Wednesday
- 2/23—GWAEA Hearing Screening @ SJ

Liturgy & Prayer Services Dates can be found on pages 6 & 7 along with Campus Ministry News

January 20, 2012

Holy Family System Parents/Guardians:

The Holy Family Board of Education with much input from the finance committee is working on the budget and will be setting tuition for next year. The goal is to keep tuition increase to a minimum.

The State of Iowa provides tax credits to parents who send their children to private school. It is 25% for each student of the first \$1,000 or a tax credit of \$250.00. This does include expenses for extra curricular activities, speech, music, drama and so on.

Catholic Schools Week is January 30 to February 3rd. The theme for this year is: "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service". This is time set aside to celebrate the unique and wonderful educational offerings of Holy Family. We encourage you to enjoy the special evening events at St. Jude and St. Ludmila. St. Jude has open classrooms and a Chili Supper on January 31st and St. Ludmila has open classrooms with Chicken Noodle and Kolach Supper on February 2nd. We encourage prospective elementary students and parents to take advantage of these evenings to tour the schools and meet the staff. LaSalle precedes Catholic Schools Week with "Celebrate LaSalle Night" on January 23. We hope anyone interested in the LaSalle Center will attend. 4th grade students are especially encouraged to attend. Activities on January 23 include a spaghetti dinner, each LaSalle student will have a Lancer mascot poster decorated to symbolize LaSalle in their life, a special photography display from the Robert Campagna Photography workshop, and student entertainment. We are anxious to show case the entire LaSalle program. It is a great chance to meet teachers and staff; tour the building while learning about our 5th through 8th grade programs, and check out the many talents of our student body.

Finally, the STO had a goal of \$3.67 million dollars to aid with tuition in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Thank you to all who helped with this by making a donation. We made our goal and over \$300,000 had to be returned. STO will help to keep parish subsidy and tuition in line, particularly as the state allows us to raise more and more money for this cause. We want to make sure a Catholic School education is available to all.

May God Bless You.

Rick Louk
Principal, Holy Family



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School Hours: 8:45 am-3:30 pm

LaSalle Middle School
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School Hours: 8:35 am-3:25 pm

Holy Family Website: www.cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us

Holy Family System News

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Included with this newsletter is the fourth of a five part series of parent information publications from the Office for the Protection of Children from the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The purpose of these publications 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 environment for all our young people to grow into healthy, Christ-filled adults. Please keep this fourth brochure in a handy place for your future reference. The last newsletter item will be distributed next month. Additional resources can be found at the Virtus website at www.virtus.org. From The Office for the Protection of Children.

HF Directory changes...

Dawn Martin (Colby) new email address is: dawn.martin@midwestglazing.com

Thomas Guckenberger (Cade & Jake) new email address is: tjcgucken@mediacombb.net

Margo Luchtenburg (Ellie & Gracie) new address is: 1641 Pinehurst Drive, NE, Apt. 11A, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Tuition Assistance Notice

The 2012-2013 PSAS Tuition Assistance Applications will be available online beginning January 30th. Families who applied for Tuition Assistance in 2011-2012 will automatically receive a 2012-2013 application in the mail. If you are a new applicant, you should call the Holy Family School Business Office at 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 (after January 30th) and click on the Tuition Assistance icon to obtain further information about qualifying, necessary paper work and due dates. It is mandatory that all Free/Reduced Lunch participants complete a Tuition Assistance Application.

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN IN ENROLLMENT FORMS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Your 2012-2013 enrollment forms will be coming home with your children on **Friday, January 27th**. ***Please do not turn in your form until January 30th.*** That is the day we begin accepting current Holy Family enrollment forms. Please turn them in as soon as possible on January 30th or right after that date. If you have any questions concerning the St. Jude Preschool program or Kindergarten, please contact the St. Jude office at 396-7818. If you have any questions concerning the St. Ludmila Preschool program, please contact their office at 362-1943.

Show Your Pride in Catholic Education!

Catholic Schools Week is January 29-February 5. As a symbol of your support of Catholic education, we ask all students and parents who are not participating in the liturgies at your parishes to wear Holy Family or Xavier spirit wear when you attend mass the weekend of January 28-29. All students and parents who are speaking or serving as liturgical ministers that weekend are asked to wear school dress code or better. Show your school spirit and support of Catholic education!

Asbestos Notification

Asbestos is an issue we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986, AHERA, was enacted by Congress to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos. Holy Family has their buildings inspected on a regular basis by a certified asbestos inspector, as required by AHERA. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available at each school center. We continue to implement our asbestos management plans. It is our intent to comply with Federal, state and local regulations in this area. We plan to take all necessary steps to insure that your child(ren) and our employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

Parents: FYI!

As you know, fundraisers are a regular part of school life. Holy Family fundraisers include the magazine sale and World's Finest Chocolate sale. This year, however, we are trying something new. **The First Annual Holy Family Adult Bean Bag Tournament** will be held on Saturday, March 24 at LaSalle Middle School. This fun event is an adult-only tournament consisting of teams of two playing three games in a round robin match. Teams will then be placed in tournament brackets according to their scores. Play will continue until winners of each bracket are determined and crowned. You must be 21 and over to enter the tournament. If the bean bag tournament isn't your thing, come for the live and silent auction, food, raffle prizes and fellowship with other Holy Family parents. Among the auction items will be eight hand-crafted tables decorated by Holy Family students. A meal will be served, and you are welcome to bring in your own canned, adult beverages. Ice chests will be available for your beverages. Specific entry fees and prize details are still being worked out, but it promises to be a fun, relaxed event. Proceeds from the tournament and auction will go toward Holy Family School's technology needs. We need your help to make our first Bean Bag Tournament a success. Tasks that need to be done in advance are obtaining live and silent auction items and selling raffle tickets. Or help that day with registration, tournament score keeping and food service. **Please consider how you can help!** Contact Caleb Howard, St. Ludmila parent association representative, at caleb.howard79@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer. Thanks for your support of Holy Family School! Contact Dianne Clarke, Holy Family public relations, at 396-7792 to share your ideas with other parents in Parents: FYI!

St. Jude Center News

On behalf of all the teachers and staff at St. Jude Center, we would like to thank all the students, parents, and the Holy Family Parent Association for all the very thoughtful gifts we received during the Christmas season. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

St. Jude will be holding our Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences on Thurs., Feb. 23rd, Mon., Feb. 27th, and Tues., Feb. 28th. We will again be using the online sign-up procedure as we did last year. A letter containing dates to register and your child's access code will be coming home soon.

Second Grade Visit to St. Ludmila Center

Our second graders will be going to tour the St. Ludmila Center on Thursday, January 26th from 9:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. They are very excited! Thank you Mrs. Whitney for inviting us to visit!

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) "Faith. Academics. Service."

Catholic Schools Week is January 29th through February 4th. Once again, we will have different themes for the week. Monday, the theme is "Pajama Day". Tuesday, the theme is "HF Spirit Day", Wednesday, Favorite Sport/Team Day", wear your favorite sport/team, Thursday is "Wacky/Mismatch Day", and Friday is "HF School Dress Attire Day". HF Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Church.

St. Jude Physical Education Department News

Currently, students are learning about basketball. So far, students have learned to dribble and pass a basketball. In the coming weeks students will learn the skills necessary to shoot a ball and play defense. In the month of February, students will participate in a hodge-podge of activities: Scooter Boards, Parachute Games, Jumping activities and Hula-Hoops. From Mr. Betsworth.

St. Jude Art News

We have been talking about St. Valentine's Day in art as well as the man behind the day, St. Valentine himself. Second graders are getting ideas from Gustav Klimt. First graders are giving you their hearts, and Kindergartners are talking about how we show love to one another. We should have some great art for display and for kids to take home. Coming up, we will also be talking about Mardi Gras and Easter! From Miss Ross.

From the Media Center ~ Mrs. Gibbs

Happy 2012 from the Media Center! Excitement for Catholic Schools Week is starting to build here in the Media Center, the students have created their own book cover they want to share with you. The book cover ideas come from reading the book, "If you give a Dog a Donut" by Laura Numeroff. Please come and see your child's cover during the Chili Supper & Open Classrooms Night on Tuesday, January 31st from 5-7 p.m. The second graders have also decorated the ceiling with snowflakes and will be exposed to using an Index in a book. Kindergarten and first grade will work with rhyming words and listening to stories by Jan Brett and the ever so funny, Amelia Bedelia. Stay warm with a good book!!

St. Jude Chili Supper!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the SJ Chili Supper and Open Classrooms night! It's Tuesday, January 31st from 5-7 p.m. Teachers will be available to visit with you. Fliers were sent home a couple of weeks ago looking for volunteer help. If you are able to help out, please return your form to the school office.



HEARING SCREENING

Grant Wood AEA will be conducting hearing evaluations on **Thursday, February 23rd** for K-2 students. If you do not wish to have your child tested, please send a note to the school office stating so. Thank you!

St. Ludmila Center News

ST. LUDMILA ANNUAL SOUP/KOLACH SUPPER

St. Ludmila Center will host our annual Catholic Schools Week Chicken Noodle Soup and Kolach Supper on Thursday, February 2, from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. You are cordially invited and encouraged to attend. Our menu will be: Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers, Maidrite, Kolach and Drink. Prices for our supper will be: Adults - \$5.00, Children - \$3.00. Extra kolaches may be purchased if ordered in advance. The price this year will be \$9.00 per dozen. Flavors will include: apricot, cherry, prune, strawberry, apple and poppy seed. Orders may be placed by calling the office at 362-1943 or by e-mailing lpeterson@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us by the end of the day on Tuesday, January 31st. There will also be a classroom visitation time from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. for families and interested people to view the students' work and their classrooms. Please consider joining us for this delicious meal with melt-in-your mouth kolaches!

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

The third graders are very excited to start Junior Achievement in Social Studies. It is a five-week program, which began in mid-January, where students will be learning more about the city of Cedar Rapids. The following volunteers will be teaching our JA classes this year: Shelley Sweet, Tami Lux, Jennifer Colby and Triska Feltes.

PIZZ-A-THON

Ms. Hughes will again be conducting the cross-curriculum unit called "Journey to Pizza" with our fourth grade students. This unit was started at Iowa State University and was written by Eldon Weber. Local sponsor, Farm Bureau, provides grant money to purchase materials to be used during this unit, and Happy Joe's Pizza provides dough, does the judging, and hosts the celebration at the end of the unit. Some of the topics that the students will be learning about include: Iowa agriculture, soil, plants, seeds, nutrition, conservation, careers in agriculture, marketing, design, our body's digestive system, doing a research paper, and using the computer to gather information.

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

We thank Mr. Jason Humble for his special Christmas treat to the St. Ludmila Center. On December 22, Mr. Humble visited both the 3rd and 4th grade classes sharing his Hispanic influenced Christmas traditions. He brought pastries and everyone sang Feliz Navidad.

We thank the Silver Pines Care Facility for donating many items for our Mitten Tree in December. They also donated items to be used for prizes during the school year.

We sincerely thank all the Holy Family students and parents/guardians for remembering us during the Christmas season with good wishes, gifts, and delicious treats. Those bringing treats were the Nolte family, Krystofiak family, the Mahurin family, the Leskovec family, the Charipar family, the Arens family, and the St. Ludmila Religious Education staff. We, the faculty and staff, appreciate so much these delicious and generous gifts. God's blessings to you all in this New Year!

We again thank our own personal shopping angel, Marlene Steichen, for all her wonderful donations. She constantly has St. Ludmila Center on her brain, so when she sees a bargain, we are the grateful recipients!!

SECOND TRIMESTER PROGRESS REPORTING/CONFERENCES

Progress Reports for the 2nd Trimester will be sent home Friday, February 17. Our Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 23, from 4:00 - 7:30 pm; Monday, February 27, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm; and Tuesday, February 28, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Conference sign-up will be held February 6 - 17. Information will be sent home with procedures for our online conference sign-up on Friday, January 27.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE

The local Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee will be held Sunday, February 5, at LaSalle Middle School. All students in grades 4-7 are invited to participate. The contest begins at 1:00 p.m. Word lists and rules are available at <http://kofc5544.org/activities.htm> The winners at the local contest will advance to the regional level to be held on Sunday, February 19, at 1:00 p.m. at LaSalle. For more information call Glen or Mary Purdy at 396-2604 or 721-8487 or email glen.purdy@windstream.com.

HEARING SCREENING

Grant Wood AEA will be conducting hearing evaluations on **Wednesday, February 1**, for students new to Holy Family in grades 3 and 4 and to some other students with known hearing losses.

St. Ludmila Center News cont.

FIRST IN MATH TOP RANKINGS

What's the best computer game around? Not those wii and DS things—it's FIRST IN MATH! The students at St. Ludmila seem to know this, because they are showing off their skills by getting top honors for our school! Notice that we have students and classes ranking not only in the top 100 in the state of Iowa, but in the NATION! Here are some of our great rankings as of January 12:

Top 3rd grade in the NATION

Mrs. Farrington's class ranks #80

Top 4th grade student in the NATION

Morgan Norem is ranked #45

Top Schools in Iowa for 4th grade

We ranked #5!

Top Schools in Iowa for 3rd grade

We ranked #2!

Top 4th grade classes in Iowa

All three made the top 30!! Mrs. Rannal's #7, Mrs. Drahn's #24, and Ms. Mooney's #28

Top 3rd grade classes in Iowa

Both classes made the top 10!! Mrs. Farrington's #5 and Mrs. Beierschmitt's #9

Top 4th grade students in Iowa

We had 5 students in the top 100 including: #1 Morgan Norem

Top 3rd grade students in Iowa

We had 7 students in the top 100 including: #2 Blake Kellison

We are so proud of the work every St. Ludmila student is doing by earning points for themselves, their classroom team, and the entire school. If over the holidays your child has gotten out of the homework routine of working on FIRST IN MATH each night, try to get them going again. Their sign-in card should still be stapled inside their assignment notebook. It will be great fun to see more and more names appear on the "Top 100" list. Congratulations to every student who has gone on-line even once to help us out—keep building up those points!

Smart Board Winner

St. Ludmila Center was notified on Monday, January 9, that we are one of the winners of a Smart Board donated by Hy-Vee. The paper work is being processed and soon the Smart Board will be arriving. We thank the many, many people, including families, friends and relatives of the Holy Family School System, that participated in the Smart Points contest through the Hy-Vee stores. We especially thank the Ken & Donna Charipar family for their extra efforts to ensure that the St. Ludmila Center received enough points in order to win. Briona Charipar, a third grade student in Mrs. Farrington's classroom, will win the iPad also donated by Hy-Vee. We are very excited and looking forward to this interactive learning in our building.

Welcome

We send big welcome wishes to our new third grade student, Luke Huiskamp. Luke joined the St. Ludmila Center on January 3, as we began classes following the Christmas break. We sincerely hope that Luke and his family will feel very comfortable and at home here at Holy Family, St. Ludmila Center.

Climate Committee

Our Mitten Tree was a huge success again this year due to the generosity of our students and families. We had 147 items, including hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves, decorate the Christmas tree. These were delivered to the Neighborhood Resource Center.

The Birthday Bag project was also a success with 20 Birthday Bags being taken to the Neighborhood Resource Center also.

LaSalle Middle School News

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

On behalf of all staff members at LaSalle Middle School, we would like to thank all students, parents, and the Parent Association for all the thoughtful gifts we received during the Christmas season. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please advise the school office of any changes in your address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Many of you have given us work e-mail addresses. If you no longer wish to receive school information via your work e-mail please let the school office know. We need to keep our contact information up-to-date. Updated information can be e-mailed to the LaSalle office: nfraney@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Broadway in Des Moines

LaSalle Middle School is offering a very special opportunity...an afternoon/evening bus trip to Des Moines on Friday, February 10, 2012 to see the incredible musical classic, "West Side Story" at 7:30 p.m. This bus trip is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and staff. The bus will leave the LaSalle parking lot at 3:30 p.m. and return approximately 12:15 a.m. Transportation will be via a Windstar Lines chartered bus. The cost of this event is \$76.00, which includes the chartered bus transportation, a pizza supper and a ticket to see the show. Forms were distributed to all 6-8 grade students on Tuesday, January 17th. There are a limited number of seats on the bus, so this is on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for students to turn in the permission form and payment is Tuesday, January 24. If there are still any available seats on the bus after January 24th, we will open the trip up to parents and LaSalle alumni, also on a first come, first served basis. The final turn in deadline will be Friday, January 27th.

LaSalle Art News

We've been working hard during art class! Fifth graders are being inspired by the story of St. Valentine to make some bright AND dark valentine art. Sixth graders are finishing up their animal paintings, demonstrating understanding of different art styles. Seventh graders have been experimenting with drywall, creating Egyptian wall carvings. Eighth graders are finishing their mosaics made from used CD's that were donated to the art program. From Miss Ross.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Lunch

Congratulations to Adriana Baca! Adriana was selected by the LaSalle staff to participate in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Lunch sponsored by the United Way of East Central Iowa on January 16, 2012. Adriana was honored at the luncheon with the other area students who were selected for the award by their schools. Adriana is in 8th grade. Adriana was nominated because of her willingness to include all students in her circle of who is important and her commitment to providing for the disadvantaged in our community as well as in Mexico. Her leadership is evident to our staff and student body as she lives the life of service to others. She exemplifies what it means to be a LaSalle student with her faith, integrity, and total respect for everyone. Adriana is an asset to the LaSalle student body. We wish Adriana the best of luck in all of her future endeavors!!!

Celebrate LaSalle!

We have lots to celebrate at LaSalle!!! Monday, January 23, 2012 is Celebrate LaSalle Night from 5:30-8:00 p.m. A special invitation is extended to any student interested in learning more about our LaSalle community, especially those students in 4th grade. A Spaghetti Dinner will be served from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the LaSalle commons. Current LaSalle students will be offering tours of our classrooms. In the Holy Family Room we will have our "Photo Exploration of Regional Small Businesses" featuring photos by LaSalle students. There will be Lancer Mascot posters, personalized by our students, displayed in the gymnasium and lower hallway. In the gymnasium, there will be band performances beginning at 6:30 p.m. and a LaSalle Center Stage show choir presentation at 7:15 p.m. Please plan on joining us for a fun evening to "Celebrate LaSalle"! Please see the attached flyer for more information on the Spaghetti Dinner.

LaSalle Athletic Department News

Currently the girls basketball season is in full swing. If you would like to attend one of the girls' games, please check the sports schedule on LaSalle's website. Games have a 3:45 p.m. start time. Boys wrestling practice starts Tuesday, January 17th at 3:30 p.m. If your son is interested in joining the wrestling team, please have him stop by the office and sign up! We are in need of two individuals to help coach girls tennis. Practices start Monday, March 19th and the first game is on Tuesday, April 17th. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Mr. Betsworth by email at ebetsworth@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us He will fill you in on all of the details. Finally, Mr. Betsworth will be selling Holy Family/Falcon sportswear. Old basketball, soccer, volleyball and baseball shirts and shorts will be for sale. \$1.00 is all it will cost to buy one of these items. Every Tuesday, starting January 31st, Mr. Betsworth will be selling these items from the student store. You can stop by the store right after school to purchase one of these items.



Campus Ministry News



National Vocation Awareness Week

The Catholic Church in the United States celebrated National Vocation Awareness Week January 8-14. This week reminds us that it is our responsibility to pray for vocations and to invite young people to consider a call to ordained ministry and religious life.

Advent Prayer Service

On Wednesday, December 21, a special Advent Prayer Service was held for all LaSalle and St. Jude students and staff at 9:00 am in St. Jude Church. This prayer experience was a marvelous opportunity to celebrate the peace and beauty of this special season while keeping our focus on the real meaning of Advent and Christmas.

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Advent Adopt - a- Family Project

A heartfelt thank you to all the LaSalle students, parents, and staff who contributed so generously to our special Advent Adopt-a-Family Project. As a result of all the donations of food and money collected we were able to provide a variety of much-needed gifts as well as great quantities of food for holiday meals to help 4 local families enjoy a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Know that your generosity, kindness, and support are truly appreciated!

Special Thanks

A big thank you to 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Debby Miller for all her time and effort in decorating our LaSalle commons for the Advent season. The space was beautiful, and all the decorations helped to create a very inviting and prayerful environment for our celebrations and activities.

Middle School Ski Trip

On Saturday, February 11, St. Ludmila and St. Jude Youth Ministries (in cooperation with St. Pius X and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes) will sponsor a ski trip to Sundown Mountain in Dubuque for 6th–12th graders. Our LaSalle students from the sponsoring parishes received registration forms last week, but extra forms are available from the youth ministry board in the Commons or in the main office (note: students from other parishes are also welcome to sign up). Registration is on a first come, first served basis...the deadline to register is Thursday, January 27.

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 29 to May 1 are reminded that your student's community service requirement must be fulfilled by February 28. Please submit a note to Mr. G. verifying the date and nature of the service by the deadline.

Holy Family Liturgy & Prayer Services Dates

1/25—SJ/LS Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SJ Church/6th grade/Camp prepares
 1/25—SL Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SL Church/Grade 4/Drahn prepares
 1/31—Metro Liturgy for grades 6-12 @ 10:00 am @ XHS gym/Gardner & Metro reps prepare
 2/3—HF System CSW Liturgy @ 10:00 am @ SJ Church/LaSalle staff prepares
 2/8—SJ/LS Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SJ Church/8th grade Gardner prepares
 2/8—SL Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SL Church/Grade 4/Rannals prepares
 2/15—Grades K-2 Prayer Service @ 9:00 am @ SJ Church/2nd grade/McGarvey prepares
 2/15—Grades 5-8 Prayer Service @ 9:00 am @ SJ Church/5th grade/Miller prepares
 2/15—Grades 3/4 Reconciliation @ 9:00 am @ SL Church/SL staff prepares
 2/22—SJ/LS Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SJ Church/7th grade/Gardner prepares
 2/22—SL Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SL Church/Grade 4/Mooney prepares
 2/29—SJ/LS Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SJ Church/1st grade/Ball prepares
 2/29—SL Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SL Church/Grade 4/Drahn prepares
 3/7—SJ/LS Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SJ Church/7th grade/Gardner prepares
 3/7—SL Liturgy @ 9:00 am @ SL Church/Grade 3/Farrington prepares

Respect for Life/Justice and Peace

The anniversaries of two significant dates in our American history are recognized this month. The birthday of the great civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15 (celebrated on January 16) and the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our country on January 22. As Christians we are challenged by the Gospels to respect life in all forms and to work to protect the rights and freedoms of all people. Here at LaSalle these important issues will be a special focus for prayer and discussion by our students and staff this month. Families are encouraged to continue these discussions at home and to make prayer for peace, justice, and the sanctity of life a priority.

Catholic Schools Week Liturgies

Plans are now underway for our LaSalle students and staff to celebrate Catholic Schools Week with two special liturgies during the week of January 29 – February 4. On Tuesday, January 31, the 6th - 8th grades will travel to Xavier High School for a Metro Catholic Schools' celebration with the St. Joseph, Regis, and Xavier communities at 10:00 am. Then on Friday, February 3, our 5th - 8th grades will gather with all the Holy Family System for Mass at St. Jude Church at 10:00 am. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for one or both of these big liturgies in honor of the gift of our Catholic schools.



Kids Against Hunger Project

LaSalle students and staff will continue an important Catholic Schools Week tradition as they will participate in a fundraiser to support Kids Against Hunger on January 30-February 3. A penny challenge will be waged among all four grades, with the proceeds being used to purchase food and supplies to assist us in preparing and packaging food for Haiti during Lent. The fundraiser is also a great community builder for our LaSalle community. Be assured that we are grateful for your support of this very worthy cause.



Holy Family Parent Association News 2011-2012

Parent Association News: January 2012

Looking Back: We hope everyone was able to enjoy the Holidays with lots of quality family and friends time, while celebrating the birth of our Savior.

The Parent Association was able to present Target gift cards to all Holy Family teachers and support staff for Christmas. This gift was made possible by all the families who contributed to this special fund. We have heard much gratitude from many of the teachers/staff members.

Happy New Year!

Moving Forward: Catholic School Week January 29th—February 4th...
Celebrate LaSalle Night (Spaghetti Dinner): January 23rd
St. Jude Chili Supper: January 31st
St. Ludmila Chicken Soup/Kolach Supper: February 2nd

We invite you to participate in these events!

Mark your calendars to attend our 2nd General PA Meeting on February 7th at LaSalle.

Check out the details of our 1st annual Bean Bag Tournament on page 2!

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