

LA SALLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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Pastorate Mass Schedule

Holy Cross 4:00 Saturday
Sherrill 6:00 Saturday
Balltown 8:00 Sunday
Rickardsville 10:00 Sunday

Readings for this weekend:

Genesis 12:1-4a

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Early Literacy Carnival: Our annual early literacy carnival is on Saturday, March 14 from 9:00-11:00. All families are welcome! There will be a bounce house, stories, and activities. The event is geared towards children seven and younger. Our theme this year is St. Patrick’s Day. There is no cost to attend. Preschool enrollment packets will be available at the event.

Spring Social: Thank you to all who participated from planning, setting up, donating items, coming for the dinner, bidding, playing heads and tails, to clean up and wrap up! It was a terrific event! The final numbers are still being tallied but it looks like the event raised about \$30,000. Our budget goal was \$25,000. Funds above the budget goal will be used for local tuition assistance.

Holy Cross Court 881 of the Foresters are going to have a matching fund raffle for two new stoves in the La Salle Holy Cross center. We are having problems with these stoves and can no longer get parts for them anymore. Anyone interested in donating towards this project or raffle call Jerry Errthum at 563-590-6931 or the La Salle School at 870-2405. Thanks.

Stations of the Cross: As in past years, each class will take a turn at leading or presenting the Stations of the Cross before a weekend Mass. Kindergarten through second grade will act out the Stations of the Cross before the 4:00 Mass in Holy Cross on Saturday, March 21. Third and fourth grade will lead the Stations of the Cross before the 4:00 Mass in Holy Cross on Saturday, March 28. We are hoping the weather will cooperate this year for a field trip to St. Donatus to walk their outdoor Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 3.

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Strategic Planning: La Salle School parents recently completed a family survey to provide feedback as part of the strategic planning process. It is important for us to learn from our families what strengths, challenges, and opportunities for growth we have as a school, so that we can continue to develop programs, activities, and curriculum. to meet your student’s needs. Through this survey we were able to identify some key opportunities to help La Salle grow as a school. Some of these areas include offering extracurricular activities, service-learning opportunities, wrap-around care, and making changes to multi-aged learning. We are in the process of developing an action plan for all of these areas and are pleased to announce that one immediate area of change is the multi-age class for 1st and 2nd grade. The board has recently approved the splitting of 1st and 2nd grade for the 2020-21 school year. There will be a parent meeting at 7:15 p.m. on March 19 in the school cafeteria with more information about the survey and the plans for next year.

2020-21 Calendar: Western Dubuque has posted two calendars for next school year and invite feedback, <http://www.w-dubuque.k12.ia.us/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GY30B&dasi=4G20B>. Both calendars have K-6 students start on Monday, August 24 and end on either May 27 or 28. The difference between the two calendars is in when spring break is scheduled—around Easter (April 4) or earlier (Feb 25-Mar 3). Both calendars have teacher professional development days spread throughout the year.

STO Applications: The application process is open for the 2020-21 school year. An outside company manages the process; school employees don’t have access to applicants’ tax information. The company, FACTS, handles applications on-line. The link to the application is found on the school website, go to the tab for admissions and then tuition assistance. The application fee is \$31 per family (not per student). Families who apply for STO will receive a \$25 gift of scrip from the school to help offset the application fee. If you would like help accessing the application or need a computer/internet connection or have questions, please call Barb or Susan at school, 870-2405. The application deadline is April 15, 2020.

This Month in Art

Kindergarten - Kindergarten students have been working on a project inspired by artist Andy Warhol. In this project, they practice tracing, cutting, and gluing skills, as well as a small intro to printmaking with their hands! They also learned about "action painting" like artist Jackson pollock by splatter painting over textured backgrounds. Later this month, they will decorate and paint their pinch pots and work on some springtime patterned snails!

First and second grade also learned about action painting recently! We also learned about how to draw some very sweet penguins who are just trying to stay warm at the end of winter. Later this month, we'll be learning about symmetry and practicing with warm and cool colors and possibly starting a clay project!

Third and fourth grade has been finishing up their weaving unit and moving into learning about Japanese notan cutouts! In this project, they learn about symmetry as well as organic vs. geometric shapes with a small review in textures.

Fifth and sixth grade has also been finishing up their weaving unit and will soon move on to two-point perspective! After, they'll be sticking to mostly three-dimensional projects for the rest of the year, such as clay and other types of sculptures. More details on these to come!

Field Trips: March 10 Grades 5 and 6 are going to visit Divine Word Seminary in Epworth to learn about vocations.

March 18 Grades 5 and 6 are going to see the play, “Beauty and the Beast,” at Beckman Catholic H.S. and then participating in a retreat.

April 3 Grades K through 6 are going to St. Donatus.

April 29 Grades PreK through 2 going to Prairie Farms, AY McDonald Park, and Mines of Spain.

May 13 Grades PreK through 2 are going to the Dubuque Arboretum and Swiss Valley Nature Center.