



St. Boniface School Parent Newsletter

October 2016

Lafayette Catholic Schools Mission Statement

Lafayette Catholic Schools, centered in Jesus Christ, educates the whole person in a culture that is:

- Sustained by Gospel witness and service,
- Imbued with a Catholic worldview,
- Supported by a community of faith,
- Distinguished by academic excellence,
- Committed to student success.

St Boniface School

Educates students to be good citizens of this world and fulfill their destiny to become saints in the world to come.



Catholic Values & Virtues

October 3 to October 14

HUMILITY is the virtue that enables us to acknowledge that God is the source of all good.

Pope St. John XXIII described himself as someone with humble beginnings. He grew up in a small village in Italy where his parents were tenant farmers. Their family life was happy and revolved largely around their Catholic faith. "Humble beginnings" don't necessarily mean poverty, but do involve simplicity. Talk together about ways which your family might create a humble home. It begins with acknowledging God's goodness and giving thanks each day. See how you might eliminate things that add stress and complication to your lives.

October 17 to Oct. 28

UNDERSTANDING is a gift of the Holy Spirit that opens our hearts so we can be more compassionate and loving toward others.

One of the most common causes of misunderstanding is poor communication. When we fail to listen to one another or use words in a careless or hurtful manner, it generates confusion and conflict.

- Listen carefully to what another person is saying.
- Avoid interrupting or allowing phones, computers or television to distract you.
- Measure what you will say by asking yourself these questions before you respond.
 1. Is it true?
 2. Is it necessary?
 3. Is it kind?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart through understanding.



When the Saints Go Marching In - Oh, How I want to be in that Number - When the Saints Go Marching In!

Saints Project

During the month of October, all the students will work on their saint project. Each student is responsible for a poster, a written report, an oral presentation and dressing up as a saint. The students research their saint by using books, information cards, and the internet. A suggested saint website is:

www.catholic.org/saints

The written report is done in school with the aide of the religion teacher, English teacher, and computer teacher.

The poster requires the help of the parents. We recommend you purchase the small tri-fold poster boards from school. The cost is \$4.00. The parents must also help with the costume.

It is a wonderful opportunity for all to grow in their knowledge of true models of our Catholic faith. Your child does need your help!

All Saints Day Celebrated

Tuesday, November 1 at 8:15 Mass

On the Feast of All Saints, at the 8:15 Mass, the children process into church dressed in their saint costume. After Mass, around 9:30, they march to the gym, stand by their poster, and present their saint project to parents, friends, and family members.

All Saints Book

Volunteers are needed to type or reformat a class of 20 saint reports for the All Saints Book published yearly. Please contact Sr. Lenore if you can help.

Thank You!

LCSS LUNCHES

Enclosed is the lunch menu for the month of November. You keep the colored copy for your records. Send the white copy back to school with a check or cash.

Remember: you order either white or chocolate milk for the whole month. If there is no milk checked, then your child will get white milk.

The November lunch/milk menu is due Wednesday, October 12, 2016.



Magazine Sale Success

We appreciate the time and effort you put forth in promoting our annual Magazine Sale. All three elementary schools made their goal. Here are the results of the St. Boniface Sales:

Total Sales	\$16,894.75
Sales goal met:	113%
Top Sellers: David Burhmester	
Ella Joyce	
Trevor Powers	
Ashleigh Risch	

Continue to Order Magazines

Orders placed on-line until the end of June, 2017, may still be applied to the Lafayette Catholic School System. So keep those magazine renewals for the Catholic Schools. Thank you!

We are grateful for all who contributed to this magazine/cookie dough sale. These funds go toward the basic operating expenses of each of our three elementary Catholic Schools and the purchase of new adoption textbooks for science for next school year.

Feast of St. Francis Blessing of Pets

One of our favorite feast days is celebrating St. Francis of Assisi with the blessing of pets. This will occur on Tuesday, October 4 at 8:00 a.m. in the gym. Parents may bring their child's pet and gather in the gym before 8:00. Students who do not have pets will watch from the bleachers. If the pet cannot be transported, the child may bring a picture of their pet and show it to Fr. Tim or Fr. Gustavo for a blessing.

Please take the pet home after the blessing. No child will be allowed to keep the pet in school during the day!

PTO will bring cupcakes after the Pet Blessing to distribute to the students during mid morning snack time.

N.U.T. DAY

On Friday, October 21, the students are allowed to wear casual clothes. The top must have set-in-sleeves, a decent neckline and cover the midriff. No vulgar graphics may be displayed. Shorts are allowed if long enough and the weather is warm. The child's fingertips should at least touch the hemline of the shorts. If Sr. Lenore thinks the clothes are not modest or not appropriate, the child will phone home for a change of clothes.

SPIRIT AWARD DAY

is Wednesday, October 26. Every month, students are eligible to receive the "Spirit Award" from their teacher. A student must have all their homework turned in on time and follow the discipline policies. The students will be rewarded either a homework pass or a N.U.T. pass.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Both on Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21, the students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will receive a 15 minute conference time with each homeroom teacher. Details will be coming home to you.

Fall Break No School

Monday, Oct. 24 and Tuesday, Oct. 25 there is no school. This is Fall Break for students and teachers. Enjoy!

Healthy Snacks

Nutritious snacks made of fresh, unprocessed foods will help keep your child's energy level up over the course of the day. A handful of nuts, some carrot sticks or slices of fruit are good choices. Every morning around 9:30 a.m. the students and teachers pause for "Healthy Snack Time". Simple water is important. Please, no flavors or fruit drinks are permitted in the water bottles.

Band Broadcast

Breakfast with the Band “Music of Autumn”

On Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 a.m. the first concert will be held in St. Boniface gym. The students need to perform in front of adults to promote their self-confidence and give them an incentive to practice. All students from St. Boniface and St. Lawrence MUST be in the gym, ready with their instruments BEFORE 7:30 a.m. The concert begins promptly at 7:30 so parents can listen and go to work. Beginning Band plays first, followed by Advanced Band. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be served at the gym main door for parents and young children as they walk to the bleachers.

Holiday Concert “Christmas Spirit”

On Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m. the first full concert with Central Catholic and the elementary schools will be in the gym. All band members are required to participate. So mark your calendar now!

Band Fee \$40.00/year

Reminder that the band fee of \$40.00 per student for the whole year is the only source of revenue for instruments, emergency reeds, supplies, sheet music and public relations.

Tippecanoe County Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay October 12

Be a part of history! On October 12, 2016, the Indiana Bicentennial Torch will be visiting Tippecanoe County. A complimentary pancake breakfast provided by Bison Financial Group, starts at Loeb Stadium from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. Next, the torch is traveling through Lafayette and West Lafayette from 8:30 am to 1:30 p.m.



St. Boniface Students will greet the torchbearers at 8:50 a.m. at the corner of 8th and Main. Come and join us! Bring an Indiana State Flag to wave.

The permission slip for walking to the torch site on 8th and Main is included with this Parent Bulletin. Please return by Monday, October 10.

Dads Make a Difference

During the week of October 10 to October 14, we celebrate “Dads Make a Difference!” Dads, grandfathers, uncles, or favorite male role models are encouraged to take their child out for lunch from 11:40 to 12:30 any ONE DAY during this week. In the past, this event was the last week of October, but it conflicts with Fall Break and Saints Projects. So enjoy!

Red Ribbon Week

The Coalition for a Safe & Drug-Free Tippecanoe County celebrates Red Ribbon Week from October 24 to October 28. All students are given a “glow in the dark” red wristband to wear as a sign of their commitment to be “Drug Free”. During guidance class, Mrs. Maier teaches the students the danger of substance abuse and how to say “No” to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The D.A.R.E. officer comes into grade 5 the whole first semester for an excellent program.

All students designed a bookmark to encourage others to be drug free. The four top designers attend the Drug Free breakfast with their parent on October 24 at The Trails Restaurant.

Olivia Hack	overall	winner
Bliss Ulery	grade 4	winner
Eli Switzer	grade 5	winner
Dylan Meek	grade 6	winner

Highlighting the need to stay away from substance abuse, St. Boniface Students will do the following:

- Wednesday, Oct. 26 *My Future is Bright: No Drugs in Sight*
Student given glow-in-the-dark wristbands
- Thursday, Oct. 27 *Red-y to live Drug-Free and Make a Difference*
Wear red with your uniform
- Friday, Oct. 28 *Sock-It to Drugs*
Wear crazy socks or mixed up socks

Halloween Party

On Monday, October 31, the students celebrate Halloween with a classroom party from 2:20 to 2:50. PTO volunteer parents are responsible for treats and games. Students may wear orange and black accessories with their uniform on this day.

All Saints Day

On Tuesday, November 1, the students celebrate All Saints Day with Holy Mass and presentation of posters and costumes.

Technology Update

With the help of Brian Thieme, Dan Porat, Cody Gosnell, and Tony Meek, the new smart boards are installed in each room. The interactive projectors were adjusted, the sound boards attached and everything is in working order. Students and teachers each have an iPad. Every classroom has a full size, locked charging cart. The teachers received training in ALEKS (online math assessment) to supplement the new math program adopted this year. They also learned INSPECT, an assessment of Indiana State Standards. The students completed their first religion assessment on Edmodo. Thank you to Jeff Botteran (technology director) and Adriana Rojas (technology assistant) for making things happen.

St. Mary & St. Boniface PTO Donation Drive Begins

This year's St. Mary/St. Boniface PTO Donation Drive will be part of the Lafayette Catholic School System's annual giving program "Spirit Fund". This means that your gift to the PTO Drive will count towards your family's total "Spirit Fund" contributions. More information coming.

A note of clarification: The Magazine Sale is NOT a PTO sponsored fund raiser. The Magazine Sale is independent through the business office.

The PTO Donation Drive runs through the month of October. Your contribution supports a variety of educational and recreational activities that benefit every student.

- Charging Carts for iPads in every classroom at St. Boniface
- Teacher and Staff checks for bulletin boards, rewards, instruction.
- Special parent events
- Parent Party
- Guest Speakers
- End of school year events

Your contribution will ensure that PTO can continue to provide our students and educators with impactful programming and educational materials. The information is enclosed with this Parent Bulletin.

Pumpkin Party - Cancelled

The Pumpkin Party sponsored by St. Mary/St. Boniface PTO was scheduled for Sunday October 16 from 4:00 to 6:00. However, Wea Creek Orchard accidently overbooked for the timeframe of our Pumpkin Party. Unfortunately, there are no other available dates in October or November that would work for our event, so we must cancel the party. We are sorry that we are not able to hold the Pumpkin Party this year.



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October 3, 2016

Dear St. Boniface Parents,

The 4-6 graders at St. Boniface School finished learning how to be good digital citizens through the use of **Common Sense Media's Digital Citizenship** program. We met twice a week and discussed some of the following topics: cyber bullying, private vs. personal information, what's okay to post online and what's not okay, plagiarism, and how to be a good online friend, and safe on social media sites.

Topics Discussed in each Grade Level:

Grade 4:

Strong Passwords: Students learn how to create secure passwords in order to protect their private information and accounts online.

Digital Citizenship Pledge: Students work together to outline common expectations in order to build a strong digital citizenship community. Each member of the class signs a "We, the Digital Citizens" Pledge.

You've Won a Prize: Students learn what spam is, the forms it takes, and then identify strategies for dealing with it.

How to Cite a Site: Students reflect on the importance of citing all sources when they do research. They then learn how to write bibliographical citations for online sources.

Picture Perfect: Students learn how photos can be altered digitally. They will consider the creative upsides of photo alteration, as well as power to distort our perceptions of beauty and health.

Grade 5:

Talking Safely Online: Students learn that the Internet is a great place to develop rewarding relationships. But they also learn not to reveal private information to a person they know only online.

Super Digital Citizen: Students explore Spider-man's motto, "with great power comes great responsibility through the lens of digital citizenship."



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Privacy Rules: Students learn that children's websites must protect their private information. They learn to identify these secure sites by looking for their privacy policies and privacy seals of approval.

What is Cyber bullying: Students explore how it feels to be cyber bullied, how cyber bullying is similar to or different than in-person bullying, and learn strategies for handling cyber bullying when it arises.

Selling Stereotypes: Students explore how the media can play a powerful role in shaping our ideas about girls and boys. They practice identifying messages about gender roles in two online activity zones for kids.

Grade 6:

Cyber bullying: Be Upstanding: Students learn about the difference between being a passive bystander versus a brave upstander in cyber bullying situations.

My Media: Students review their media habits and the array of media they use on a weekly basis, and reflect on the role of digital media in their lives.

Safe Online Talk: While acknowledging the benefits of online talk and messaging, students learn how to handle situations or online behavior which may make them feel uncomfortable.

Which Me Should I Be: Students learn that presenting themselves in different ways online carries both benefits and risks.

Trillion Dollar Footprint: Students learn that they have a digital footprint and that this information can be searched, copied and passed on, but that they can take some control based on what they post online.

I encourage you to have discussions at home with your child about being safe, responsible, and respectable participants in our digital world. Hopefully, together, we can demonstrate, guide, and help them to be tech smart. To learn more about connecting with your child use the following website. www.commonsemmedia.org

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October 1, 2016

Dear Parents of St. Boniface Students,

The Feast of All Saints is celebrated on Tuesday, November 1. In anticipation of this annual event, the students prepare their report and poster ahead of time. Each religion teacher sets a timeline for the report, poster and presentation to their own class.

The students will present to their classmates on the following days. Pictures will be taken on this day for the published Saint Book.

Wednesday, October 26 Grade 6 presents to grades 4 and 5.

Friday, October 28 Grade 5 presents to grades 4 and 6.

Monday, October 31 Grade 4 presents to grades 5 and 6.

For the final presentation to parents, all posters and reports will be set up before 3:00 in the gym on Monday, October 31. These projects will remain set up in the gym overnight. Everything is locked!

On Tuesday, November 1, the students dress in their costumes, attend 8:15 Mass, and then go to the gym, stand by their posters and give their presentations to the visiting public.

Attached are the rubrics for the saints project. You should help your child research their saint both in books and on the internet. In the process, you too, will learn about the courageous leaders of our Catholic faith over the centuries.

Your child is responsible for:

- researching a saint
- writing a short report on the saint
 - grade 4 one paragraph - handwritten
 - grade 5 introduction, 2 paragraphs, closing – handwritten or typed
 - grade 6 introduction, 2 paragraphs, closing - typed
- finding a picture of a saint on the internet
- assembling a poster board with captions
- a plain white tri-fold poster board 36" x 48" may be purchased at school for \$4.00, but any type of tri-fold board that is self supporting is fine.
- dressing up or wearing some symbol of the saint
- presenting the saint project to others.

It is fun for your child to dress up in the costume of the saint. The costume need not be elaborate or expensive but should represent the saint. A simple sheet or shawl or special head covering and maybe a symbol of the saint is sufficient.

We encourage parents, grandparents, family members and parishioners to view these saint projects. Come and join in our celebration on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Boniface Catholic School Religion Project on the Saints

Name of Student _____

Name of Saint _____

Dates Due: Writing _____ Poster _____ Presentation _____



Rubrics for Poster				3 points	2 points	1 point
Objectives	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point			
Name of Saint	very legible	somewhat legible	not legible			
Caption	uses keywords	vague	miss the point			
Picture	very neat	fairly neat	messy			
Symbol	appropriate	somewhat appropriate	meaningless			
Information	many displays of extra information	some displays of extra information	no displays of extra information			
Appearance	very attractive	somewhat attractive	not attractive			
Organization	very organized	somewhat organized	disorganized			
			Total Points			

Rubrics for Oral Presentation				3 points	2 points	1 point
Objectives	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point			
Eye Contact	Excellent eye contact	Some eye contact	Little eye contact			
Audibility	Speaks loudly for all to hear	Speaks somewhat loudly for others	Speaks too soft for others			
Use of Notes	Seldom uses notes	Often uses notes	Always uses Notes			
Information	Used many examples and explanations to fully develop the saint's life	Used some examples and explanations to partly develop the saint's life	Used few examples and explanations with little development			
Use of First Person	Uses first person consistently	Uses first person most of the time	Uses first person seldom			
			Total Points			

Rubrics for Writing Presentation				3 points	2 points	1 point
Objectives	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point			
Topic Sentence for each Paragraph	Started with interesting question or comment	Started with a general comment	Started without a general comment			
Organization Logical Order	Information in logical order	Information in some logic	Information no logic			
Development	Used many examples and explanations	Used some examples and explanations	Used few examples, and explanations			
Number of Paragraphs	Grade 4 One Paragraph Summarize the life of the saint in own words Grade 5 Two Paragraphs Summarize the life of the saint Tell how we should imitate the saint Grade 6 Two Paragraphs Summarize the life of the saint, Tell how we should imitate the saint					
Ending	Used a clear statement of my impression of the saint's life	Used an unclear statement of my impression of the saint's life	Used no statement of my impression of the saint's life			
Neatness	Very neat handwriting or neatly typed	Somewhat neat handwriting or typed	Poor handwriting or poorly typed			
Mechanics Percent Correct	Capital letters 96% to 100%	Capital letters 95% to 80%	Capital letters 79% or less			
	Punctuation 96% to 100%	Punctuation 95% to 80%	Punctuation 79% or less			
	Spelling 96% to 100%	Spelling 95% to 80%	Spelling 79% or less			
	Grammar 96% to 100%	Grammar 95% to 80%	Grammar 79% or less			
Bibliography	Used 3 sources	Used 2 sources	Used 1 source			
			Total Points			

Poster	Oral Presentation	Written Presentation	Total Points	Final Grade