



## Thursday Thoughts

### VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:

# CHARITY

Enables one to love as God Himself loves, to love God above all things, and one's neighbor as oneself.

"When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality."

Romans 12:13

During this first month of school, we have noticed so many students demonstrating our **Virtue of the Month!** We have seen students willingly help a friend in need! Earlier this week, a sweet 1st grader noticed how messy the lunch room was after Taco Tuesday and asked if she could help the teachers clean up. I've seen students give hugs to one another. Another student worked so hard to help another friend zip his coat. Today, a fourth grader was eagerly helping another student in class find their writing notebook so he could get started with their morning work. There has been so much positivity this month!

--Mrs. Havenor

### READING BUDDIES & LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR



# October

- 6- 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade ECCT Field Trip
- 11- Early Release 1:30 p.m.
  - *There is no afternoon bussing so please have transportation available for your child(ren)*
- 12- No School
  - Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:00-8:00 p.m.
- 13- No School
- 17- Casual for Christ
- 25- Picture RETAKE day
- 27- No School
- 31- Halloween Classroom Parties



### Mass Schedule

- 4- 2nd Grade
- 11- 1st grade
- 18- 5th grade
- 25- 4th grade



**Father Tom will be blessing pets on the feast day of Saint Francis, Wednesday, October 4th at 3:25 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. before Religious Education. Parents are welcome to bring their pets with when they pick up their child(ren).**



If your child(ren) will be absent, late, or need to leave early, please contact Mrs. Carlson at 715-830-2277 or [ncarlson@regiscatholicschools.com](mailto:ncarlson@regiscatholicschools.com). When your child(ren) return(s) to school, **please bring them to the office and sign them in.**



## IMPORTANT #'S

**Student Transit (Bus)**

**715-839-5116**

**Before/After School Care**

**507-259-2135**

**St. James Office**

**715-830-2277**



# Halo Heroes

Isabella R Hadley N  
Mason C Laylah M  
Emma H Bianca F  
Isadore T Corinne B  
Jameson G Jocelyn H  
Evan H Isabella R  
Kinley G



Don't  
Forget!

Check your email about Parent-Teacher Conferences. You can sign-up now.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 12, from 12 until 8 p.m. Families must schedule their own conference times in Skyward and scheduling is now open! (Sign-ups will close on Tuesday, October 10 at 12 p.m.)

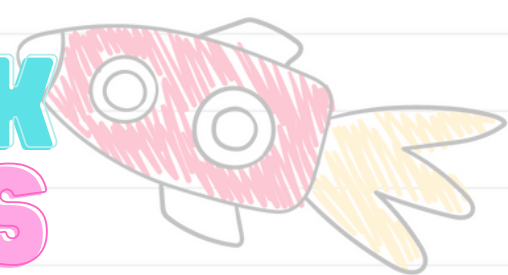
Teachers will host conferences in person. To schedule a conference, log into your Skyward Family Access account at <http://www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/skyward>. Enter your Skyward Login ID and Password as you would for your lunch account. From the left menu, click on the Conferences link to get started. Regis families should only schedule one time for each teacher, even if a student has a teacher for multiple classes.

Detailed directions can be found online at <http://www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/skyward>. From the Help Links at the top of the screen, click the Families link, then click the Schedule a Parent/Teacher Conference link. You may also **CLICK HERE** to access the help documentation directly.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to your building's administrative assistant or your child's teacher. Thank you!



# 3K/4K NEWS



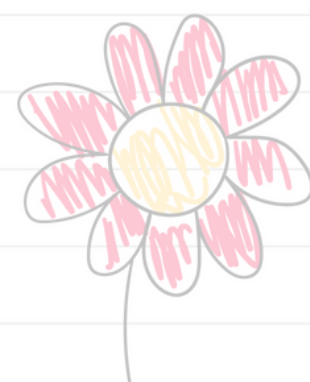
Hello St. James families and welcome to preschool! We have been very busy in our first few weeks of school. In the month of September we have spent a lot of time learning how to play together, make friends and follow directions. In both 3K sections, we have had a lot of play based learning time while we make new friends and learn all about school. In 4K, we have also been focusing on play based learning but also incorporating activities focused on our letters and numbers. We've already been practicing how to write our letters and numbers. Our classroom dramatic play area has been a farmers market and is currently an apple orchard. It's been wonderful to see how quickly our students are learning about our classroom and each other. We have been blessed with beautiful weather that has allowed us to spend a lot of time outside!

Looking forward to October, we will continue to focus on play based learning and start to focus on activities surrounding the changing season. Our dramatic play area will be a pumpkin patch as we get ready for fall and Halloween!

# KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Happy Fall!!

We are working on rhyming words in kindergarten. We love finding and making rhymes. We have enjoyed the nice fall but we know it can't last as we are learning about different types of weather and the seasons. In math we are making patterns and finding many ways to sort things such as by: size, shape, color, and kind. In religion we are hearing some stories from the Old Testament such as Noah's Ark, Daniel and the Lions, and Jonah and the Whale. Keep up the good work. Mrs. Wirz





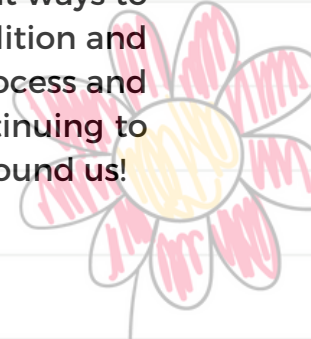

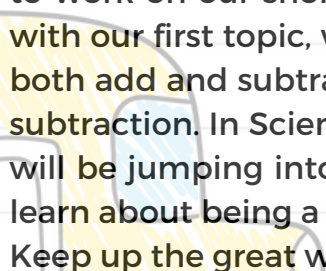
# 1ST GRADE NEWS

The First Grade Class has been busy practicing school routines and expectations. We have a lot of creativity flowing through us! We are working hard in all content areas, whether it be writing out equations in math, reading high-frequency words, writing our spelling words, listening and discussing books, or adding to our journals. We loved learning a bit about Saint Francis of Assisi from Miss Mary Jo. We continue to practice building our stamina when it comes to working at our desks - we are getting there! We can't wait to continue building connections and friendships while learning so much in First Grade!



# 2ND GRADE NEWS

Happy Fall!



2nd grade continues to be such a wonderful adventure for the students and myself! We have been really trying our best to get into the groove of our 2nd grade expectations and our 2nd grade routines! We love to learn and here is what we have been learning! In Religion, we have been focusing how we can make everyone feel loved and welcomed and are reminded in so many ways of just how much we are loved, especially by God! In ELA, we have been learning about a whole new curriculum and I think we are getting into a groove with it! We have been focusing the last three weeks on "Being a Good Citizen". We have been reading both fiction and nonfiction stories to help us better understand how we can make a difference. We continue to work on how we develop complete sentences but also how to make those sentences more detailed and less, as the kids say, boring! We continue to work on our short and long vowel sounds as well! In Math, we are almost done with our first topic, which is all about making sure we understand different ways to both add and subtract. This will help us as we jump into double digit addition and subtraction. In Science, we will be wrapping up our Unit on the Design Process and will be jumping into learning about Matter. In Social Studies, we are continuing to learn about being a citizen, about different communities and the world around us! Keep up the great work, 2nd grade! I am so proud of you!



## 3RD GRADE NEWS

The 3rd Grade Leaders who listen, learn and love are getting the school-year off to a great start! We have enjoyed being back together as a class, seeing friends, playing at recess time as well as demonstrating how we can be leaders in our school - did you know 3rd graders are "Secret Agents?" While the first couple of weeks were spent settling into new routines and learning expectations, we are cruising right along into new math, language arts, and STEM lessons! We are looking forward to the year filled with great and amazing growth!

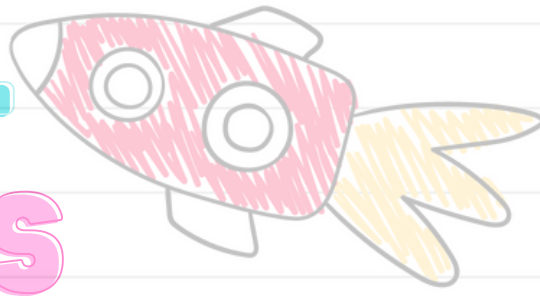



## 4TH GRADE NEWS

It's crazy to think September is almost over! It went by so fast. In 4th grade this month, we are talking about place value, expanded form, rounding, and rocket math multiplication. We are done with Star testing and almost done with serravallo reading assessments. This week we are reading a story called The Science Behind Sight. In Science, we started our engineering and technology unit. Students had a lot of fun designing, hearing, and enhancing devices. In Religion, we have been talking about the trinity as well as creation. The month of September has been so fun and I can't wait to see the progress these kiddos make throughout the year. It is going to be a great year!

## 5TH GRADE NEWS

The month of September is flying by. The beginning of the school year has been extraordinary, productive, and full of joy at being together again. In Math this month, we are talking about place value and different ways we can represent numbers. We have also started our first Reading module All About Inventors and Their Innovations. This week we are reading a story called Captain Arsenio: Inventions and (Mis)Adventures in Flight. This week we are starting our first Writing unit. We are remembering how to write complete sentences and put sentences together to make paragraphs. We have started our first Science unit about engineering and the design process. We are also working on building our map reading skills. The month of September has been spectacular. I am so excited to see all of the wonderful things this class accomplishes this year.



# ART NEWS

Art with Miss LaRose - [hlarose@regiscatholicschools.com](mailto:hlarose@regiscatholicschools.com)

Welcome back to art class! I'm looking forward to seeing what the elementary students create this year. I teach at all three of our Regis Elementary schools and I know our students are ready to get into making artistic decisions as well as messes. All students should have an art shirt at school to keep their uniform from getting stained on messy art days. I do have some extra old t-shirts or smocks at each building, but it is always nice to have your own. Additionally, you may have received an email from me asking for a sketchbook for your student. All students in grades 1 through 5 use sketchbooks in art class. We use them to plan ideas for projects, practice art techniques and concepts, and for drawing in during extra class time after finishing a project. If a student uses all their sketchbook pages I will send their sketchbook home with them to remind them that they need a new sketchbook. Otherwise, all sketchbooks stay in the art room to be used as needed, often lasting through 5th grade.

We are wrapping up our first projects as of this newsletter going out, so please keep an eye out for student artworking coming your way in person, on display at school, or online through Artsonia.



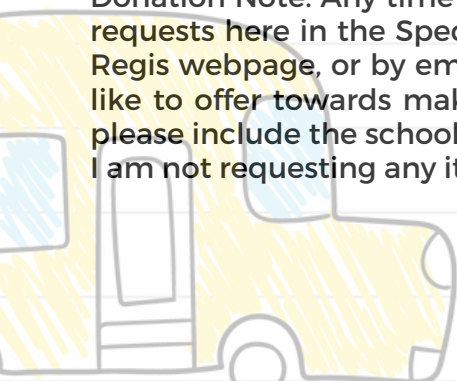
<https://www.artsonia.com/>

A new school year means a new round of projects are about to appear on Artsonia! Thank you to everyone who uses Artsonia to view, comment, share, or purchase gifts featuring our elementary artworks. I love hearing from families who participate in Artsonia in any way. It tells me that you appreciate the work that our elementary artists are doing to develop their creative skills and lets me know you value the time it takes to post all our projects.

For families new to our schools, I would like to introduce you to Artsonia. I use this website to organize student work into an online portfolio that is attached to a parent/guardian email. This is a useful way to share art projects with other family members and keep track of all the artworks that your child makes during their time in their Regis Elementary school. If you know you would not like to participate in using Artsonia, please email me and I will not set up a portfolio for your student.

Artsonia is also a fundraising website which offers a wide range of products to have student art printed on to turn it into gifts and keepsakes. They have simple things from cards and canvas as well as Christmas ornaments, t-shirts, mugs, and tote bags. 20% of every student art item purchased from the Artsonia Gift Shop is donated back to the student's art classroom. These funds are very useful for purchasing extra art supplies during the school year. The gift shop is a nice feature for making memories and gifts, but its use is not required to enjoy Artsonia. Thank you again to everyone who uses Artsonia in any capacity to support our young creatives.

Donation Note: Any time I am looking for specific donations for my art classrooms, I will post those requests here in the Specialist Newsletter. You can also find information on donating items on my Regis webpage, or by emailing me to ask if the students and I could use specific things you would like to offer towards making art and organizing the art room. If you do have a question to email, please include the school which you would be donating to so I can assess if there is a need. For now, I am not requesting any items.







# SPANISH NEWS

## SEPTEMBER/SEPTIEMBRE

The school year starts with greetings, introductions and learning how to say 'my name is' in Spanish. We start on grade level prayers right away, reviewing what was learned last year. (Except for Kindergarten) Practicing numbers with a 'number race' timing and learning different greetings and courtesy vocabulary will also be topics later in the month. It takes us a couple weeks to get organized with our folders and learn/remember our class protocols. Grades 2-5 get to choose a Spanish name for class and will make nametags. Grades 4-5 will log into our Spanish Google Classroom for their class and begin learning how to use Google Classroom and Quizlet. I will post weekly assignments there for them. Grade 4 will start earning an effort grade on their quarterly report cards this year and Grade 5 will receive an achievement (letter grade) and effort grade quarterly. Do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone if you have any questions or concerns. Check out my microsite on your school's website to see what grades K-3 have worked on each week with links to songs, stories, and videos. <https://www.regiscatholicschools.com/staff/lynne-larabee/assignments/>

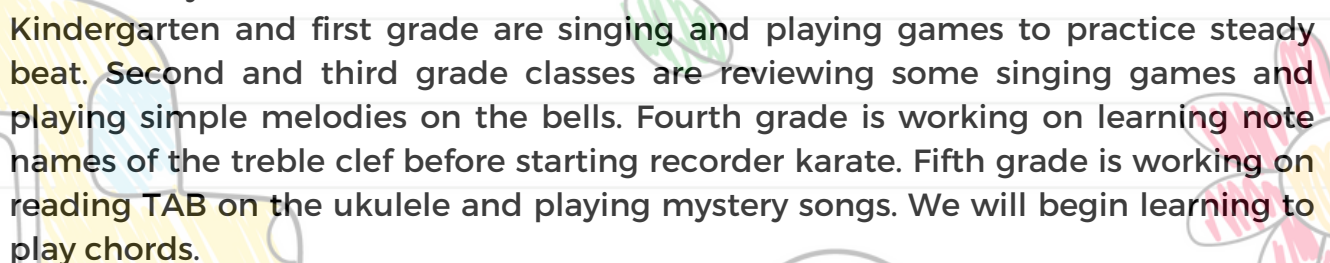
Blessings for a wonderful fall (otoño),

Señora Lynne Larabee



# MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back! I am excited to be back and ready to make music with my favorite musicians! Many students in grade 4 and 5 have signed up to cantor at school masses. We are starting the year off with singing our virtue song for Charity called "With All My Heart"



Kindergarten and first grade are singing and playing games to practice steady beat. Second and third grade classes are reviewing some singing games and playing simple melodies on the bells. Fourth grade is working on learning note names of the treble clef before starting recorder karate. Fifth grade is working on reading TAB on the ukulele and playing mystery songs. We will begin learning to play chords.

# LIBRARY/TECHNOLOGY NEWS

## Library

Welcome to the new school year!

In each class, we talked about how we are going to take care of library books this year. Your student should be able to tell you the special place at home where they decided to keep their library books so they don't lose them! Please help the students to remember to return their books on their designated library day.

In Kindergarten and 1st Grade, we read "The Shelf Elf" which teaches how to take care of the library in a fun way. In 2nd Grade, we started off the year by reading "A Library Book for Bear," a fun story about a bear who is reluctant to visit the library. In 3rd through 5th Grade, we are studying the Dewey Decimal System, how our physical library is organized, and how to search Library World, our online catalog, and MackinVIA, our ebook and audiobook collection.

Please contact me at [tminiatt@case.k12.wi.us](mailto:tminiatt@case.k12.wi.us) with any questions or concerns.

## Technology Class

Blessings on this new school year! I am excited to work with St James students this year on technology skills which have only become more relevant in the library/media/information world.

1st through 3rd Grade have been introduced to basic mousing skills. 3rd through 5th Grade have started reading a book called "Hello Ruby " which teaches algorithmic thinking through a story about a little girl searching for missing gems. It was fun to do the computational thinking exercise that Linda Liukas, the author, taught me at a library conference with the 5th Graders. 2nd through 5th Grade have practiced webpage vocabulary and been introduced to the basic parts of a computer.

Please remember to send headphones with your student on Monday for technology class. I can be reached at [tminiatt@case.k12.wi.us](mailto:tminiatt@case.k12.wi.us) with any questions or concerns. Let's have a great year!



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Physical Education with Mrs. Hoeschen

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR! I am Mera Hoeschen. This is my 7th year at St. James. I am excited to begin a new school year. Together we will learn and practice fundamental skills to live an active and healthy life.

What To Expect This School Year

Students at all grade levels will strive toward achieving the five national standards:

Standard One: The student has the skills to move and play

Standard Two: The student shows how to move and use a plan when playing games

Standard Three: The student knows how to get fit and stay fit

Standard Four: The student acts fairly and respectfully during games

Standard five: The student knows why it is important to be physically active

This month in Physical Education, K-2 is playing tagging games with the emphasis on strategies for fleeing and chasing. Grades 3rd-5th are playing flag football. We are focusing on scoring- 6 points touchdown; positions-center and quarterback; possessions-offense and defense; and downs-4 attempts to score. The fifth graders will be concluding the unit with a quiz.

At the beginning of September, I introduced the Golden Sneaker Award. The class earns a star for having proper gym shoes. They can also earn a star for following these expectations: good effort, being safe, being cooperative, good attitude, and participation! This award is given each month to the class who has earned the most stars in P.E. The Golden Sneaker Award is displayed in their classroom for the entire month.

Wow...what a great start to the school year! **BE ACTIVE, BE FIT, BE HEALTHY!**

Please make sure your child has tennis shoes on gym days.

Girls wearing skirts or dresses need to have shorts underneath during PE days.



ST. JAMES THE GREATER – EAU CLAIRE

# Youth Choir

The young people of the parish (grades 2 through 6) are invited to two special opportunities to support our parish with music! Singers are welcome to sing for either event or for both of them.

## **NOV. 11 - 4:30 MASS**

ST. JAMES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

After-school rehearsals 3:25 to 4:15

Dates: 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, and 11/8

## **DEC. 24 - 4 PM MASS**

CHRISTMAS EVE

After-school rehearsals 3:25 to 4:15

Dates: 11/29, 11/6, 12/13, and 12/20

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## **INFORMATION**

- A light snack will be served at the end of rehearsal.
- Additional rehearsal times available before religious education: 5:30 to 6:10.
- Pre-registration is welcome but not required:

[www.stjameseauclaire.org/  
music-ministry](http://www.stjameseauclaire.org/music-ministry)