



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Elementary School

IC What's Happening!!

March 15, 2024

Our **WFV kickoff** was held on Monday, March 11th at morning meeting. Please look for the WFV envelope your child's Friday folders this week!

There will be a **Home and School meeting** on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Oakroom. Everyone is invited to attend!

This Lent, students will be focusing on prayer, fasting and almsgiving by making crafts for nursing home residents, raising money for Cross Catholic Outreach A

A Spiritus retreat will be held in the Oakroom on Friday, March 22nd for 2nd-5th grade students.

Friday, March 22nd is the end of the 3rd quarter. Report cards will be mailed home on April 5th.

Mite Boxes. This Diocesan wide initiative takes place each Lent in support of the Children's Missionary Association. Children are asked to follow the example of the widow's mite by giving small contributions to their mite box throughout Lent. These boxes will be collected at school the week after Easter (April 2-5). The Children's Missionary Association supports global efforts to combat childhood poverty. Please encourage your children to give each week during Lent!

We will have a quarter tube in the library to raise money for Heifer International during Lent. Please have your students donate what they can.

On March 22, we will have a Jeans for Jesus day for the Ronald McDonald House. Your donations are greatly appreciated for this wonderful organization!

SPRING BREAK will be from Monday, March 25th through Friday, March 29th. There will be no school on Easter Monday, April 1st.

STEAM EXPO will be held on April 9th from 5:30-6:30 in the I.C. gym. All are welcome to attend and participate. Entry forms are available in the office to participate.

Just a reminder that registration for Eau Claire School District summer programs is open now through March 22nd. Here is the link to sign up for programs:

[https://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/Teaching-and-Learning/Summer-Programs-\(1\)](https://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/Teaching-and-Learning/Summer-Programs-(1))

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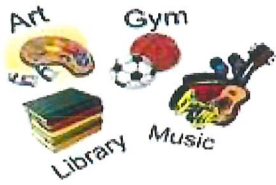
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APRIL



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | NO SCHOOL-1 Easter Monday | First Day of Q2 | 5th to MN Orchestra Children's Rosary Group | Mass (Staff) HSA Room Parent Meeting 6pm | Report Cards Home | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | NO SCHOOL-12 | 13 |
| | | STEAM Expo 5:30pm 2nd grade to Beaver Creek | Children's Rosary Group | Mass (3KF) Statewide Tornado Drill 1:45pm | Diocesan In-Service | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | 5th to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine Star Lab | Star Lab | Star Lab Children's Rosary Group | Mass (3B) Star Lab | HSA Family Fun Night, 6pm Star Lab 1st to ECCCT | 1st Communion Rehearsal |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| First Communion, 2pm | Spring Fire Safety (4/5 Grade) | 4th Grade Trolley Tour | Elementary Early Release, 1:30 | Mass (1H) | Jeans for Jesus- St. Jude's Hospital | |
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Specialist Newsletter

March, 2024

LIBRARY - MRS. LYNCH

The library classes have been reading and sharing stories by Dr. Seuss. We celebrated Read Across America week in his honor. We have many STEAM related books the students are excitedly checking out in preparation for the STEAM Expo on April 9. Before spring break, we'll be sharing stories about two very popular Saints...Patrick and Joseph. We're also beginning chapter book read aloud in grades 1-5. These stories will carry us to the end of the year!

Guidance - Mrs. McElroy, School Counselor

This month in guidances classes:

- Kindergarteners will finish up their emotion management unit and begin their problem solving unit.
- First grade students will finish up their Bullying Prevention unit and start their Problem Solving unit.
- Second graders will finish up their emotion management unit and begin their problem solving unit.
- Third grade is finishing up their bullying prevention unit and will begin their growth mindset unit.
- Fourth graders will finish their unit of problem solving and start career exploration on Xello.
- Fifth will finish up their self concept projects and start their bullying prevention unit.

If you are interested in logging into Xello as a parent to view your student's progress please feel free to send me an email and I'll add your email to the account.

If you are interested in a group (lunch bunch) for your student please feel free to contact me at cmcelroy@case.k12.wi.us. As always, if your child has a specific need and you would like for me to meet with him or her please feel free to contact me.

Art with Miss LaRose - hlarose@regiscatholicschools.com

March is youth art month! Be sure to celebrate the artists in our schools by encouraging them to be creative with me and on their own. The Chippewa Valley has many ways for families to get out and appreciate the arts with their children from viewing public art, to checking out events held at local libraries and art based small businesses. It's a wonderful time to encourage artistic behaviors in our students.

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

In honor of Youth Art Month, Artsonia is offering up to \$20 off canvas prints. If you are interested in this offer, please visit Artsonia's gift shop and enter your student's gallery code! Thanks to anyone who takes time to interact with Artsonia and make purchases to help fund extra special supplies for our art room!

Donation Note: 4th grade is working on a recycled material art project. Old cereal boxes, cardboard, oatmeal tubes, paper towel rolls, newspaper, and similar materials are useful for this upcoming artwork. Please send some of these items to the art room! If you have any questions for me regarding art class, Artsonia, or donations please contact me via email.

Music - Mrs. Miller

In music, the Kindergarten classes have been working on identifying long/short sound patterns, and have begun using music notation to identify these sounds (Ta/Titi). They've also been working on dictating familiar melodies that use sol/mi. Grades 1, 2 and 3 just completed their composition projects. Students created 4-beat ostinato patterns, and then added pitch (Mi, Sol, and/or La) to create a melody. They were then able to play their compositions on glockenspiel and xylophone! In 4th grade, students continue to work on recorder karate. Students are currently playing songs with 4 different pitches, with a goal of all students earning their Orange Belt by the end of the quarter. They've almost met the goal already! The 5th grade classes are working on ukulele. They currently know three chords and have been able to play several pop songs. They are also learning about the instruments of the orchestra in preparation for their field trip to see the Minnesota Orchestra perform in April. All classes have (or will be) starting instrument families before the end of the quarter. Symphonic music will then be used to introduce various grade-level music standards.

Phy Ed. - Mrs. Vallez

PE continues to be full of fun and movement! We just finished a unit on dodgeball and several students have told me it was their favorite thus far! We played different creative versions of the classic "dodgeball" game that focused on teamwork, communication and strategy. Some of the games included Hula Hut Throw Down, Dr. Dodgeball, Swamp Ball and War Ball. Currently we are working on a basketball unit and having a blast! I hope that students choosing to participate in the Action City fitness goal program are having fun and staying healthy filling out their log. Just as a reminder, this is not a required activity. Students who attend Immaculate Conception K-5 are allowed to fill out only one log per month (either the front or the back). It should take them the whole month to complete the log that they decided to work on. When they are finished they may bring the sheet to me to sign and I will hand it back with a new one. The signed log is your "ticket" to get into Action City or Chaos Water Park. The pass must be used within one month of me signing it or it will not work. If you need extra sheets, students know where to find them in the gym. They may complete one log per month until the end of this current school year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.