

## OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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## 2017-2018 ALL SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE (FIRST SEMESTER)

All-school Masses are on Thursdays at 8:15 AM. Join your children in worship when you can. It is a great way to support their spiritual growth (and yours, too)!

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – NO MASS

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade All Saints Day  
(Wednesday)

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade All Souls Day

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Immaculate  
Conception (Friday)

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Note: K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Masses are on  
Wednesdays at 8:15 AM. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Masses are celebrated on Fridays at 8:15  
AM.

### TESTING... TESTING. . . .

Here's a test question for all parents: what do MANY a good night's sleep, hearty breakfasts, and an arsenal of sharp #2 pencils all have in common? Award yourself an "A+" if you said they lead to better attention in class and better performance on homework and test scores, including standardized achievement tests!

Indicators of your child's academic progress include standardized test scores and school grades. One of these measures will be utilized next week as students in grades second through eighth will take the Iowa Achievement Test.

### NO CRAMMING NECESSARY

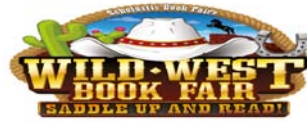
Achievement test scores are a snapshot of your child's academic progress. According to Mrs. Starns, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade math, science, and religion teacher, the test will ask questions that most every student in his or her grade level should have been previously introduced. She notes that, along with other standardized test, it is a comparison tool, namely "how well your child is doing compared to the rest of the students who take this test."

Mrs. Meusch, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading and Writing Workshop teacher stresses to parents:

***"First and foremost, take into account that this is ONE day in a child's life and by no means is the absolute determination of their child's future academic success."***

Mr. Arnold, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> history and religion teacher reminds parents that students DO need to try their best on the tests so that the scores will be accurate. According to Mr. Arnold, "The [test] results determine what academic areas we can improve."

## SADDLE UP YER COW PONY! IT'S TIME TO ROUND UP SOME BOOKS!



Yep, Festus and Doc agreed that Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> proved to be a great day for a prop



round-up! Cacti, silver loot, and cowboy hats were just some of the props rounded up for the book fair. Still wondering what in tarnation we're yarn'n about?

It will be here before you know it! Parent – Teacher Conferences? Well, yes, that



too. But, we're talk'n 'bout the Wild West Book Fair, Pardner!

Well, pardner, we're talk'n 'bout the Wild West Book Fair. Saddle up and mosey yerself over to the Fall 2017 Book Fair. The Fall 2017 Scholastic Book Fair comes to St. Patrick's Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>! Shopping hours are 3 pm to 5:30 pm Monday through Wednesday with EXTRA SHOPPING HOURS ON THURSDAY! SHOP NOON UNTIL 8 pm! And don't forget to remind your children to keep reading! They just might be "Caught Reading"! Note: apologies to our wonderful English teachers. Western speak and misspellings are intended.



It's here! It's here!! The Fall HSA Rummage Sale is here! Load all that rummage in your car, drive to the school gym, and you may even receive our signature valet rummage sale unloading service! Okay, that doesn't really exist, but you will get help unloading! The sale will take place Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Are you looking to volunteer? We need you! We need help sorting donations on Thursday, October 5th from 8:30 am to 7pm and Friday from 8:30am to 4pm. Also, we need volunteers to help work at the sale Friday night 6-8pm and Saturday 8am-noon. Also needed are volunteers to help clean up from noon-1pm. In just six hours of sales, on April 28th and 29th, our HSA rummage sale team raised \$4,324.40. Bring your rummage, come help setup, come join the sales staff, and buy some stuff! Let's top that total this fall!

## IT'S AN AUCTION YEAR!

The school's biggest fundraiser is upon us this 2017/2018 school year. The biennial event will be held this Spring. Planning for this event is as fun as the auction is rewarding. According to Amy Conger, Auction Co-Chair, the first planning meeting will take place on Monday, October 23 at 6:30 in the school gym. All talents are accepted and needed on the committee. Solicitations, invitations, decorations, program, are areas that will need to be covered. Official date for the auction will be announced as soon as it's available. For more information on joining the committee, please contact Co-Chairs Amy Conger 573-578-1233 or Traci Heese, 573-612-9495.

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Achievement Testing

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Rummage sale drop off

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> (6pm to 8 pm) and Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> (8am to noon) Rummage sale

Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> Shakespeare's Pizza Pickup

Friday, October 13 End of First Quarter

Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> (all week through Thursday), Book Fair is open! See story at left for hours.

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> Picture Re-take Day.

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Spirit Shirt Day! Parent Teacher Conferences. Early dismissal at 12:30 pm. There is no aftercare this day.

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences. No School.

Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> No School Teacher in-service day.

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Mid-Quarter

Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> No School Thanksgiving Break