



St. Anne School

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Principal Newsletter

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Wow! I don't think any of us have ever experienced a weeklong weather "event" that required school closing. Everyone is so happy to be back at school.

Today, we began our day with our Friday (First Friday) school Mass celebrated by Father Doyle. He talked to the children about his fond memories of attending Catholic grade and high school. The opportunity to learn about Jesus and know his precious invitation to the gift of salvation for all of us is priceless. Father reminded the students to be thankful for the sacrifices made by parents and sometimes grandparents to make a Catholic school education a reality. On behalf of the school staff, I want to thank each of you for sending your beautiful children to St. Anne School. They, too, will have fond memories of their years in Catholic education at St. Anne School. We are partners with you in helping all of our students "**Reaching for the Stars and Heaven.**"

After Mass the teachers focused on academics. We ran mixed grade teams through four different activities for an hour and fifteen minutes. The stations included: dodgeball, dilly bar treats from Student Council, dance-a-thon, and rosary. It was fun; ask your students about the activities.

Of course we are disappointed that we could not attend the All Schools Mass at Newman. As you know, our students are transported to Newman for this very special Mass by Illinois Central buses. Unfortunately, none of their buses are operating and ultimately is the reason that Dixon Public Schools are cancelled today. There is a possibility that our All School Mass may be re-scheduled:)

Looking forward to the **Lumberjack Bash on Saturday at Brandywine**. It starts at 5:00pm. Dinner is at 5:30pm. Our Home and School Association has worked very hard on this fundraising event. Hope to see you all there!

Math Counts

Announcing the Math Counts team and alternates:

Team: Carson Palmer, Sam Neisewander, Claire Crisham, and Logan Palmer

Alternates: Kyle Wolfe and Max DeForest

Upcoming Important Dates

Feb. 2nd—**Lumberjack Bash** at Brandywine starts at 5:00pm

Feb. 6th— Next Home and School Association Meeting at 5:30pm

Feb. 8th—Junior High School Valentine Dance, Holloway Center, 7:00-9:30pm. Only students in the Deanery Catholic schools are invited. Cost is \$6 which includes soda and water.

Feb. 8th—Hoops for Heart Junior High School Students will provide assistance at this event at Dixon Armory. Permission slips went home today (Friday, Feb. 1st) Please excuse the typo. The students will be returning at 2:45pm not 2:45am! Good catch Bella!

Feb. 13th—Early Dismissal at 11:00am for Teacher In-Service/Professional Development

Feb. 18th—NO SCHOOL-Presidents Day

Feb. 21st—Student Council Bake Sale and Dress Down Day

Sacrament Information

1. Confirmation Retreat at St. Anne: Sunday, Feb. 10th from 1:00—7:00pm
2. Confirmation Practice: Sunday, Feb. 24th at 12:30pm
3. Confirmation Date: Tuesday, Feb. 26th at 5:30pm at St. Anne Church
4. First Reconciliation and First Communion Parent Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 17th at 9:45am
5. First Reconciliation Retreat and First Reconciliation: Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 10:00am-noon
6. First Holy Communion Retreat: Saturday, Apr. 27th from 10:00am—noon
7. First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 4th at 11:00am

CSW Schedule

Here is a recap of the CSW activities. We will add most of them to our schedule in the next weeks as time permits because we know how much the children enjoy them.



Catholic Schools Week at St. Anne School and Church 2019 January 27—February 2, 2019

- **Sunday “Celebrating Our Parish”**
 - Student Council Pancake Breakfast 8:30am—Noon
- **Monday “Celebrating Our Community”**
 - Mayor Arellano Proclamation at 8:00am
 - Morning Rosary—All School at 8:10am
- **Tuesday “Celebrating Our Students”**
 - School Spirit Day-Wear St. Anne or Newman CCHS clothing
 - Catholic Escape Room Activities at 1:30pm
 - Students vs. Teachers Dodgeball at 1:30pm
 - Newman Students Visit!
- **Wednesday “Celebrating the Nation”**
 - Military Care Packages
 - Red-White-Blue Dress Down Day
- **Thursday “Celebrating Vocations”**
 - Saint Dramatizations-7th and 8th Grade Students
 - Classroom Saint Presentations-K-6th Grade
- **Friday “Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers”**
 - All Schools Mass at Newman Central Catholic HS—10:00am
- **Saturday “Celebrating Families”**

