

# ST. GABRIEL

*Centered in Jesus, St. Gabriel Catholic School is committed to excellence in developing our faith, academics and service.*

## NEWSLETTER



### UPCOMING EVENTS...

#### JUNE

...2—Pre 3 End of the Year program at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Motor Room (Monday, Wednesday class)

...2—Kindergarten End of the Year program at 2:00 p.m. in the Allen Center

...3—Pre 3 (see above) for Tuesday, Thursday class

...3—Last Day of School; dismissal at 11:30; Prayer Service in the Main Hall at 11:15 a.m.

#### AUGUST

...30—Orientation 8-11:30 a.m. and 5:30-7 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER

...1—First Day of School (pre- school through Grade 5 )

...1—Pre-school Story Hour 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

\*Report cards will be coming home tomorrow, Thursday, June 3. Each family will also be receiving a dvd copy of our school year together at St. Gabriel. We thank Mr. Srnka for putting the tape together; we thank Mr. Pat Jensen for making the copies for each family.

*There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart. —Celia Thaxter*

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...** This whole school year, we have been exploring the many parts that make up our Catholic identity. The theme for June is *Mission*. Jesus has asked us to take the Word of God and share it with everyone we meet. How appropriate a message for this time of the year as we depart for the summer months. As summer approaches, we all have a chance to slow down and take a break as we continue to live the Word of God. The Scriptures remind us that even God rested after creating the world. Rest is holy. Summer is a time kids need some free, unscheduled time to relax and play. We, as adults, need the same. We can all think back on summers spent as children, and the fun we shared with others. I grew up on the Wolf River in Shawano and every nice day was spent swimming and playing the infamous Dibble Dabble for hours. I remember family vacations, horseback riding, visits to the libraries and distant relatives; arts and crafts, reading Nancy Drew, playing tennis, and biking all over. Interestingly, modern science is discovering that rest is essential for good health. In the days to come, remember to take care of your spiritual health as well as your physical and mental health. May your summer be filled with rest, relaxation and lots s'more faith.

**SUMMER HOURS...** *St. Gabriel School Office* will be open M-F from 8:00 until noon through June 18. The office will re-open August 9<sup>th</sup> and maintain the regular business hours of 7:30 –3:30. We can be reached by email ([mbrown@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:mbrown@tcces.k12.wi.us)) anytime and will check phone messages weekly.

*The TCCES Business Office* will be open M-F from 8:00-3:00. The summer schedule will begin on Monday, June 7 and continue until August 20. We will be closed on Friday - July 2 and Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS...** St. Gabriel School community celebrated our last liturgy together last Friday. The fifth graders were honored in a special way and enjoyed a breakfast with their families following the Mass. We ask God's blessings on the following students as they move on to middle school: Hayley Dunlop, Scott Grassmann, Michaela Kegley, Abby Keuler, Sam Knott, Michael Konz, Jared Kroll, Kyle Krysiak, Jacob Romnek, Alex Rosiekja, David Schermerhorn, Ben Seidl, Adam Wintheiser, and Marcus Wittmann. The class donated a statue of an angel which will be placed in front of the west entrance to the school.

***School Yearbooks are coming home tomorrow. Thursday, June 3.***



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**ADDITIONS TO THE SCHOOL GARDENS...**The kindergarten students planted the "Zoo Garden" outside of Mrs. Miller's room Tuesday afternoon. With the help of Mrs. Rickman a master gardener, they planted zebra grass, worm wood, tickseed, false dragonhead, goat's beard, lambs ear, spider wart and lion balm. The "zookeepers" took turns digging the holes, planting the various plants and watering them. We now have a Wisconsin garden and a zoo garden. There will be more coming next year.

**VIRTUS CLASS DATES...** Two VIRTUS training classes are scheduled to be held in Menasha for people who need them. They are Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 - noon or Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9 – noon. Sister Mary Arnoldussen will hold all training sessions at St. John in Menasha.

**NEWS FROM THE GYM...** As part of National Health and Fitness month, the students at St. Gabriel School participated in the annual "Shape Up Badger State Kids Day" event. On May 5<sup>th</sup> over 200 schools in the state of Wisconsin held events to promote the importance of daily exercise. A 12-station skill circuit was set up for each class to participate during their physical education class. The students rotated through the variety of skill stations for approximately 30 minutes. They spent 40 seconds at each station, performing the following tasks: scooter weave, chest passing, balloon-ups, shuttle run, dribbling, toss-clap-catch skills, step-ups, curl-ups, hoppity hopping, set shots, over hand throws, and rope jumping, before rotating on to their next station. It was a fun day and the students really got a good work out. The teaching staff also participated in this event by beginning their day with an early morning outdoor walk.

**TURKEY TIME...** The kindergarten students are watching turkey eggs as they incubate for 28 days. The large dusty rose speckled eggs are kept at about 100 degrees and are turned regularly. While they anticipate the arrival of the chicks, the students are keeping a diary of their observations. Two eggs hatched on Wednesday, May 26. The entire school community stopped in to see the newly hatched turkeys and watched them develop. Thank you to Calvin Keesler and his family for this wonderful hands-on science experience.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CONTEST WINNERS...** All of the fourth and fifth graders participated in the annual contests held by the local Catholic Daughters Organization. Categories included photography, essay, poetry, and computer art. Winners from St. Gabriel are Abby Keuler – essay, first place; Sam Knott – essay, second place; Tabatha Zwickey – essay, third place;

Natalie Heimerman – poetry, first place; Bryce Kalas – poetry, second place; Isabel Taubel – poetry, third place; Abby Keuler – art, second place; Christian Luther – art, third place. Natalie Heimerman's poem placed third on the state level. We are proud of all of you!!!!

**TCCES Elementary Soccer Coaches Needed**

Currently we have 18 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students signed up for fall soccer and typically a few more come during the summer as new student enrollments. At the present time, we have only one coach committed for this level. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade level, we have 35 students committed with only 1 coach and 2 assistant individuals. Our elementary program relies on parent volunteers to come forward and coach. You do not have to be an expert in soccer only a willingness to help children. We are asking you to consider coaching or helping at the various levels. The season is short and we need your help. Contact the school office or Miss Janet Loughrin ([jloughrin@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:jloughrin@tcces.k12.wi.us)) as soon as possible if you can help us with this situation.



**DOGS GO TO SCHOOL...** Beginning June 13th and running 6 weeks on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. the Winnagamie Dog Club is offering a dog obedience class for kids and their dogs. The cost is \$45.00. For more information go to [winnagamiedogclub.com](http://winnagamiedogclub.com) site to the Kids and Canines class on June 13th under classes to download the form.

**GEOMETRY VOCABULARY...** The study of geometry brings with it a whole new vocabulary. There were countless words and definitions to learn in the fourth grade math class at St. Gabriel School. At the end of our study, we played VOCAB bingo. Each student filled in a blank bingo grid with words from a geometry word bank. As definitions were announced, students had to recognize the word in order to cover the appropriate square and win VOCAB bingo. It was a fun way to review!

**HAIKU, CINQUAIN, LIMERICK, AND FREE VERSE...** The third graders wrote them all. The poems were then typed on the computer to create individual poetry books with illustrations. They students really enjoyed becoming poets.

**RAT RIVER...** The fourth graders took a Conservation field trip to Rat River in Larsen. Four stations were set up and directed by professionals from cooperating agencies from our area. The stations visited were forest management, soil profile, water quality, and wildlife habitat. Each of the four stations provided excellent supplementary information and hands on experiences for the students. The station they found most amazing was the water quality station and realized how each home affects the quality of water in Lake Winnebago.