

# ST. GABRIEL

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

## NEWSLETTER



### UPCOMING EVENTS...

#### March

...17—TCCES Celebration of the Arts at the PAC; the TCCES Elementary band and the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from the elementary schools will be featured in addition to piano students and art projects. The reception begins at 5:30, students should arrive at 6:00, and the event starts at 6:30 p.m.

...18—School counselor at St. Gabriel School

...18—Seton Buddy Visit (Grade 4 goes to Seton)

...19, 20, 21—SMC performance of *Willie Wonka* featuring students from St. Gabriel (see page 2 for more details)

...23—School Liturgy planned by Grade 2 at 8:15

...26—No school for TCCES students; Teacher In-service

...26—End of the Third Quarter

...28—Sacrament of Reconciliation for St. Gabriel students at 8:15

...28—Start date for TCCES Plant Sale

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...** Last Friday, the St. Gabriel School Community re-enacted the Stations of the Cross in the church. Each class was responsible for at least two of the stations. As the station were announced, the class came to the front of the church and reverently pantomimed the actions as the information about the station and the prayers for that particular station were prayed. It was quite a moving experience for all of us. We continue on our Lenten journey with our collection of alms (money) that will be donated to the Fox Valley Warming Shelter and the homeless of Haiti. This collection will end on Holy Thursday, April 1. After Easter vacation, Mr. Vivoda will visit our school and share information with us on the local warming shelter. We will present him with a portion of the money that has been collected then. On Holy Thursday, the school will be participating in our annual Lenten Retreat. The theme this year is The Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday).

#### **PTO PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Thank you!**

Thanks to everyone who helped out during our pancake breakfast on March 14<sup>th</sup>. We served 214 people. A special thanks to Ellen Sturm and her team from Kohl's for the time they spent helping. Also, a special Thanks to Pam and Mark Seidl for chairing the event.

**WILLY WONKA...**This weekend is very special to many of our students who are in the cast of the SMC play *Willy Wonka*. Best of luck to Abby Kueler, Brianna Erdman, Calli Fitzgerald, Caroline Vitale, Claudia Miller, Elizabeth Blahnik, Elizabeth Vitale, Ellie Balensiefen, Ethan Collins, Garrett Kegley, Haley Jensen, Hanna Boccheciamp, Isabel Taubel, Jackson Koshollek, Jacob Romnek, Jordan Fitzgerald, Kaitlyn Olsen, Kira Koshollek, Lauren Meyer, Lucas Miller, Marissa Olsen, Mary Mattio, Michaela Kegley, Mollie Olson, Sam Pingel, Sophie Taubel, and Trina Graham.

***Where man sees but withered leaves, God sees flowers growing.***

**--Albert Lighton**



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**A BIRTHDAY...**In celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, the "Cat In The Hat" came to preschool to read Dr. Seuss books to the children. (The "cat" was a preschooler's grandmother.) After hearing the silly stories, the children made their own "Cat In The Hat" hat to take home with them.

**St. Mary Central Zephyr Players proudly present: Willy Wonka, Friday, March 19th 7:00pm Saturday, March 20th 7:00 pm and Sunday, March 21st 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm tickets are \$10 for Students (K-12), \$10 for Senior Citizens and \$15 for Adults. Reserve your tickets today at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com) or call 1-866-967-8167 (toll free). All performances will be held at The UW-Fox Valley Theater located at 1478 Midway Road, Menasha, WI.**

**Bruno the Baker** by Lars Klinting, is from a series of books about Bruno, a cute, handy beaver, and his friends. In this story it is Bruno's birthday, a celebration every second grader can relate to. Bruno and his friend Felix bake a birthday cake for all of their friends to share. So with the help of some second graders and their handy parents/grandparents we were all able to have "Bruno's Cake." To celebrate Bruno's birthday we had our first grade buddies visit our room. We paired up with them and read them the story Bruno the Baker. Then we surprised them with Bruno's birthday cake! We all enjoyed a delicious piece of cake. What a fun reading lesson.

**FORENSICS...**The fifth grade students had two wonderful opportunities to be a part of forensics tournaments – one at Seton and the other at SMC. They chose to make presentations in poetry, prose, and play-acting. After weeks of practice and more practice, the hard work paid off. First and second place ribbons were won at Seton, and all first place ribbons were won at SMC. Forensics helped the fifth graders to develop more self-confidence when speaking in front of people. That's an important skill they'll need in their future lives.

**MEASUREMENTS IN KINDERGARTEN...**Kindergarten students have been exploring different ways we measure length, height, weight and the capacity of different objects. To begin they measured the height and length of items in the room with cubes. Then they ordered the different items from shortest to longest. Students used balance scales to order mystery bags from the lightest to heaviest. After they had them in order, they opened the bags to see what was inside.

**TCCES Presents "Celebration of the Arts" on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fox Cities PAC...** Parents, grandparents, alumni and friends are invited to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual TCCES "Celebration of the Arts" at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The evening will feature student musicians and singers from the elementary, middle and high school levels along with a wide range of visual art created by students from the five TCCES schools – St. Gabriel, St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary Elementary Schools, Seton Catholic Middle School and St. Mary Central High School. This event is open to public and free.

The evening will feature performances by the St. Mary Central High School and Seton Catholic Middle School bands and jazz bands; the elementary band from St. Gabriel, St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary Elementary Schools; the SMC and Seton's Show Choirs; and several of the system's piano players.

Celebration of the Arts is on Wednesday, March 17 at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. The event will begin with a reception and visual art display at 5:30. The concert will begin at 6:30 and admission is free. Bergstrom Automotive is the sponsor for this event.

**AUTHOR SHARES BOOK WITH STUDENTS...**Mr. Chester Jensen, grandfather of Haley (grade 1) and Allison (grade 4) Jensen visited St. Gabriel on Friday, March 5, 2010. Students in kindergarten through grade 5 met with Mr. Jensen who read *Princess Kate's Carousel* and answered questions about being an author. Before he left, he signed one of his books and donated the copy to the school library.

**SEUSS NEWS...**On Tuesday, March 9 the Kindergarten and First Grade classes got to go see *Seussical* at the Performing Arts Center in Appleton. For one hour, the students were transformed into the world of Dr. Seuss and his beloved stories. The Cat in the Hat led us through the tales of Horton Hears a Who, Gertrude McFuzz, Horton Hatches an Egg and McElligotts Pool. The characters sang, danced and made us feel like we were part of the story. The students laughed when the Cat in the Hat came out riding a tricycle. The kids thought that Gertrude had a beautiful voice and enjoyed watching Horton try and protect the Whos on their clover-"For a person is a person. No matter how small." It was a great trip and we thank the PTO for helping to fund the event for us. The students are now writing about their experience and the entries are going to be submitted to the PAC for a contest.