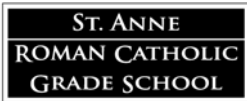




THE CONNECTION

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From The Desk Of The Principal.....

Dear Parents and Friends,

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Yesterday, Americans celebrated Memorial Day. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. First observation was on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (Memorial Day History, 2009).

In collaboration with the Archdiocese of Detroit, the archdiocese asked all Catholics yesterday and always to remember those who gave their lives for the cause of freedom, and pray for peace, justice and an end to the violence throughout the world.

Archdiocese of Detroit Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their service inspire in all of us the selfless love of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Speaking of peace and justice, the National Institute of Health has proposed funding research that will destroy live human embryos for their stem cells. In solidarity with the United States Bishops and Archdiocese of Detroit, we can stand against the destruction of human life by voicing objection to the measure. Please visit the official web site for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Please read the front page under "Oppose Federally Funded Embryo-Destroying Research"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1—**NO LATE START**, normal start time
- June 1—Athletic Club Mtg.—7:30pm
- June 1—Market Day pickup (Monday)
- June 2—1st grade field trip
- June 2—8th grade field trip
- June 2—Madonna Guild—7pm
- June 3—Men's Club—7pm
- June 4—Kindergarten picnic
- June 5—1st grade picnic
- June 5—2nd grade picnic
- June 5—3rd grade picnic
- June 5—4th grade picnic
- June 5—Last day for 8th graders
- June 5—8th grade awards—2 pm
- June 6—8th grade graduation—5 pm
- June 8—**NO LATE START**, normal start time
- June 8—Kindergarten graduation
- June 9—Last Day of School—12:10 dismissal

2009/2010 REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for the 2009/2010 school year. Deposits were due in May. If you have not made your deposit and sent in your one-page registration form for current families, please do so as soon as possible. The payment plan for this coming school year will start in June and continue for a total of an 11-month period. Hopefully, this will make payments a little easier for all. Please see Linda in the rectory if you have any financial questions.

From all of the faculty and staff at St. Anne, we wish you all a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

TEACHERS PAGE

PRE-K

Pre-Kindergarten has been working very hard to get ready for kindergarten. We've started learning some new sounds that letters can make when they stand with their friends. Try asking us what "ch" says. It is amazing how far we have come this year. Our class has also done an author study of Laura Numeroff. We loved helping the mouse with his science experiment when we mixed red and blue magic foam together. The pre-kindergarteners have been working very hard this month as they complete the end of the year assessments and testing. We have made wonderful friends this year, and we are looking forward to kindergarten!

Kindergarten:

We cannot believe that school is almost over and we are almost first graders! We have been working very hard this month to get ready for the end of the year. All the kindergarteners took the School Readiness Test this month. It was a lot of work, but we did great and we are happy that it is over. During May we also had a lot of fun activities. We practiced songs to sing for our moms and grandma's for our Mother's Day program. We would like to give a big THANKS to Mrs. McKenzie for working on these songs and letting us use the music room for our concert! After we sang our songs we invited everyone back to our rooms for cookies and punch. Everyone had a lot of fun! Now we are getting ready for our Kindergarten Celebration at the end of the year. We have new songs to practice and everyone has a special part they need to learn for the big day. On May 29th we will be taking our field trip to Upland Hills Farm. We are definitely keeping busy until the end of the year!

Ms. Groesbeck and Ms. Moore

1st Grade:

Where has the school year gone? We cannot believe we are starting to wrap things up in first grade! First of all, we want to thank all the parents who helped us with all of our activities this school year! We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks so much! We look back and hope that we gave your children some fun memories of their first grade year! We are so proud of our students and the accomplishments they have made this school year! Looking back to the first day of school to where they are now is amazing! We have readers, writers, "bankers", mathematicians, spellers, artists . . . all ready for 2nd grade! Can we keep them another year???? We know that we can't and are confident they will continue to grow as children of God in the years ahead! In the next few weeks we will be visiting the Nature Center, enjoying our class picnic, and finishing up our first grade books. In closing we say this: Thank you first graders for a wonderful year! We will miss you all and hope that you continue to work hard and always do your best! We hope that you and your families enjoy a fabulous and safe summer vacation! We look forward to seeing you next year as SECOND GRADERS! Keep smiling!

Miss Dalecki and Miss Novak

2nd Grade:

Second grade has been very busy! We started the month with cultural week. This year we studied India. The students enjoyed learning about the culture; Father Koshy even visited each room with a firsthand account. We also had our Marian Concert. The students were amazing. Many people were awe struck with the reverence that was present. We received many praises from the students and teachers. We were very proud. Our field trip to Cranbrook Institute of Science was a fun filled day for the students. We took an imaginary trip through the solar system. We discovered some fascinating features about nocturnal animals, and we investigated matter in three classifications. It was a busy day! We also had a wonderful time on Gallimaufry Day. The students created so many wonderful projects. Finally, Field Day was a huge success.

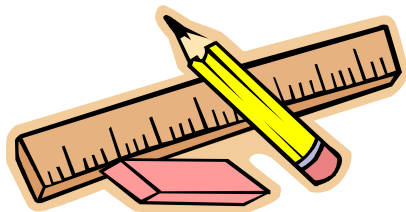


3rd Grade:

The third graders have had a very hectic, but enjoyable month! They enjoyed completing wonderful Social Studies and Mother's Day projects, and participated in Gallimaufry Day. Many of the classes offered, allowed them to bring home an array of exciting projects to share with their friends and family members. Field Day was a unique collection of activities geared to various skills, fund-raising for math books, and having fun! A great time was had by all! Our children have focused upon learning about The Blessed Mother during May and have completed assignments honoring Mary, in addition to participating in the May Crowning, liturgy, and Benediction. With the end of the year rapidly approaching, special thanks to all of the parents who have been so helpful and supportive during the school year, especially those who have participated in class projects and field trips. We enjoyed working with you and are greatly appreciative of the time, which you have so generously shared with us! Please continue working with your child throughout the summer, especially reviewing anything that we have been working on this year, so that they can make an easy transition to the fourth grade. May God bless you and your family with a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer vacation!

4th Grade:

It is hard to believe the end of the year is here. Our fourth graders worked very hard this year and learned many new skills. Please continue to work on these skills throughout the summer. It is important for them not to forget the many lessons. A BIG thanks to all the parents who have helped fourth grade in some way or form. Without parents it is hard to complete all the fun activities. Many thanks!!! World in Motion is now complete and the students learned many new skills to take with them into the world. "Teamwork" is one word that definitely played a large part in this program. Students through the six weeks, had to work together to create a paper sail boat and test it several times for the longest distance. In the process they had to react to problems, and brainstorm together to solve the problem, and make the boat better and faster. In the end, each student comes out as a better team player. Just a few reminders, Michigan Night is May 28th, the class picnic is June 5th, and the last day of school is a half day on June 9th. Have a great summer and remember children are our most valuable resource!!!



5th Grade:

With the year swiftly drawing to a close, the 5th graders are involved in a swirl of activities. Students presented their WIM reports and model cars, examined cars and robots, and were treated to a pizza party as World in Motion concluded last week. This week students will visit the Henry Ford Museum and IMAX Theater for an end of the year field trip. Next week the 5th graders will enjoy the Warren Community Center for an outdoor picnic. A great year is being capped off with great memories!!!

6th Grade:

The sixth grade will be finishing the year studying integers and the coordinate plane in math. In religion we will be exploring the fact that God is with us whenever we want and He is always ready to welcome us back. In science, the students will finish out the year studying space and in social studies and will continue to study Europe past to present. In literature, the students have recently finished Esperanza Rising, and are now working on group projects that reflect the themes of the novel. In English, the sixth graders are now familiar with all eight parts of speech. We will spend the remainder of the year working on study skills, and reviewing key English concepts.

The Sixth Grade Teachers

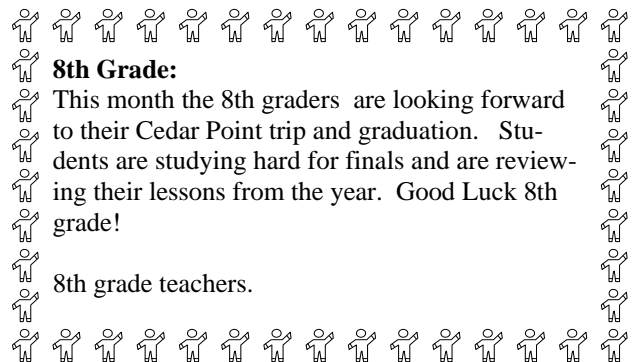
7th Grade:

In seventh grade, we have finished all grammar units in our text and are working on the SYNTAX of words. In literature we are writing a persuasive essay. We are completing it a step at a time using techniques from our English text. We will present our essay orally before turning it into a business letter. Our final exams begin this week and end next week.

8th Grade:

This month the 8th graders are looking forward to their Cedar Point trip and graduation. Students are studying hard for finals and are reviewing their lessons from the year. Good Luck 8th grade!

8th grade teachers.



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A SPECIAL THANKS

We at St. Anne would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers that help our school throughout the year. It is that kind of support and dedication to Catholic education that keeps schools like ours vibrant.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Teachers from grades PK-6 nominate a student once a month as **Student of the Month**. These students are recognized for following Jesus and the way of life He teaches us to live; has a positive attitude; is helpful to other students or staff; improves grades or citizenship; completes an outstanding project; or represents our school in an exemplary way. These students were presented a certificate from the school committee during the May meeting. The following students were named Student of the Month in their class:

Ms. Babcock	Grace Zdankiewicz
Ms. Moore	Hannah Wiegand
Ms. Groesbeck	Jillian Francis
Ms. Dalecki	Saimer Kiryakoza
Ms. Novak	Megan Nicol
Mrs. Pasternak	Aaron Kern
Mrs. Pinelli	Jack Henderson
Ms. Shalagan	Emily Koch
Mrs. Boyle	Aimee Nambiathusseril
Ms. Mazzonne	Joe Francis
Mrs. Belan	Trevor Hudas
Mrs. Machak	Kaitlyn Radiocic
Mrs. Wietchy	Christine Thomas
Ms. Shermetaro	Carson Berlin
Mrs. Allen	Andrew Chmura
Mrs. Lipsmeier	Jessica Sudomir

NO HOT LUNCH IN JUNE

Parents, please be aware that there will not be any hot lunch service for the school days in June. Students should bring a bag lunch from June 1st—June 8th.

ST. ANNE'S JUNIOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM RANKS HIGHEST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

At the 24th Annual Macomb Science Olympiad Tournament, held on May 9th at Macomb Community College, the St. Anne Olympiad Team ranked the highest Catholic School as well as the highest school from Warren Consolidated.

Most of our team were third graders going up against fifth graders! The team consisted of Katie Terman, Anna VanHese, Mary Yanik, Amanda Wewer, Brandon Fitch, Nicole Discenna, Reginald Galanto, Evan Graham, George Jacob, Thomas Jacob, Emily Koch, Meredith Hinz, Alyssa Orlans, Jonathan Suan, Emily Hogan and Cristina Reo (alt.)

Brandon Fitch and Reginald Galanto won a 6th place medal in Weather or Not.

Congratulations go out to these students, parents AND coaches who worked real hard on studying and utilizing science applications.

5TH GRADE NATIONAL SCIENCE LEAGUE WINNERS: (in order of total points)

Matthew Akash (#1 Medal Winner), Joe Kotlar, Reema Sweidan, Kaitlyn Radoicic, Lillian Chammas, Rachel Vollmer, Claire Washburn, Tonimarie Catalan, Chris Moozhayil and Joseph Nambiathusseril.

5TH GRADE MATHEMATICS LEAGUE CONTEST WINNERS: (in order of total points)

Eric Malayil (#1 Medal Winner), Emily Myers, Tonimarie Catalan, Kaitlyn Radoicic, Ashley Michol, Cloie Chidiac, Joseph Nambiathusseril, Michael Reo, Matthew Akash and Jake Adams.

CONGRATS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS

- **SPRING SPORTS BANQUET** is June 4th in the gym at 6:00 pm.
 - **FALL SPORTS SIGNUPS** for football, volleyball, soccer and golf will be May 26, May 28 and June 2nd in the gym from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
 - The Athletic Club is holding the final general membership meeting of this year on June 1, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the library. We will be voting on new officers for the board and a proposal to increase in participation fee's for 2009/2010.
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MADONNA GUILD NEWS

- Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Madonna Guild's spring activities—the Ice Cream Social, Field Day, and the Golf Outing (which will be this Saturday, May 30). Whether you worked on a committee, volunteered for the day, contributed money or goods, served as a sponsor, or came to play, we couldn't have succeeded without you! Most of the funds we raised will help to pay the cost of the school's new math textbooks.
- Please join us at our last meeting of the year on Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm in the junior high. Mark your calendars now for our September meeting which will be the day after Labor Day (Tuesday, September 8).

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER VACATION!

For the latest school news, visit our web site at www.st-anne.net and go to the news tab.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The St. Anne Men's Club would like to thank all of the volunteers and patrons who have helped make our new "Club" a success! The profits will be used for school improvements.

The Men's Club will be having a meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the junior high building, room 103. The Men's Club is open to all men of St. Anne School and church age 21 and older. Hope to see you there! There will be no formal meetings during the summer. Members will be contacted to ask to contribute their time to make various improvements to the school such as painting and light construction.

Our first formal meeting for the 2009/2010 school year will be September 2, 2009.

CUB SCOUTS

This past month, the Cubs have had loads of fun. They caught their own fish at a Trout Farm and visited Greenfield Village over Memorial Day weekend to participate in Civil War activities—with several being sworn in as honorary soldiers—complete with rifle training. Thank you Mr. Sahadi for sharing your views on education with the Webelos—you made it fun, interesting, and enlightening. Though the school year is over we will continue our fun throughout the summer with the Pack Picnic, summer camping and continued Webelos meetings. We invite all interested boys entering first thru fifth grades to join us Wednesday June 3rd for Join Scouting Night in the gym. Thank you, Leaders, for an outstanding year of Cub Scouts. Come check us out on June 3rd to join the fun!

ADVANCEMENT NEWS.....

I would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, neighbors, etc. who have contributed to our fundraising programs. We have raised over \$5000 this year through our seven standard fundraisers (Box Tops, Campbell Labels, Market Day, Target, Meijer, Scrip and Recycling). The money that has been raised through these programs contributes to supplies and teacher's classroom needs. These programs are easy ways to earn money for our school and does not cost families any extra money. Please consider contributing to these programs throughout the year. Thanks again for all who have contributed to these programs.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION . . . Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to the Box Tops for Education program. Our goal for the year was \$2000 and we have raised \$2046. Thank you to the parents and grandparents (and other relatives and neighbors) who have cut out each box top from General Mills products. A special thanks to Janet VanDeVelde who counts, bundles and mails all of the box tops. Please keep cutting box tops through the summer. We were ranked 62 out of 1,226. I would like to beat our surrounding schools who rank higher than us for the next school year. More incentives will be the goal for next year.

Campbell's Labels For Education: Simply cut proof of purchase labels from over 150 Campbell products and turn them into the main office (send in the whole label if you are not sure which part is the proof of purchase). We receive points, which in turn will build up, and we become eligible to receive free merchandise such as printers, copiers, and other teacher supplies. We currently have over 7,000 points. Please save your labels over the summer.

Market Day: The June pickup day is MONDAY, June 1st in the junior high building from 3:30—4:30. If you need to make arrangements to hold your order at the school, please let Sheri Yanik know in advance. This is the last order for the school year. Thank you to all who have purchased Market Day. We will see you in the fall.

Target Take Charge of Education: By shopping with a Target Visa or Target Card, we receive a percentage from the amount of each purchase you make. The most recent Target donation to St. Anne was over \$600. We have 90 people who have a Target Redcard who designate our school with all of their purchases. You can ask friends and family to use their Target card and designate St. Anne School as the school of their choice. A profit from each sale will go to our school. Go to www.target.com for more details. Please continue to utilize your Target card over the summer and make sure that St. Anne School is selected to receive the profits. Tell your family and friends that have a Target card to select our school as the school of choice to receive profits.

Meijer Community Rewards: If you shop at Meijer and have a Meijer Credit Card or Meijer 1 Card, our school receives a percentage for purchases made at any Meijer facility. You can apply for these cards at any Meijer store or you can join online at Meijer.com/rewards. Please have your friends and family that have a Meijer card select St. Anne as the school of choice to receive Meijer profits.

Scrip: The Scrip program is designated to help families pay for tuition. You buy gift certificates from participating retailers and a percentage of your purchases go towards credit on your tuition. You can enroll online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Your enrollment code is 413ALEC915419 and the program coordinator is Sheri Yanik. For more details, visit our website at www.st-anne.net and go to the Advancement section and look under fundraising opportunities. For example, you can buy \$100 worth of gas cards (for \$100) and use it as cash at the gas stations. Scrip will take a percentage of your \$100 and give you credit toward your tuition. The last day for the scrip program for the year is Monday, June 1st. The program will start up again in September.

Recycling Projects: If you have any empty ink cartridges or cell phones, there are collection boxes in the main office. We also have recycling bins out by the Junior High Building for newspapers. Please help the environment and recycle. We receive money for both projects. We are looking for a coordinator for this project. Please see Sheri Yanik in the office if you are interested in coordinating this project.

For more information on our fundraising programs, please visit our website at www.st-anne.net and go to the fundraising opportunities under the advancement tab.