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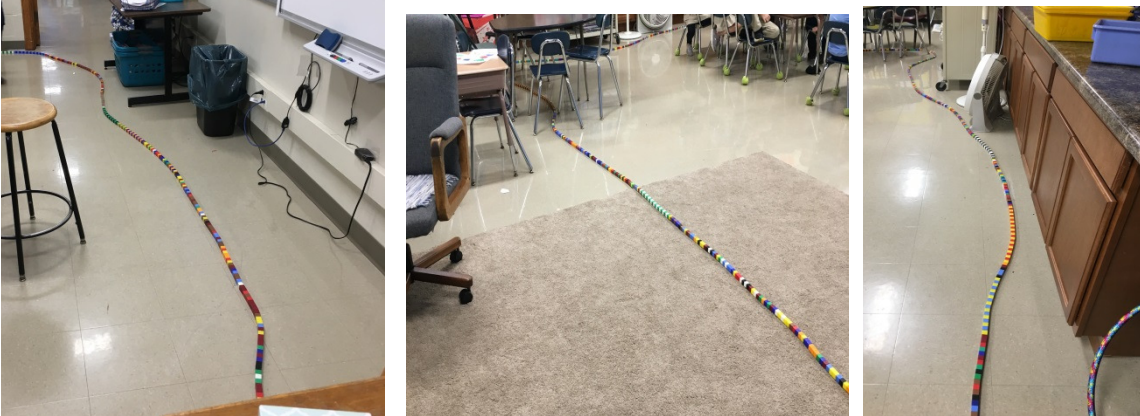
Mission Statement
 IHM-St. Casimir Catholic School challenges students to discover God's gifts spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically within a community that nurtures, honors and respects the unique person.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: “Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways!”
 Psalm 128:1

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: “He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25

A WORD FROM MRS. JOHNSTON

This week our Second Grade had a math lesson that the entire class planned and carried out all by themselves! They took all the blocks and put them together in a string and they stretched all around the room and under tables and chairs. It is so fun to watch our kids come together to create math lessons. Go second grade.



All along the front of the room.....the back of the room.....and along the side.



Then they took them and put them in ones and tens for a total of 1,119 blocks. Keep up the great learning, my Second Grade friends.

This week I took some time to talk with all of our students about the virtues of respect and obedience. We have had some difficulties in the classroom with some of us forgetting to not blurt answers when a student is asking a question. We talked about how important silent reading is and that making our friends laugh during that time is not beneficial. We talked about how we make negative comments to our classmates when we are getting in line and when we are assigned group work we are talking about everything but the project. Since I had this conversation, we are seeing a change in our behaviors. Mom and Dad, if you can take a little time and talk about the importance of obedience and respect, that would be wonderful. It makes a difference when they hear it from home and school together.

I want to wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving. I am so grateful for God blessing me with all of you and your beautiful children. I pray everyone has safe travel and wonderful family time. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

God's blessings and peace,
Angela

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Kindness: Our wisdom this week comes from Claire, one of our eighth grade students: "Be Kind to one another." That is a quote from Ephesians 4:32. Kindness is an important virtue because it is practiced every day in different ways. You can make anyone's day when you show them a small act of kindness. A smile, wave, or a joke can turn someone's day around. Kindness was practiced by all the saints, the apostles, and Jesus. You can be like them and follow them by simply being kind and loving your neighbors."

Student Council/Red Ribbon: Celebrate "Let Drugs Rest Forever" on Monday., November 20. Bring a pillow or blanket for reading time and say NO to drugs!

America and Me: Congratulations to our ten finalists whose essays have been chosen to progress to the next level in the Farm Bureau Insurance annual contest "America and Me." The theme this year is "My Michigan Hero." Congratulations to Honorine, Victoria, Claire, Hannah, Anna Kate, Matthew, Miranda, Alex, Kiera and Drew! Blessings as you go on to compete at the state level!

Blessings, Mary Margaret

RESULTS OF THE AUCTION

Thank you to all who planned, donated, worked, attended and purchased at the recent Adult Social. It was a resounding success no matter how you measure that! The party was fun, the food was great, the prizes were awesome, the donations were generous!

The middle line is: Auction profit was \$12,199.35; Direct donations to Gym \$22,289.00

Bottom Line is Increase to gym fund \$29,608.61; Increase to Mary Goeddeke Fund \$4,879.74

Great job all! Chris Wilcox

UPCOMING EVENTS: **Check out the Google Calendar on the ihmlansing.org homepage for more....**

Wed., Nov. 22: NO SCHOOL; beginning of Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 7, MS Play: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, LCHS, 6:30 pm

WEEKLY LITURGY: Wednesday, 8:00; First Friday Adoration, Friday, Dec. 1.

SCHEDULE: Nov. 17: ODC. Gr. 6 Retreat at Cristo Rey; drop off and **pick up there.** Nov. 20: Red Ribbon Activity: Let Drugs Rest. Gr. 5 & 6 Field Trip to the movies. Nov. 21: 8:15 Community Officer Penny meets with MS. **Nov. 22-24: NO SCHOOL; THANKSGIVING!** Nov. 29: Gr. 4-8 Geography Bee's in individual classrooms. Nov. 30: Retreat times for Gr. 3, 4, & 5. Dec. 1: Progress Notes posted.

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TRIP: No TRIP order will be placed on Tuesday, Nov. 21 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The TRIP order of Tuesday, Nov. 28 will begin the countdown to Christmas!!! **That order will be counting down #4 before Christmas....**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAMILIES: We have been in touch with the court system to be matched with families for Christmas giving again this year. More details and collection envelopes will be coming home after Thanksgiving, but the days will go by fast and we knew that you would want a heads up! **The money will be due December 8** so that the PTO shoppers have time to do their magic – stretching our donations into a beautiful pile of Christmas gifts!

GRADE 8 31 FUNDRAISER: Grade 8 is offering the opportunity to purchase Thirty-One merchandise from Mrs. Tietsort (our band teacher and 31 consultant) as a fundraiser for their trip to Washington, D.C. The party link is: <https://www.mythirtyone.com/1939410/shop/Party/EventDetail/10312267> **The order deadline is 11/18!** Shop now!

ANNUAL BATTERY SALE: The Student Council will be conducting the annual battery sale. They provide this sale to fund their good works for the school and to offer you the opportunity to stock up on batteries at great prices. Check out the attached flyer! Sales will be tallied and completed Dec. 5; please send in your order with payment on **Monday, Dec. 4.** Batteries will be back to you at the end of the week!

MS PLAY: The MS students in the drama elective have been very busy learning their parts and creating scenery for their performance on Thursday, December 7 at LCHS. There are a couple of props that they would like to borrow from school families if they can. If you have any of these, please contact Mrs. McBrearty at mcbreartyr@ihmlansing.org to discuss details: Old fashioned radio, walking canes, ladder, cardboard, paint, glue, many colors of face paint.... Do not send them in before checking! Thanks for helping if you can.

FIVE BELOW FUNDRAISER WITH IHM-ST. CASIMIR SCHOOL: five BELOW is offering to partner with IHM-St. Casimir November 19-25 and December 10-17. All purchases **accompanied by a flyer** will earn us 10% of the total dollars spent. Flyers may be copied and shared with family and friends. Take advantage of this pain-free assistance to our school as you shop for stocking stuffers and many, many items. Local stores are located at the Okemos Target plaza and on the west side near Walmart. Flyers will come home in family envelopes this week.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEEDED: One of our Kindergarten friends needs a happy, safe place to stay after school until about 6:00 each day (thus Student Care is not an option). If you would consider sharing your home after school, please give us a call at school and we can put you in touch with his mom!

ART TEACHER REQUEST: Mrs. Franz would like to make a very special project in art class this year. If you could donate old tee shirts for deconstruction, that would be wonderful. Any color, any shape can be used – words or no words - variety in colors would be great. Just send them to school clearly marked, “ART CLASS”. Thank you.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY: City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services Department & the Greater Lansing Food Bank announce the mobile food pantry distribution of FREE, fresh, non-perishable food items When: Saturday, **November 18, 2017 9:00 am to 11:00 am** (or until food runs out) Where: St. Casimir Church, 800 W. Barnes Ave. Lansing, MI 48910. Who can participate? • The disadvantaged and vulnerable. • Senior citizens on fixed incomes. • Families/individuals with limited or low income jobs. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING A VALID STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

HOME PRINTER AVAILABLE: A staff member has an unused printer to donate to whoever can use it. Be the first to call the office and say you would like it and it is yours! 882-6631!

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS:

Kindergarten: The Polar Bears are practicing and preparing for our Thanksgiving feast and performance. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Grade 5: We continued our study of the solar system by learning about star magnitudes, different types of stars and how stars change.

Grade 2: This week we jumped ahead in our religion book to the *sacraments* because we want to be ready for Reconciliation.

Religion 8: Isaiah's image of the Suffering Servant foreshadowed Christ in His suffering and death. Students considered some of Isaiah's images to see Christ in his words.

Grade 4: Given that All Saints Day ushered in November, the 4th graders are researching saints upon whom they will report...both in written and oral form.

Library: Join Justin Abdelkader and the Red Wings in encouraging your K-5 student to read. Complete the entry form online by January 31, 2018 and then read some of Justin's favorite books. A flyer is coming home with selections. We have most of his favorites in the library, so check some out and read, read, read!

Grade 3: The third grade worked on their Michigan map skills this week by locating towns and cities with Native American names.

