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St. Stephen's
Catholic School

Newsletter

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Important Dates...

October...

28 - Big Parade of Little People
31 - Grade 1 & 2 Kelly Farm

November...

1 - All Saints Day - 9:30 Mass
3 - 8th Grade Field Trip
 Girls - Sisters of the Poor
 Boys - St. John Vianney
4 - End of Quarter 1
8 - Handmaids of the Heart of
 Jesus - (5th-8th Grade)
 Presentation in FCC
11 - Spirit Day
11 - Middle School Dance
19 - Holiday Craft Fair

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Fr. Michael A. Van Sloun
Pastor and Superintendent

Mrs. Rebecca Gustafson
Principal

Ms. Sarah Kelly
School Counselor

School Office	421-3236
Heidi Staggert	712-7473
Dawn Graf	712-7427
Absence Line	712-7467
Kitchen	712-7460
BASE	712-7453
BASE (cell)	612-418-7010*

*After Hours Emergency

Thank you Corporate Sponsors!

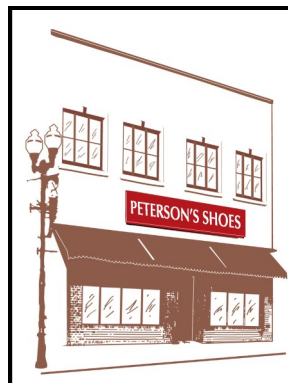
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Peterson's Shoes



Please remember that if you haven't turned in your required \$120 per student (K-8) or \$50 per student (Pre-K), you can turn in your payment directly to the school office. We are getting closer to achieving our school goal, but can't do it without your help!

Our current total is \$56,526.08—83% of our goal!

PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY
TEACHERS

Mrs. Angela Tjosaas
Pre-School

Mrs. Deb Cherney
Kindergarten

Mrs. Mary Kay Wesp
Kindergarten

Mrs. Julianne Haenel
First Grade

Mrs. Mary Kay Tyminski
First Grade

Mrs. Jan Applen
Second Grade

Mrs. Sherry Miller
Second Grade

Mrs. Marileen Diederichs
Third Grade

Mrs. Betty Kowalski
Third Grade

Mrs. Marie Penn
Fourth Grade

Mrs. Susie Toenjes
Fourth Grade

Ms. Katie Geis
Fifth Grade

Mrs. Kim Taggart
Fifth Grade

MIDDLE SCHOOL/SPECIALISTS
TEACHERS

Ms. Desiree Hyrkas
Sixth Grade Advisor/Media

Mrs. Lynelle Kocher
Sixth Grade Advisor/Art

Mrs. Theresa Hefel
Sixth Grade Advisor/Spanish

Mrs. Jaime Verkuilen
Sixth Grade Advisor/Music

Mrs. Peg Brown
Seventh Grade Advisor/Math

Mrs. Shelly Miller
Seventh Grade Advisor/Social Studies

Mr. Kurt Werk
Seventh Grade Advisor/P.E./A.D.

Mrs. Colleen Hansen
Eighth Grade Advisor/Science

Mrs. Shelley Lysdahl
Eighth Grade Advisor/Literature

Mrs. Judy Radcliff
Eighth Grade Advisor/Formation

Mr. Tim Burke
Computers

A special thank you to everyone
who helped out with the
conference meals!

The teachers really enjoyed
having a meal prepared for
them.



A special thank you to all the
families that helped with the
conference meals either by
donating food or money. I
greatly appreciated your help.
We were able to serve 2 great
meals for the teachers!

Julie Werner

Overdue Library Books

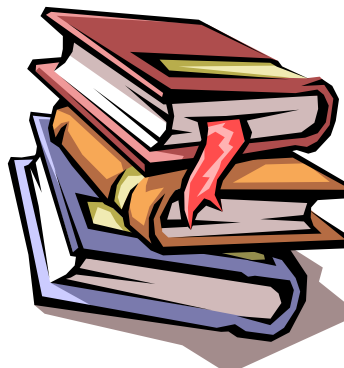
Ms. Hyrkas will soon be sending out the first overdue slips of the year, but this year, instead of paper slips, parents will receive an email letting them know about the overdue book(s). If the book is returned, there are no fines. The replacement cost will be listed as "Price" in the email. This is the amount you should send ***only in if the book has been damaged beyond repair or has been permanently lost.*** The money you send in will be used to buy a replacement for the lost book.

As you know, we do not charge fines for overdue books, but we ask that the books be returned as soon as possible so other students can check out the books. Students with an overdue book will not be allowed to check out any other books, even for projects. If your child has the book at school, but the book has not been brought to the library, the overdue slip will still be sent home, as we do not have a way of tracking the books in your child's classroom. If your child's teacher has a library return bin in her classroom, those books will be brought down before the next library class time. The books will be checked in at that point and your child will be able to check out during that class, if the overdue books were returned in the bin.

If you would prefer receive paper overdue slips or would like to change or update the email address that we use, please let Ms. Hyrkas know by emailing her at dhyrkas@ststephenchurch.org.

Thanks!

Desiree Hyrkas
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Archdiocesan Strategic Plan Update

The Strategic Plan for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis was announced one year ago. Since that time, the Catholic Schools Commission laid the groundwork for reinvesting in schools across the Archdiocese, a Latino Ministry Advisory Council was established to strengthen ministry to the growing Spanish-speaking community, and planning is underway to launch more robust outreach to youth and young adults throughout our community, among many other efforts. If you are interested in finding out more about what has happened under the Strategic Plan during this past year, including structural changes involving parishes and schools, as well as learning about upcoming strategic initiatives aimed at helping us all better fulfill the mission of the Church, please visit archspm.org and click on the “Archdiocesan Planning Update” button on the right hand side of your screen and make sure to check out the October 13th issue of *The Catholic Spirit*.

Web editor note re links:

You may want to link the text “Catholic Schools Commission” to:

<http://www.archspm.org/departments/schools/reinvesting-in-our-schools.php>

You may want to link “Archdiocesan Planning Update” to:

<http://planning.archspm.org/>

And With Your Spirit:

Faith Sharing Centers on the new Mass language



And With Your Spirit is an age appropriate event designed to help you and your children understand the changes to the Mass starting on November 27, 2011. Please plan to attend with your family for 60-90 minutes.

Date: **Tuesday November 8 & Wednesday November 9**

Time: 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: Faith Community Center

Topic: The Roman Missal, 3rd Edition.

Sports News from Mr. Werk...

Results of the final cross country meet.

Boys	TIME	PLACE
Jack Weinberger	6:20	10 th
Charles Rowskiak	6:43	20 th
Jacob Ballensky	6:44	21 st
Brendan Corbin	6:52	24 th
Brook Estell	7:13	28 th
Mike Larson	7:18	31 st
Jake Hilton	7:43	37 th
Porter Larkin	8:11	42 nd
Girls		
Emily Cox	8:27	31 st

This was a great year for our cross country team! I would like to thank the 8th grade boys for completing 3 years on our team (Charles, Brendan, Brook, Jake, and Jacob). Thank you all for helping make this sport grow for our school.

Congratulations to our B, and JV volleyball teams for finishing first in the season ending conference tournament. Great Job!!! Our varsity team will start their tournament tonight at St. Al's starting at 5:00 against Providence. Good luck this weekend.

Our two soccer teams will finish their season on Monday. The boys will play at Elm Crest against St. Alphonsus. Our girls will play in the championship for the second straight season, they will take on Epiphany. Good luck to our soccer teams!

Teachers Wish List

- Document Camera for Mrs. Lysdahl and Mrs. Hansen
- iTunes Gift Card for music class
- Stickers and/or Rubber Stamps in Spanish for Spanish Class
- 46 Empty Jello-Pudding Boxes for 2nd Grade

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GENEROUS DONATIONS!

Before & After School Enrichment

Director: Teri King

BASE Voice Mail: **712-7453**

Week of: October 31

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MORNING

Gym

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Gym

AFTERNOON

Free Day!

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Bookmarks

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A special Thank You
to all the parishioners
who have supported our
2011/2012 School Marathon!
The parishioners supported our
school with almost
\$1,700.00!

Dia de los Muertos ~ Senora Theresa Hefel

As we approach All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, our St. Stephen's Catholic School Spanish classes will focus on Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). This holiday is celebrated in Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala, and other areas in Central and South America. Additionally, the Day of the Dead is also celebrated in many areas of the United States, such as California and Texas. November 2nd is the official date for Day of the Dead, although it is celebrated between October 31st and November 2nd. As this celebration is associated with the dead, it is not portrayed as a morbid or depressing time, but rather a period full of life, happiness, color, food, family, and fun. In many areas, outdoor markets are displayed in which they sell many symbolic goods, such as special breads, flowers, pottery, baskets, candles, paper puppets, and candy skulls. Marigolds are another significant symbol for the Day of the Dead festivity, and are known as the "flower of the dead." Their scent is believed to attract the souls and draw them back.

People celebrate this holiday in their households, as well as in the cemeteries. In their homes "ofrendas" (offerings) are often set up on an altar displaying portraits, personal goods, clothing, favorite foods, and possessions of the deceased family member. On November 2nd, family members visit the gravesites of their loved ones. They decorate their graves with flowers, enjoy picnics consisting of favorite foods of the deceased, and socially interact with others at the cemetery. This is an important social ritual that the Latino people see as "a way of recognizing the cycle of life and death that is human existence." In certain areas, an all-night candlelight vigil takes place by the graves of the family members. The whole occasion is festive, and everyone talks of the dead as if they were still alive. This holiday festivity is believed to be a time for the departed to join the living in the celebrations of the "continuum of life."



6th Grade Champions!



**Congratulations to our 6th and 7th grade Volleyball teams!
1st PLACE CHAMPIONS!**

7th Grade Champions!

