

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for helping us celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We truly are Catholic Schools that Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed. Let us continue to demonstrate these qualities as we move throughout the remainder of the school year. Catholic education is a gift to our Church, families, community, nation, and world. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the success of Catholic schools – students, families, teachers and staff, volunteers, community supporters, and local and national leaders.

We are especially grateful for the opportunity for the 6th grade to attend Mass in Norfolk with 6th and 8th graders from other rural schools in the archdiocese; and to celebrate with our larger community of faith of our neighboring Catholic schools of St. Wenceslaus in Dodge and St. John Neumann in Clarkson

Mrs. Carol Vogel



A few thoughts on Living the Word of God:

Jesus tells the disciples and us that we are the light of the world and that they must not hide this light, but shine it forth. Jesus says that our light must shine so that others may see their good works and thus give glory to God. This is a reminder that our actions and our words can be forms of light, or conversely, of darkness. We might also consider how our attitude or interior disposition is a form of light. How can we be light for each other in our family life? (taken from *Celebrating Sundays for Catholic Families*)



On Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week, the 6th grade traveled to Norfolk to attend Mass at St. Mary's church. All students were treated to a hot dog meal and some faith sharing from the Norfolk Catholic High School students and Fr. Scott Schilmoeller. The featured speaker was Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, who is known



around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon", a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher. Deacon Harold gave an inspirational and motivational speech with a strong emphasis on never giving up and always trying to do better. He credited Catholic schools with his success in life.



Each school was represented by its banner that was displayed in the gym where the program was held.



Magic Show at St. Wenceslaus during Hwy 91 Day



Upcoming Events:

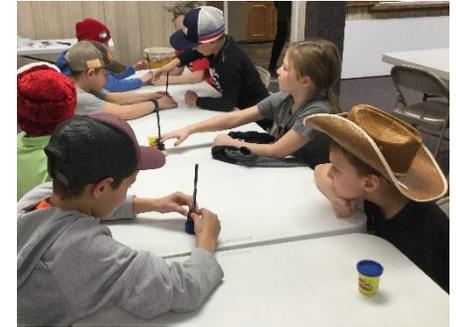
- Feb 6 – Fun Fest parent packets go home; mid-term 3rd quarter
- Feb 10 – Fun Fest quilt raffle tickets go on sale
- Feb 11 – Mid-term reports sent home
- Feb 14 – Valentine's Day party 2:30-3:30 pm
- Feb 19 - No school HCCS; Staff meeting-am, School of Faith-pm
- Feb 21 – No school; state wrestling
- Feb 24 – Parents turn in Fun Fest packets
- Feb 25 – Last day to turn in Quilt Raffle tickets
- Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday, Mass 8:15 at SPP
- Feb 29-March 1 Women's Club Art Show; view after Masses at Howells Catholic Social Hall

What's happening at HCCS?

- ❖ **Valentine's Day parties** will be held on Friday, February 14 from 2:30-3:30. Students do exchange Valentines with all the students in their class.
- ❖ **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** this quarter will be on an as needed basis. Parents and/or teachers may initiate the conference if they feel there is a need for a conference. More information will be coming home about scheduling a conference. Mid-term reports will be sent home on February 11.
- ❖ Thank you for participating in the **Scholastic Book Fair**; sales went very well. With the rewards of the Book Fair, we will receive several books required to update our libraries, be able to purchase the Scholastic News for the upcoming school year, and acquire resources for the classrooms. Thank you for your support!
- ❖ The annual **Coin War** was held the week of January 13-17. Students collected \$850.00 in pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to donate toward new books, not only for our library, but for needy children nationwide. First place winner was grades 1 and 2; they received prizes from the Book Fair. All other students got to pick a smaller prize. Thanks to all for your help!
- ❖ **WOMAN'S CLUB ART SHOW:** The students' art will be on display for viewing in the Howells Catholic Social Hall after the Masses the weekend of February 29-March 1. Please stop in to see our talented artists.
- ❖ **Stay informed!** To check dates, event details, news updates, and other information, please visit our website www.howellscatholic.org.



Julie Kreikemeier, 4-H Educator from the Colfax County Extension Office, visited our school and presented Fun with Magnets. Students learned about the north and south poles and how magnets attract and repel. Ask them about the “cow pill” magnets.



**Knights of Columbus
Keep Christ in Christmas coloring contest winners**

Grades 1 and 2
 1st – Aiden Mastny
 2nd – Charles Cada
 3rd – Emersyn Coufal

Grade 6
 1st – Noah Coufal
 2nd – Nathan Tomcak
 3rd – Ethan Coufal

Grades 3-5
 1st – Evan Hegemann
 2nd – Cole Bayer
 3rd – Audrey Brabec

Winners received \$30, \$20, and \$10 respectively.

HCCS was planning to help host the **HDC Speech Team** for the Jaguar Speech Meet on January 22; however, the weather determined otherwise. We want to take this opportunity to thank Howells-Dodge Consolidated for working with the Catholic school. We appreciate the community cooperation as we work together to educate all the youth of Howells and surrounding area.

FUN FEST - March 22, 2020

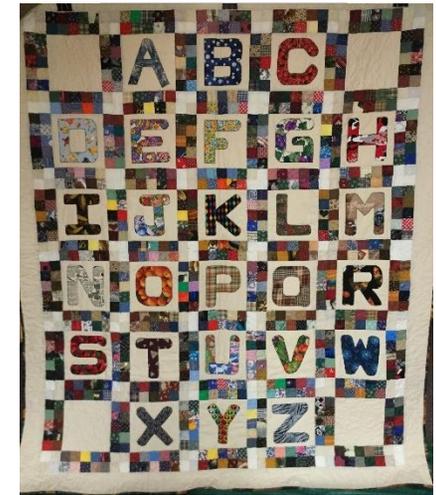
- **Letters to businesses:** will be sent home with oldest child in family. Please contact the businesses **as soon as possible**, and return donation slips to school no later than **Monday, February 25th**.
- **A list of donations** will be available the weekend before the Fun Fest. The list is a way of advertising and thanking those who support our school. Please remember to pick up the list with the church bulletin on March 14th and 15th.
- **Certificates** that were donated to the Fun Fest will be going on sale beginning March 15th at 100% of their value. More information will be coming soon.
- The **work schedule** will be coming home in February. Please review all information very carefully, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call a School Board Member or Fun Fest Committee Member.
- **Families of 5th and 6th graders** will be asked to help with the Fun Fest. This includes either donating 2 cakes, selling cake raffle tickets, or assisting with table clean-up. Details will be attached to the Parent Work List. CCD students will also be helping on the day of Fun Fest.



Everyone's cooperation is needed for a successful day!

QUILT RAFFLE: The 2020 Fun Fest quilt was made and donated by Monica Tomka. We are grateful for her donation.

- **Students will be selling Quilt Raffle Tickets from February 10th through February 25th.**
- Family sales instead of individual student sales. A picture will be given to each family so that you can show the ticket buyers what the quilt looks like.
- **All Quilt Raffle Tickets** that the students are given (sold and unsold) must be returned to school by **February 25.**
- Each family will receive one envelope with **tickets that sell for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.** Please call the office or send a note if you would like more tickets.
- When your family is done selling, please enclose the money, ticket stubs, and any unsold tickets in the envelope in which they came home. **Make sure all purchased ticket stubs are filled in completely.**
- The family who sells the most tickets will draw the winner of the quilt and will receive \$25 in Howells Bucks.
- Each family will **earn one Fun Fest "game playing" ticket** for every \$5 turned in by February 25th. All families will get their earned 'game playing' tickets the day of the Fun Fest.
- Tickets can be purchased through the office after February 25th, and on the day of the Fun Fest.



Please pray for a nice sunny, super successful Fun Fest day!



Fun Fest Committee:

2020 Fun Fest Committee
 Kristen & Jesse Svehla
 Brent & Rebecca Brabec
 Kim & Jeremy Koenig
 Andy & Molly Cada
 Dan & Deanne Rocheford
 Jeremy & Jackie Martin

Thank you for serving on the Fun Fest Committee. God bless you for donating your time and talent.