

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your donations of time, talent, and treasure during Catholic Schools Week and the upcoming Fun Fest. All this would not have been possible without the support and efforts of our staff and volunteers. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful school and community!

As we look forward to starting the final quarter of the year, let's keep energized and ready to be involved in the many events that will take place in the weeks ahead. The day of Fun Fest is fast approaching. We are looking forward to a successful day on March 22.

Our Lenten journey began February 26. Take some time to pray and reflect on how you and your family can deepen your relationship with Jesus during this time. We invite you to join the children and teachers as we pray the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 at SPP on the Fridays of Lent. Have a blessed Lent!

A few thoughts on Living the Word of God:

Jesus' time in the desert was a type of retreat for him. It was a time of prayer and fasting, a time of strengthening his spirit. The forty days of Lent can be a form of retreat for each of us. Over the next six weeks or so, we are invited to focus on our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that our spirits will be made strong. The image of stones versus bread reminds us that we need to give attention to what truly nourishes our lives, and Lent offers us that opportunity. (taken from *Celebrating Sundays for Catholic Families*)

Mrs. Carol Vogel



**Happy Feast of St. Joseph
March 19**

Catholic Schools Week gathering of students from HCCS, St. Wenceslaus-Dodge, and St. John Neuman-Clarkson for Highway 91 Day.



Upcoming Events:

- March 5 – Vocation Awareness Day, 6th gr., St. Benedict Center**
- March 6 – No school – Girls State Basketball**
- March 11 – Late Start**
- March 12 – end of 3rd quarter**
- March 13 – No school – Boys State Basketball**
- March 18 – Janet's Jungle Plant Sales begin**
- March 22 – Fun Fest**
- March 27 – No school – teachers attend NETA conference**

Studying magnetism



FUN FEST - March 22, 2020



What's happening at HCCS?

- ❖ **REPORT CARDS:** for the 3rd Quarter will be sent home on Tuesday, **March 17**. Please look them over, sign, and return.
- ❖ **JANET'S JUNGLE PLANT SALES:** Sales will begin soon; information will be sent home on March 18. There will be a table with catalogs and order forms at the Fun Fest on March 22. Please turn in orders as you receive them so that the items can be entered into the system promptly.
- ❖ **EASTER – April 12;** no school on Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 10 and 13.
- ❖ **FIRST COMMUNION:** The 2nd Graders will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, **April 19th**. They will be in our thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this special day.
- ❖ **Looking ahead: 6th GRADE GRADUATION** will be on Friday, May 15 at the 8:15 am Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.
- ❖ **Stay informed!** To check dates, event details, news updates, and other information, please visit our website www.howellscommunitycatholic.org.

Thank you for collecting Apples for the Students receipts! We appreciate your dedicated support for HCCS.

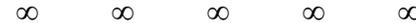


The Fun Fest is fast approaching!! The donations are coming in. Thank you for checking with the businesses that you were assigned to follow up on donation requests. The first auction list of items we have received so far will be available the weekend of March 15th.

Certificates that were donated to the Fun Fest will be going on sale beginning March 15th at 100% of their value. Jen Coufal will take care of selling the certificates and may be contacted at 402-750-7251. The certificates will also be available for purchase on the morning of the Fun Fest before the Auction. Please take some time to look over the whole list. We encourage you to patronize the businesses that support our school!

The entire **auction list** with additional donations that come in after March 15th will be printed for the day of the Fun Fest; so if there are any errors or omissions on this first list, please call Chris Coday right away so she can make corrections or add items to the list.

The Fun Fest auction and donations list and many pictures will be available on the website www.howellscommunitycatholic.org/.



QUILT RAFFLE: The 2020 Fun Fest quilt was made and donated by Monica Tomka. It features the letters of the alphabet, with each letter made from fabric that has objects that begin with that letter.

The family who sold the most tickets will draw the winner of the quilt and will receive \$25 in Howells Bucks. Each family earned one Fun Fest “game playing” ticket for every \$5 turned in by February 26th. All families will get their earned ‘game playing’ tickets the day of the Fun Fest.

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



Fun Fest Committee:

- Jesse & Kristen Svehla
- Brent & Rebecca Brabec
- Jeremy & Kim 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.

Tornado season will soon be upon us. We practice tornado drills at school, but have you practiced at home? How to prepare for a tornado:

- Stay informed, listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio.
- Know your community's warning system. Communities have different ways of warning residents about tornados, with many having sirens intended for outdoor warning purposes.
- Pick a safe room in your home where household members and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.
- Practice periodic tornado drills so that everyone knows what to do if a tornado is approaching.
- Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.
- Watch for tornado danger signs:
 - Dark, often greenish clouds – a phenomenon caused by hail
 - Wall cloud – an isolated lowering of the base of a thunderstorm
 - Cloud of debris
 - Large hail
 - Funnel cloud – a visible rotating extension of the cloud base
 - Roaring noise



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

History of this prayer

St. Michael the Archangel has a special heavenly role in doing battle against the devil, protecting the Church, and protecting Christians against assault from the devil. The prayer to St. Michael originated with Pope Leo XIII in 1886. Legend has it that the Pope, following Holy Mass, received a vision in which he saw the great damage Satan would do to the Church and the world in the 20th century. Pope Leo XIII composed this prayer in response and added it to the prayers to be recited after Mass. Although no longer required to be said after Mass, the prayer is still encouraged.

"May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle that the Letter to the Ephesians speaks of: 'Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might' (Ephesians 6:10). The Book of Revelation refers to this same battle, recalling before our eyes the image of St Michael the Archangel (cf. Revelation 12:7). Pope Leo XIII certainly had this picture in mind when, at the end of the last century, he brought in, throughout the Church, a special prayer to St Michael: 'Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil...' Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world." -- Pope St. John Paul II

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