

# Classroom Times

## Our Studies

**Religion** - Touching safety

**Reading** - Novel study of "Frightful's Mountain." This is the third book in the trilogy written by Jean Craighead George!

**Math** - Order of Operations

**English** - Direct objects, transitive verbs, simple verb tenses

**Social Studies** - Ancient Egypt

**Vocabulary A - Z** - 6.1 due Thursday, April 16

**Wish list:** Thin-lined Expo markers (black,) Clorox wipes, Kleenex cube style boxes

**SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, May 14** - "A Wonderful Life" banquet honoring the graduating classes from St. Mary School from the years 2020 - 2026, featuring guest speaker Bob Welch, author of "52 Little Lessons from *It's a Wonderful Life*." Bob is traveling all the way from Oregon to meet the kids who have touched his heart through virtual meets. Invitations were sent home last week. Doors open at 5:30 pm; dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Please contact Amanda Pickett at the parish office, (217)824-8178, if you are available to volunteer with setting up the banquet or with cleaning up afterwards.

## Important Events Ahead

Enjoy this [video](#) showcasing the highlights of our 6th grade year so far!

"A Wonderful Life" Celebration information is listed in the calendar below. For more information on the background of this event, please read this [article](#) published on Substack and written by author, Bob Welch.

**Please RSVP** as soon as possible for the "A Wonderful Life" banquet to be held on Thursday, May 14. RSVPs are due April 24, but it will help us in our planning to know ASAP! The link for registration is at the bottom of this newsletter.

**Hats off** to our 6th graders for their portrayal of Jesus and his Apostles during the Last Supper at our annual Seder Meal. They did an outstanding job!

**Baby bottles** - 6th grade is currently in THIRD place in the Baby Bottle Race for Loving Arms! Please continue to send in your baby bottles filled with donations.

**Friday, April 3 - Sunday, April 12** - Spring break! Enjoy your time off!

**Monday, April 13** - School resumes.

**Tuesday, April 14** - 6th grade Mass at Hickory Estates

**Wednesday, April 15** - 2:20 dismissal with bus service

**Friday, April 17** - Rita Briggs will visit our classroom to teach us about her sister, Mary Beth Walden. Both Rita and Mary were St. Mary School alumni. Mother/Son Nerf Gun event.

**Sunday, April 19** - All School Sing at 11 am Mass; bake sale following

**Wednesday, April 22** - 2:20 dismissal with bus service

**April 27 - May 1** - Dress Down Days to raise money for 6th grade graduation field trip

**Thursday, April 29** - 3:00 dismissal; no bus service!

**Friday, May 1** - Eucharistic Adoration; final prayers are due

**Sunday, May 3** - Singing Saints at 11 am Mass

**Monday, May 4** - 6th grade retreat at Corpus Christi Priory in Springfield; bring sack lunches and drinks; uniform day

**May 4 - 8** - Teacher appreciation week

**Wednesday, May 6** - 2:20 dismissal with bus service

**Thursday, May 7** - Muffins for Moms 7:15 - 8 am

**Friday, May 8** - Q & U wedding; 6th graders may dress up as a Letter Person for the day!

**Monday, May 11** - Last Booster Club meeting at 6 pm followed by 6th grade reception

**Wednesday, May 13** - 2:20 Dismissal with bus service

**Thursday, May 14** - Kindergarten and 6th graders lead the Mass honoring our seniors; reception in the cafeteria for kindergarten, 6th graders, and seniors. Seniors will visit the classrooms. ["A Wonderful Life" banquet](#) in the evening honoring 6th grade students from 2020 - 2026, featuring Bob Welch

as the speaker. Parents of these students are invited as well. Doors open at 5:30. Invitations are being sent; RSVP by Friday, April 24 by completing the QR code or calling the parish office at (217)824-8178.



**Friday, May 15** - Field Day

**Monday, May 18** - 6th grade field trip to St. Louis; non-uniform; dress code will be sent with permission slip; sack lunches and drinks are needed. Late arrival home.

**Tuesday, May 19** - Awards Day 1:15 pm in the church

**Wednesday, May 20** - Last day of school! 11:30 dismissal; no bus service. Graduation Mass for 6th graders begins at 6:30 pm. Dress code and more information about graduation will be coming home soon.

**Check the weather! It fluctuates throughout the day. Please make sure your child is wearing a warm coat, gloves, & hat or hood each morning. We try to have outdoor recess as much as possible!**

**Coats and Outside:**

- 1. Students need to have a crew neck, hoodie, light jacket, 1/4 zip on for outside play if the temperature is 50 or below**
- 2. If the temperature is below 40 then students need to have a coat to play outside**
- 3. Temperatures above 50— students can decide if they want to wear a sweatshirt/jacket etc.**
- 4. Children without a proper coat will not be allowed to go to outdoor recess.**



