

Classroom Times

Our Studies

Religion - Cathedral Basilica;
Mary Beth Walden essay

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

Math - Associative and distributive
properties

English - Progressive verb tenses

Social Studies - Students' choice!

Vocabulary A - Z - 6.3 due
Thursday

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.

Dress Down Days

Mon., April 27 - Silly Socks

Tues., April 28 - Geography shirt

Wed., April 29 - Team shirt

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. **RSVP deadline has been extended to Thursday, April 30**, but it will help us in our planning to know ASAP! The link for registration is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Baby bottles - Please return all Loving Arms baby bottles, even if they are empty! We will use them again next year. Thank you to all who donated!

April 27 - May 1 - Dress Down Days to raise money for 6th grade graduation field trip; see details on the left hand column.

Monday, April 27 - Saint candy due today! Field trip to the Wetlands at Lake Taylorville. Non-uniform day. Long pants or jeans, (since we will be hiking.) hats, boots or old shoes to change into, and sunscreen are recommended. Leggings must have a top long enough to cover the bottom. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Include a cold pack in your lunch if it needs to stay cold. *I am keeping an eye on the weather; if storms are predicted for the morning, we will postpone the field trip to May 11. I will send a Remind message Sunday if we are postponing the field trip.* Silly socks day!

Tuesday, April 28 - Tour/orientation at TJHS. Uniform day, but it's Geography shirt day, so uniform bottoms must be worn with the geography shirt.

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

Thursday, April 30 - Saint jar raffle.

Friday, May 1 - Eucharistic Adoration; final prayers are due. Crazy hat day.

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. Late arrival (4:15 pm) back at school. Bus riders will not be able to ride the bus home. Please arrange alternate transportation.

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; Mother's Day Mass; 6th graders receive graduation ribbons.

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

Monday, May 11 - Rain date for the Wetlands Field trip (only if April 27 had been canceled.) Last Booster Club meeting at 6 pm followed by 6th grade reception

Wednesday, May 13 - **Bob Welch commencement address in the classroom at 8:30 a.m.** 2:20 Dismissal with bus service

Thurs., April 30 - Saint jar raffle
Fri., May 1 - Crazy Hat

Send \$5 to participate for all five days or \$1 per each day of participation. Make sure the money is sent in an envelope or baggie labeled with your child's name and the words, "Dress Down Days." Proceeds will go toward expenses of the 6th grade graduation field trip to St. Louis.

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.

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 Thursday, April 30 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.

As the weather warms up, we've noticed our active students are working hard and staying busy during the day. To help keep everyone comfortable in the classroom, this is a great time to remind children about daily hygiene habits, including regular bathing and wearing deodorant. Thank you for your support in helping our classroom stay fresh and pleasant for learning!

